

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2130

Introduced by

Political Subdivisions Committee

(At the request of the State Forester)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 18-02-07 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to cooperation of the state forester with rural fire departments and rural fire protection
3 districts; and to repeal sections 18-02-01, 18-02-02, 18-02-03, 18-02-04, 18-02-05, 18-02-06,
4 18-02-08, and 18-02-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to forest fire wardens.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 18-02-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **18-02-07. Cooperation of state forester and other agencies - Fire and forest**
9 **protection.** The state forester may cooperate and contract jointly or severally with departments
10 and agencies of this or other states, with federal agencies, with counties, townships, or other
11 political subdivisions, including, ~~but not limited to,~~ rural fire protection districts, rural fire
12 departments, municipal, and other corporations and associations, or with individuals ~~to~~ in the
13 ~~best interest~~ interests of the people and the state, in forest surveys, research in forestry, forest
14 protection, including assisting fire departments in protection of forests and other resources and
15 in assisting landowners to secure adoption of better forestry ~~practice~~ practices. The state
16 forester ~~is specifically authorized to~~ may:

- 17 1. Cooperate and contract with the United States or any appropriate agency thereof
18 to receive and use federal aid and matching funds which the state and its
19 subdivisions may become eligible to receive.
- 20 2. Apply for, receive, and expend federal grants-in-aid and matching funds for fire
21 protection services, and generally aid rural fire departments and rural fire
22 protection districts with all activities customary in the prevention and suppression of
23 forest, brush, and grassland fires.

- 1 3. Purchase or otherwise acquire fire protection equipment to ~~lease~~ loan or sell to
2 rural fire departments and ~~generally to aid rural fire departments and~~ rural fire
3 protection districts.

4 **SECTION 2. REPEAL.** Sections 18-02-01, 18-02-02, 18-02-03, 18-02-04, 18-02-05,
5 18-02-06, 18-02-08, and 18-02-09 of the North Dakota Century Code are repealed.