

HOUSE BILL NO. 1331

Introduced by

Representatives Brandenburg, Kempenich, Nicholas

Senator Erbele

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 63-01.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to weed control on land used for organic farming.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 63-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Weeds on land farmed organically - Complaint - Eradication.** If the county weed
7 board receives a complaint that a person engaged in organic farming is not controlling weeds
8 as required by this chapter, the county weed board shall direct the county weed control officer
9 to investigate the complaint. If the county weed control officer determines that the complaint
10 has merit, the county weed control officer shall serve written notice upon the person engaged in
11 organic farming stating that the weeds must be controlled or eradicated within a time certain. If
12 the person engaged in organic farming fails to control or eradicate the weeds, the county weed
13 control officer shall enter the land, control or eradicate the weeds by any usual means, including
14 the use of chemicals, and shall charge the person engaged in organic farming with all
15 associated costs.