

Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven

SENATE BILL NO. 2130
(Political Subdivisions Committee)
(At the request of the State Forester)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 18-02-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to cooperation of the state forester with rural fire departments and rural fire protection districts; and to repeal sections 18-02-01, 18-02-02, 18-02-03, 18-02-04, 18-02-05, 18-02-06, 18-02-08, and 18-02-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to forest fire wardens.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

18-02-07. Cooperation of state forester and other agencies - Fire and forest protection.

The state forester may cooperate and contract jointly or severally with departments and agencies of this or other states, with federal agencies, with counties, townships, or other political subdivisions, including, ~~but not limited to,~~ rural fire protection districts, rural fire departments, municipal, and other corporations and associations, or with individuals ~~to~~ in the best ~~interest~~ interests of the people and the state, in forest surveys, research in forestry, forest protection, including assisting fire departments in protection of forests and other resources and in assisting landowners to secure adoption of better forestry ~~practice practices~~. The state forester ~~is specifically authorized to~~ may:

1. Cooperate and contract with the United States or any appropriate agency thereof to receive and use federal aid and matching funds which the state and its subdivisions may become eligible to receive.
2. Apply for, receive, and expend federal grants-in-aid and matching funds for fire protection services, and generally aid rural fire departments and rural fire protection districts with all activities customary in the prevention and suppression of forest, brush, and grassland fires.
3. Purchase or otherwise acquire fire protection equipment to ~~lease~~ loan or sell to rural fire departments and ~~generally to aid rural fire departments and~~ rural fire protection districts.

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18-02-01, 18-02-02, 18-02-03, 18-02-04, 18-02-05, 18-02-06, 18-02-08, and 18-02-09 of the North Dakota Century Code are repealed.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2130.

Senate Vote: Yeas 43 Nays 0 Absent 6

House Vote: Yeas 95 Nays 0 Absent 2

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1997,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State