

Introduced by

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(At the request of the Commissioner of Agriculture)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for the continuation of an agricultural pesticide and pesticide
2 container disposal program; and to provide an expiration date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Pesticide and pesticide container disposal program - Pesticide**
5 **container management - Compensation.**

- 6 1. The definitions contained in section 4-35-05 apply to this section.
- 7 2. In consultation with an advisory board consisting of the state health officer, director
8 of the North Dakota state university extension service, two individuals representing
9 agribusiness organizations, and two individuals representing farm organizations,
10 all of whom must be selected by the commissioner of agriculture, the
11 commissioner of agriculture shall continue to implement the project authorized by
12 section 1 of chapter 72 of the 1995 Session Laws, which is known as project safe
13 send. The purpose of the project is to:
- 14 a. Collect and either recycle or dispose of unusable pesticides and empty
15 pesticide containers. The commissioner shall provide for the establishment
16 and operation of temporary collection sites for the containers and pesticides.
17 The commissioner may limit the type and quantity of containers and
18 pesticides acceptable for collection.
- 19 b. Promote proper pesticide container management. In consultation with the
20 director of the North Dakota state university extension service, the
21 commissioner shall promote proper methods of pesticide container
22 management, including information on the variety of pesticide containers
23 available.

c. Evaluate recycling options and investigate markets and business opportunities to encourage recycling of containers for resource recovery.

3. Any entity collecting pesticide containers or unusable pesticides shall manage and dispose of the containers and pesticides in compliance with applicable federal and state requirements. When called upon, any state agency shall assist the commissioner in implementing the project.

4. For services rendered in connection with the design and implementation of this project, the members selected by the commissioner of agriculture are entitled to reimbursement for mileage and travel expenses in the same manner and for the same amounts provided for state employees and officials. Compensation and expense reimbursement must be paid from the environment and rangeland protection fund.

SECTION 2. Project scope and evaluation - Proposed legislation. The project described in section 1 of this Act must occur in areas to be determined by the commissioner of agriculture in consultation with the advisory board under subsection 2 of section 1 of this Act. Before December 12, 1998, the commissioner of agriculture shall determine whether the project implemented and continued under section 1 of this Act should be continued. If the commissioner determines that the project should be continued or expanded, the commissioner shall introduce appropriate legislation in the fifty-sixth legislative assembly.

SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act is effective through July 31, 1999, and after that date is ineffective.