

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

SENATE BILL NO. 2110
(Agriculture Committee)
(At the request of the Agriculture Commissioner)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 19-20.1-03, 19-20.1-03.1 and 19-20.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to registration and inspection fees of fertilizer and soil conditioners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 19-20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

19-20.1-03. Registration. Each brand and grade of fertilizer, material, foliar fertilizer, micronutrient, specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant amendment must be registered in the name of the person whose name appears upon the label before being offered for sale or distributed in this state. The application for registration must be submitted to the commissioner on a form furnished by the commissioner and must be accompanied by a fee of fifty dollars. Upon approval by the commissioner, a certificate of registration must be furnished to the applicant. Registrations cover a two-year period beginning July first and ending June thirtieth of every even-numbered year. Distribution of fertilizer products without prior registration or renewal received after July thirty-first must be assessed a penalty of twenty-five dollars per product. A distributor is not required to register any brand of fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant amendment that is already registered under this chapter by another person, providing the label complies with the issued registration. Compost that is transferred between parties without compensation is exempt from these requirements.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 19-20.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

19-20.1-03.1. License required - Penalty. A person may not distribute any fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant amendment in this state without first obtaining a distributor's license from the commissioner. However, a distributor's license is not required for those distributors selling only specialty fertilizers. A license must be obtained for each location or mobile mechanical unit used by a distributor in the state. The application for the license must be submitted on a form furnished by the commissioner and must be accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars. A license covers a two-year period beginning July first and ending June thirtieth ~~of the second ensuing year~~ every even-numbered year. License renewal applications received after July thirty-first may be assessed a penalty fee of twenty dollars. Licenses are not transferable, and each license must be conspicuously posted at each location and must accompany each mobile mechanical unit operating in the state.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 19-20.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

19-20.1-06. Inspection fees and tonnage reports. There must be paid to the commissioner for all fertilizers, soil amendments, or plant amendments distributed in this state an inspection fee at the rate of twenty cents per ton [907.18 kilograms]. The inspection fee may not be less than ten dollars. Sales to manufacturers or exchanges between them are exempt from the inspection fee. Fees collected under this section must be used for the payment of the costs of inspection, sampling, and analysis, and other expenses necessary for the administration of this chapter.

Individual packages of fertilizers, soil amendments, or plant amendments sold exclusively in packages of twenty-five pounds [11.34 kilograms] or less are exempt from the provisions of this section. If a person sells fertilizer, soil amendments, or plant amendments in packages of twenty-five pounds [11.34 kilograms] or less and in packages over twenty-five pounds [11.34 kilograms], that portion sold

in packages over twenty-five pounds [11.34 kilograms] is subject to the same inspection fee of twenty cents per ton [907.18 kilograms], including the minimum ten dollar fee, as provided in this chapter.

Every licensed person who distributes a fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant amendment to a nonlicensed person in this state shall file with the commissioner, on forms furnished by the commissioner, an annual statement for the calendar year, setting forth the number of net tons [kilograms] of each fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant amendment so distributed in this state during the period. A licensed end user shall report all sales and purchases and pay the appropriate tonnage tax. The statement is due on or before January thirty-first of the following year. The person filing the statement shall pay the inspection fee at the rate stated in this section. If the tonnage statement is not filed and the payment of inspection fee is not made by January thirty-first, a collection fee amounting to ten percent, minimum ten dollars, of the amount must be assessed against the licensee, and the amount of fees due constitute a debt and become the basis of a judgment against the licensee.

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-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2110.

Senate Vote: Yeas 44 Nays 2 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 71 Nays 18 Absent 5

Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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Secretary of State