

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1483

Introduced by

Representatives Gulleason, Ekstrom, Mueller, Hawken

Senators Erbele, Tallackson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-44.4-07 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to procurement of environmentally preferable products; and to provide an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-44.4-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-44.4-07. ~~Specification for paper products and inks~~ Procurement of**
7 **environmentally preferable products.**

8 1. The office of management and budget, the institutions of higher education, and
9 any other state agency or institution that has authority to purchase products, are
10 encouraged, ~~whenever possible when~~ to purchase environmentally preferable
11 products.

12 a. Where practicable, specifications for purchasing newsprint printing services,
13 ~~to~~ should specify the use of soybean-based ink. The North Dakota soybean
14 council and the agriculture commissioner shall assist the office of
15 management and budget in locating suppliers of soybean-based inks and in
16 collecting data on the purchase of soybean-based inks.

17 b. In requesting bids for paper products, the office of management and budget
18 must request information on the recycled content of such products.

19 c. Where practicable, biobased products should be specified.

20 2. The office of management and budget, in coordination with the state board of
21 higher education, shall develop guidelines for a biobased procurement program.

22 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on July 1, 2008.