

HOUSE BILL NO. 1527

Introduced by

Representative Brandenburg

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 4-09 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to certificates of purity for organic seeds.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 4-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Certificate of purity - Sale of organic seed - Fees.**

- 7 1. Before any person may sell seed as organic in this state and before any person
8 may plant seed that was purchased in this or any other state for the purpose of
9 obtaining a crop certified as organic in accordance with the standards of the United
10 States department of agriculture national organic program, the person shall obtain
11 from the commissioner a certificate of purity.
- 12 2. To obtain a certificate of purity, a person shall submit a seed sample to the
13 commissioner. The commissioner shall determine the nature and size of the
14 sample to be submitted and the manner in which the sample is to be obtained.
15 After performing a purity test, the commissioner shall issue the certificate if the
16 commissioner determines that the seed is free of prohibited noxious weed seeds,
17 the seed is within state tolerance levels for restricted noxious weed seeds, and the
18 analysis complies with all other seed laws of this state.
- 19 3. The commissioner may establish and charge fees for performing the purity test
20 required by this section.