

Introduced by

Representatives Brandenburg, Grueneich, Headland, D. Johnson, Kempenich, Mitskog,
Nelson, Weisz

Senators Erbele, Klein, Wanzek, Weber

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 4.1-04 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to corn council contract services; and to amend and reenact sections
3 4.1-04-08 and 4.1-04-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the duties and powers of
4 the corn council.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 4.1-04-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **4.1-04-08. Council - Powers.**

9 The council may:

- 10 1. Expend moneys collected pursuant to this chapter for its administration;
- 11 2. Employ, bond, and compensate necessary personnel;
- 12 3. Accept gifts, grants, and donations of money, property, and services to carry out this
- 13 chapter;
- 14 4. Contract with any person for any purpose related to this chapter, including research,
- 15 education, publicity, promotion, and transportation;
- 16 5. Establish a grant program and guidelines to provide funding to corn-related programs
- 17 and organizations that benefit North Dakota corn producers, consistent with this
- 18 chapter;
- 19 6. Sue and be sued; and
- 20 ~~6.7.~~ Do all things necessary and proper to enforce and administer this chapter.

21 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 4.1-04-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is
22 amended and reenacted as follows:

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4.1-04-09. Council - Duties.

1. The council shall determine the uses for which any moneys raised under this chapter may be expended. The uses may include the funding of research, education programs, and market development efforts, as well as participation in programs under the auspices of other state, regional, national, and international promotion groups.
2. The council shall develop and disseminate information regarding the purpose of the corn assessment and ways in which the assessment benefits corn producers.
3. The council shall hold two public input meetings per year with organizations dedicated to serving North Dakota corn producers to discuss recommendations for the use of moneys received under this chapter.

SECTION 3. A new section to chapter 4.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is created

and enacted as follows:

Contract services.

The council shall contract with an organization dedicated to serving North Dakota corn producers and improving farm and corn regulatory policy for assistance with corn policy development, corn grower education, and other corn-related programs and services that benefit North Dakota corn producers at an amount equal to at least fifty percent of moneys deposited in the corn fund each year.