

AGRICULTURE

CHAPTER 53

SENATE BILL NO. 2328

(Senators Heitkamp, D. Mathern, Thane)

INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 4-05.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to industrial hemp and alternative industrial use crops research.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 4-05.1-05 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-05.1-05. North Dakota state university main research center. The North Dakota state university main research center must be located on the campus of North Dakota state university of agriculture and applied science. The center is the administrative location of the agricultural experiment station. The center shall conduct research and coordinate all research activities of the agricultural experiment station. The center may, if allowed under federal law, conduct baseline research, including production and processing in conjunction with the research and extension centers of the state, regarding industrial hemp and other alternative industrial use crops. The research must have as a purpose, the development and dissemination of technology important to the production and utilization of food, feed, fiber, and fuel from crop and livestock enterprises. The research must provide for an enhancement of the quality of life, sustainability of production, and protection of the environment.

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CHAPTER 54

HOUSE BILL NO. 1098

(Agriculture Committee)

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

ACHIEVEMENT DAYS EXPENDITURES

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 4-08-10.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to boys' and girls' achievement days expenditures.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 4-08-10.1 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-08-10.1. Achievement days - Premiums - Report of extension agent. ~~The~~ In July of each year the office of management and budget shall pay out of any moneys appropriated for boys' and girls' clubwork a sum not to exceed five hundred dollars to each extension agent of each organized county ~~or tribal government~~ within the state conducting boys' and girls' achievement days, ~~upon a voucher duly executed by the extension agent and filed with the office of management and budget, shall receive out of moneys appropriated for boys' and girls' clubwork an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars each year to be used exclusively for the payment of premiums at the boys' and girls' achievement days. Within thirty days following the boys' and girls' achievement days, the extension agent shall file with refund to the office of management and budget a full and complete itemized statement showing the disposition of the premium payments, and any balance not expended, which~~ must be remitted to the state treasurer and placed to the credit of the general fund.

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CHAPTER 55**SENATE BILL NO. 2398**

(Senators Klein, Wanzek)
(Representative Brandenburg)

STATE SEED COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 4-09-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state seed commission membership.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 4-09-03 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. The state seed commission consists of a representative of the North Dakota crop improvement association, a representative of the North Dakota certified seed potato growers association, a representative of the North Dakota dry edible bean seed growers association, a representative of the North Dakota agricultural association, an elected member of the North Dakota potato council selected by the North Dakota potato council, a representative of the red river valley potato growers association who is a North Dakota resident, a representative of the North Dakota grain dealers association who also operates a state-approved seed conditioning plant selected by the board of directors of the North Dakota grain dealers association, and the agriculture commissioner of agriculture, or the commissioner's designee, who shall serve as chairman. The dean of the college of agriculture of the North Dakota state university of agriculture and applied science is an advisory, nonvoting member of the commission.

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CHAPTER 56

HOUSE BILL NO. 1423

(Representatives Lemieux, Berg, Monson)

CANOLA SEED STANDARDS

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 4-09-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to canola seed standards.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 4-09-10 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. a. In seeds of wheat, durum, barley, oats, rye, soybeans, dry beans, and flax the commonly accepted name of the kind and variety of each agricultural seed component in excess of five percent of the whole and the percentage by weight of each. Variety identification is not required for seeds labeled "for vegetative cover only".
- b. In seeds of canola, seed must be certified by the commissioner as meeting the standards of this chapter or have been certified by another state or province having certification standards for canola which meet or exceed standards adopted by this chapter.
- ~~b.~~ c. In all other seeds not named in ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions a and b the commonly accepted name of the kind or the kind and variety of each agricultural seed component in excess of five percent of the whole and the percentage of weight of each.
- e. d. When more than ten percent of the whole consists of an aggregate of agricultural seed components, each present in an amount not exceeding five percent of the whole, each component in excess of one percent of the whole must be named together with the percentage by weight of each. All components must be listed in the order of their predominance. Where more than one component is named, the word "mixture", or the word "mixed", must be shown conspicuously on the label.

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CHAPTER 57**SENATE BILL NO. 2292**

(Senator Tallackson)

**POTATO COUNCIL DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS
PENALTY**

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 4-10.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the penalty for delinquent payment of assessments to the potato council.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 4-10.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-10.1-16. Penalty for nonpayment of assessment. Any designated handler who fails to pay any assessment levied by this chapter on the date that the same becomes due is delinquent and the council ~~shall~~ may levy a penalty on ~~such~~ the delinquent payments of ten percent of the assessment due, plus interest at the rate of six percent per annum from the due date, which penalty and interest must be collected in the manner as prescribed by section 4-10.1-14.

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CHAPTER 58**HOUSE BILL NO. 1078**

(Agriculture Committee)

(At the request of the Soybean Council)

SOYBEAN ASSESSMENTS NONPAYMENT PENALTY

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 4-10.5-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the penalty for nonpayment of soybean assessments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 4-10.5-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-10.5-11. Penalty for nonpayment of assessment. Any designated handler who fails to pay any assessment levied by this chapter on the date that the assessment becomes due is delinquent and the council shall levy a penalty on ~~such~~ the delinquent payments of ~~ten percent of the assessment due, plus interest at the rate of twelve percent per annum from the due date a two percent late payment charge per month for assessments not remitted on time.~~ two percent late payment charge per month for assessments not remitted on time. The penalty and interest must be collected in the manner ~~as~~ prescribed by section 4-10.5-10.

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CHAPTER 59**SENATE BILL NO. 2063**

(Senator Andrist)

DRY PEA AND LENTIL DISTRICTS

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 4-10.7-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to dry pea and lentil districts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 4-10.7-04 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-10.7-04. Dry pea and lentil districts - Establishment. The following dry pea and lentil districts are established for the purpose of dividing the state into districts containing as nearly equal dry pea and lentil acreage as practicable:

1. District one consists of the counties of Burke, Divide, McKenzie, Mountrail, and Williams.
2. District two consists of the counties of Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, Grant, Hettinger, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sioux, ~~and~~ Slope, and Stark.
3. District three consists of the counties of Benson, Bottineau, McHenry, Pierce, Renville, Rolette, Towner, and Ward.
4. District four consists of the counties of Burleigh, Emmons, Kidder, Logan, McIntosh, McLean, Sheridan, and Wells.
5. District five consists of ~~all remaining North Dakota counties where dry peas and lentils are grown~~ the counties of Barnes, Cass, Cavalier, Dickey, Eddy, Foster, Grand Forks, Griggs, LaMoure, Nelson, Pembina, Ramsey, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele, Stutsman, Traill, and Walsh.

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CHAPTER 60**HOUSE BILL NO. 1200**

(Representatives Rennerfeldt, Kempenich, Nichols)
(Senators Kinnoin, Lyson)

PURPLE CONEFLOWER REMOVAL PENALTY

AN ACT relating to the unauthorized removal or possession of purple coneflowers, *Echinacea purpurea* or *Echinacea angustifolia*; to provide a penalty; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Purple coneflowers (*Echinacea purpurea* or *Echinacea angustifolia*) - Unauthorized removal - Penalty.

1. A person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor, is subject to court-ordered restitution to the landowner, and also is subject to a civil penalty of up to ten thousand dollars if that person willfully enters upon land owned by another and, without the express written consent of the owner, removes or attempts to remove a purple coneflower, *Echinacea purpurea* or *Echinacea angustifolia*, from the land.
2. A person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor, is subject to court-ordered restitution to the state, and is subject to a civil penalty of up to ten thousand dollars if that person willfully removes or attempts to remove a purple coneflower, *Echinacea purpurea* or *Echinacea angustifolia*, from state-owned land.
3. A person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor and also is subject to a civil penalty of up to ten thousand dollars if that person willfully possesses a purple coneflower removed from land in violation of this section.
4. Any vehicle used to transport a purple coneflower removed or possessed in violation of this section is forfeitable property under chapter 29-31.1.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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CHAPTER 61

HOUSE BILL NO. 1399

(Representatives Nicholas, Nichols, Dalrymple)
(Senators Kinnoin, Wanzek)

WHEAT LEVY

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 4-28-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the wheat tax levy and its use.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 4-28-07 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-28-07. Wheat tax levy.

1. a. A tax of ~~eight~~ ten mills per bushel [35.24 liters] by weight must be levied and imposed upon all wheat grown in this state, delivered into this state, or sold through commercial channels to a first purchaser in this state.
 - b. The tax must be levied and assessed at the time of sale and deducted by the purchaser from the price paid, or in the case of a lien, pledge, or mortgage, deducted from the proceeds of the loan or claim secured, subject to adjustment at the time of settlement in the event the number of bushels [liters] ~~are~~ is not accurately determined at the time of the lien, pledge, or mortgage.
 - c. At the time of sale, the first purchaser in this state shall issue and deliver to the producer or seller a record of the transaction in the manner prescribed by the commission.
2. a. Any producer who sells wheat to a first purchaser in this state and who is subject to the deduction provided in this chapter, within sixty days following the deduction or final settlement, may make application by personal letter to the wheat commission for a refund application blank.
 - b. Upon the return of the blank, properly executed by the producer, accompanied by a record of the deduction by the purchaser, the producer must be refunded the net amount of the deduction collected.
 - c. If no request for refund has been made within the period prescribed above, then the producer is presumed to have agreed to the deduction. However, a producer, for any reason, having paid the tax more than once on the same wheat, upon furnishing proof of this to the commission, is entitled to a refund of the overpayment.
3. The commission, to inform the producer, shall develop and disseminate information and instructions relating to the purpose of the wheat tax and manner in which refunds may be claimed and to this extent shall

cooperate with governmental agencies, state and federal, and private businesses engaged in the purchase of wheat.

4. The commission may use the amount raised by two mills of the ten-mill levy provided for in this section to support the commission's involvement in trade issues throughout the world.

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CHAPTER 62

HOUSE BILL NO. 1439

(Representatives Kempenich, Drovdal, Warner)
(Senators Solberg, Tomac)

PESTICIDE APPLICATOR FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 4-35-09.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to proof of financial responsibility for commercial pesticide applicators; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 4-35-09.1 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**4-35-09.1. (~~Effective January 1, 1998~~) Proof of financial responsibility -
Exceptions.**

1. A commercial pesticide applicator certificate may not be issued or renewed unless the applicant furnishes proof of financial responsibility as provided in this section. Minimum financial responsibility must be demonstrated annually in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars, and may be demonstrated by a notarized letter from an officer of a financial institution or from a certified public accountant attesting to the existence of net assets equal to at least one hundred thousand dollars, a performance bond, or a general liability insurance policy. The performance bond or insurance policy must contain a provision requiring the issuing company to notify the commissioner of agriculture at least ten days before the effective date of cancellation, termination, or other modification of the bond or insurance policy. The commissioner of agriculture must immediately request the suspension of the certification of a person who fails to maintain the minimum financial responsibility standards of this section. If there is any recovery against the certificate holder, the holder must demonstrate continued compliance with the minimum standards of this section. An employee of a commercial pesticide application business is not required to meet these standards separately if the business documents compliance with the minimum financial responsibility standards of this section. An application for reinstatement of a suspended certificate under this section must be accompanied by proof of satisfaction of any judgment previously rendered. ~~A rancher is exempt from this section if the~~
2. This section does not apply to:
 - a. A rancher who is required to obtain a commercial pesticide applicator certificate for controlling noxious weeds on the leased federal acreage as a condition of a federal grasslands lease.
 - b. A grazing association and its members if either the association or any member is required to obtain a commercial pesticide applicator

certificate for controlling noxious weeds on the leased federal acreage as a condition of a federal grasslands lease.

- c. A person required to be certified in the right-of-way category.
- d. An applicator who holds a commercial pesticide certificate and is controlling noxious weeds on grassland, land producing tame hay, or other lands not devoted to the production of an annual crop.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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CHAPTER 63

SENATE BILL NO. 2081

(Senators Tomac, Wanzek)

(Representatives Aarsvold, Nicholas)

(At the request of the Commissioner of Agriculture)

PESTICIDE AND CONTAINER DISPOSAL PROGRAM

AN ACT to provide for the continuation of an agricultural pesticide and pesticide container disposal program; and to provide an expiration date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

1. The definitions contained in section 4-35-05 apply to this section.
2. In consultation with an advisory board consisting of the state health officer, director of the North Dakota state university extension service, two individuals representing agribusiness organizations, and two individuals representing farm organizations, all of whom must be selected by the commissioner of agriculture, the commissioner of agriculture shall continue to implement the project authorized by section 1 of chapter 74 of the 1997 Session Laws, which is known as project safe send. The purpose of the project is to:
 - a. Collect and either recycle or dispose of unusable pesticides and unusable pesticide containers. The commissioner shall provide for the establishment and operation of temporary collection sites for the pesticides and pesticide containers. The commissioner may limit the type and quantity of pesticides and pesticide containers acceptable for collection.
 - b. Promote proper pesticide container management. In consultation with the director of the North Dakota state university extension service, the commissioner shall evaluate and promote proper methods of pesticide container management, including information on the variety of pesticide containers available.
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, 2000, 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-seventh legislative assembly.

SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act is effective through July 31, 2001, and after that date is ineffective.

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CHAPTER 64

HOUSE BILL NO. 1252

(Representatives Brandenburg, Froseth, D. Johnson, Pollert)
(Senators Klein, Wanzek)

CROP PROTECTION PRODUCT SALES

AN ACT relating to sale and use of crop protection products; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Crop protection products - Canadian labels. The agriculture commissioner, with the advice and consent of the appropriate agricultural commodity group, may authorize the sale and use in this state of a crop protection product that has a Canadian label, if the commissioner determines that a crop protection product having an American label contains substantially similar active ingredients and that its importation and use does not violate federal law. The commissioner shall require an applicator to possess the American label and apply the product in accordance with the American label provisions.

SECTION 2. Special local needs exemption - Tolerances. The agriculture commissioner, in cooperation with the environmental protection agency, shall use tolerance data established or obtained in North America in pursuing special local needs exemptions for crop protection products under the federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act [7 U.S.C. 136 et seq.].

SECTION 3. Crop protection products - Registration process - Joint labeling. The governor and the agriculture commissioner shall work with all appropriate public and private entities to foster the development of a single, uniform process for the joint North American labeling of crop protection products not available for sale and use in this state as of the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4. Crop protection products - Request to petition for registration. On the written request of any agricultural commodity group, the agriculture commissioner shall petition the environmental protection agency for the American registration of a crop protection product approved for use in Canada.

SECTION 5. Crop protection products - Joint labeling - Report to legislative council. During the 1999-2000 interim, the agriculture commissioner shall report at least twice to the legislative council regarding the efforts to develop a single, uniform process for the joint North American labeling of crop protection products.

SECTION 6. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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CHAPTER 65

HOUSE BILL NO. 1428

(Representatives Monson, R. Kelsch, Nichols)
(Senators Heitkamp, D. Mathern, Thane)

INDUSTRIAL HEMP PRODUCTION

AN ACT to authorize the production of industrial hemp; to amend and reenact subsection 13 of section 4-09-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of noxious weed seeds; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Industrial hemp (cannabis sativa l.) - Oilseed. Industrial hemp (cannabis sativa l.), having no more than three-tenths of one percent tetrahydrocannabinol, is recognized as an oilseed. Upon meeting the requirements of section 2 of this Act, any person in this state may plant, grow, harvest, possess, process, sell, and buy industrial hemp (cannabis sativa l.) having no more than three-tenths of one percent tetrahydrocannabinol.

SECTION 2. Industrial hemp - Licensure - Reporting requirements - Continuing appropriation.

1. Any person desiring to grow industrial hemp for commercial purposes shall apply to the commissioner of agriculture for a license on a form prescribed by the commissioner. The application for a license must include the name and address of the applicant and the legal description of the land area to be used for the production of industrial hemp. Except for employees of the agricultural experiment station or the North Dakota state university extension service involved in research and extension related activities, the commissioner shall require each applicant for initial licensure to file a set of the applicant's fingerprints, taken by a law enforcement officer, and any other information necessary to complete a statewide and nationwide criminal history check with the bureau of criminal investigation for state processing and with the federal bureau of investigation for federal processing. All costs associated with the background check are the responsibility of the applicant. Criminal history records provided to the commissioner under this section are confidential. The commissioner may use the records only in determining an applicant's eligibility for licensure. Any person with a prior criminal conviction is not eligible for licensure. If the applicant has completed the application process to the satisfaction of the commissioner, the commissioner shall issue the license, which is valid for a period of one year. Any person licensed under this section is presumed to be growing industrial hemp for commercial purposes.
2. Each licensee must file with the commissioner documentation indicating that the seeds planted were of a type and variety certified to have no more than three-tenths of one percent tetrahydrocannabinol and a copy of any contract to grow industrial hemp. Each licensee shall notify the commissioner of the sale or distribution of any industrial hemp grown by

the licensee, and the names of the persons to whom the hemp was sold or distributed.

3. The commissioner shall adopt rules to allow the industrial hemp to be tested during growth for tetrahydrocannabinol levels and to allow for supervision of the industrial hemp during its growth and harvest. To provide sufficient funds to pay costs associated with monitoring and testing industrial hemp in the state, the commissioner shall assess each applicant a fee of five dollars per acre. The minimum fee assessed must be one hundred fifty dollars per applicant. Collections from this fee must be deposited in the attorney general's operating fund and are hereby appropriated to the attorney general to be used to enforce sections 1 and 2 of this Act.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subsection 13 of section 4-09-01 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

13. "Noxious weed seeds" means the seeds of either of the following classifications:
 - a. "Prohibited noxious weed seeds" means the seeds of perennial weeds which reproduce by seed or spread by underground roots, stems, and other reproductive parts and which, when established, are highly destructive and difficult to control by ordinary good cultural practice including the seeds of leafy spurge (*euphorbia esula* ~~4: l.~~), field bindweed (*convolvulus arvensis* ~~4: l.~~), Canada thistle (*cirsium arvense* ~~4: (l.) scop.~~), perennial sow thistle (*sonchus arvensis* ~~4: l.~~), Russian knapweed (*centaurea ~~peris pat~~ repens l.*), absinth wormwood (*artemisia ~~absinthim~~ absinthium l.*), hemp (*cannabis sativa l.*) having more than three-tenths of one percent tetrahydrocannabinol, musk thistle (*carduus nutans l.*), spotted knapweed (*centaurea ~~maculosalam~~ maculosa lam.*), ~~and~~ hoary cress (*cardaria draba 4: (l.) desv.*), and yellow starthistle (*centaurea solstitialis l.*).
 - b. "Restricted noxious weed seeds" means the seeds of weeds which are highly objectionable in fields, lawns, and gardens, but which can be controlled by good cultural practices or other means, including the seeds of dodder (*cuscuta* species), hedge bindweed (*convolvulus sepium l.*), wild oats (*avena fatua l.*), and quackgrass (*agropyron repens 4: (l.) beauv.*).

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CHAPTER 66**SENATE BILL NO. 2356**
(Senator Bowman)**MULTISTATE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING
COMMISSION STUDY**

AN ACT to provide for a Legislative Council study of the feasibility and desirability of forming a multistate agricultural marketing commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. MULTISTATE AGRICULTURE MARKETING COMMISSION - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY. During the 1999-2000 interim, the Legislative Council shall consider studying the feasibility and desirability of forming a multistate agricultural marketing commission for the purpose of marketing agricultural products on behalf of agricultural producers. If conducted, the study must examine which entities set and control the prices of specific agricultural products, which federal trade policies assist or hinder the marketing of agricultural commodities, which federal and state laws assist or hinder the marketing of agricultural commodities, and which federal and state laws assist or hinder the use of agricultural contracts. If conducted, the study must also examine how this state can work with federal agencies and federal representatives to ensure the best possible climate for the marketing of agricultural products on behalf of North Dakota producers. The Legislative Council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

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