

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1492
(Representatives Monson, S. Kelsh, Nelson, Skarphol)
(Senators Erbele, Heitkamp)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 4-05.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to feral hemp seed.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 4-05.1-05 of 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. The center may 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 center may collect feral hemp seed stock and develop appropriate adapted strains of industrial hemp which contain less than three-tenths of one percent tetrahydrocannabinol in the dried flowering tops. The agriculture commissioner shall monitor the collection of feral hemp seed stock and industrial hemp strain development and shall certify appropriate stocks for licensed commercial cultivation.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1492.

House Vote: Yeas 87 Nays 3 Absent 4

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State