

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1492

Introduced by

Representatives Monson, S. Kelsh, Nelson, Skarphol

Senators Erbele, Heitkamp

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 4-05.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to feral hemp seed.

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

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

6 **4-05.1-05. North Dakota state university main research center.** The North Dakota
7 state university main research center must be located on the campus of North Dakota state
8 university of agriculture and applied science. The center is the administrative location of the
9 agricultural experiment station. The center shall conduct research and coordinate all research
10 activities of the agricultural experiment station. ~~The center may, if allowed under federal law,~~
11 ~~conduct baseline research, including production and processing in conjunction with the~~
12 ~~research and extension centers of the state, regarding industrial hemp and other alternative~~
13 ~~industrial use crops.~~ The research must have, as a purpose, the development and
14 dissemination of technology important to the production and utilization of food, feed, fiber, and
15 fuel from crop and livestock enterprises. The research must provide for an enhancement of the
16 quality of life, sustainability of production, and protection of the environment. The center may
17 conduct baseline research, including production and processing in conjunction with the
18 research and extension centers of the state, regarding industrial hemp and other alternative
19 industrial use crops. The center may collect feral hemp seed stock and develop appropriate
20 adapted strains of industrial hemp which contain less than three-tenths of one percent
21 tetrahydrocannabinol in the dried flowering tops. The agriculture commissioner shall monitor
22 the collection of feral hemp seed stock and industrial hemp strain development and shall certify
23 appropriate stocks for licensed commercial cultivation.