

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1483

Introduced by

Representatives Gulleson, Ekstrom, Mueller, Hawken

Senators Erbele, Tallackson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-44.4-07 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to procurement of enviromentally preferable products; to provide an effective date; and  
3 to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-44.4-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **54-44.4-07. ~~Specification for paper products and inks~~ Procurement of**  
8 **environmentally preferable products.**

- 9 1. The office of management and budget, the institutions of higher education, and  
10 any other state agency or institution that has authority to purchase products, are  
11 encouraged, ~~whenever possible when~~ to purchase environmentally preferable  
12 products.
- 13 a. Where practicable, specifications for purchasing newsprint printing services,  
14 ~~to~~ should specify the use of soybean-based ink. The North Dakota soybean  
15 council and the agriculture commissioner shall assist the office of  
16 management and budget in locating suppliers of soybean-based inks and in  
17 collecting data on the purchase of soybean-based inks.
- 18 b. In requesting bids for paper products, the office of management and budget  
19 must request information on the recycled content of such products.
- 20 c. Where practicable, biobased products should be specified.
- 21 2. The office of management and budget, in coordination with the state board of  
22 higher education, shall develop guidelines for a biobased procurement program.
- 23 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on July 1, 2008.
- 24 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.