

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

SENATE BILL NO. 2373
(Senators Krebsbach, Grindberg, Robinson)
(Representatives Glassheim, Klein, Wald)

AN ACT to provide for a grape and wine program committee; to provide a report to the legislative assembly; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an expiration date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$250,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the grape and wine program committee for the purpose of providing matching funds for grape research, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. The grape and wine program committee may spend funds appropriated under this section for grants only after consultation with the main research center and only to the extent of \$4 for each \$1 provided from other sources. The grape and wine program committee may spend additional funds from gifts, grants, or donations and those additional funds are appropriated to the grape and wine program committee.

SECTION 2. Grape and wine program committee.

1. The grape and wine program committee is a seven-member committee that shall advise the agriculture commissioner on the commissioner's efforts to provide producer education, marketing, and promotion of the grape and wine industry in this state. In addition, the committee shall advise the vice president for agriculture and university extension at North Dakota state university and the director of the North Dakota agricultural experiment station on priorities for research for the grape and wine industry in this state.
2. The committee consists of:
 - a. The agriculture commissioner or the commissioner's designee;
 - b. The vice president for agriculture at North Dakota state university or the vice president's designee;
 - c. An individual appointed by the governor representing the grape or wine industry in this state;
 - d. An individual appointed by the commissioner of the department of commerce;
 - e. An individual appointed by the state board of agricultural research and education; and
 - f. Two individuals appointed by the North Dakota grape growers association.
3. All members of the committee shall serve for a term of two years, beginning July first of each odd-numbered year, and may be reappointed for additional terms.
4. If any member of the committee resigns or ceases to be a member of the class the member represents, that individual's membership on the committee ceases and the appropriate appointing authority may appoint a new member for the remainder of the term.
5. The North Dakota grape growers association shall designate as chairman one of the two individuals the association appoints to the committee unless the committee elects a different chairman from the members on the committee. The committee shall meet at least once every two years and at the call of the chairman.

6. Members of the committee are entitled up to the per diem compensation provided to members of the legislative assembly under subsection 1 of section 54-03-20 and expense reimbursement.

SECTION 3. REPORT TO SIXTY-SECOND AND SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES. The grape and wine program committee shall report to the sixty-second and sixty-third legislative assemblies on the progress of research, producer education, marketing, and promotion of the grape and wine industry in this state.

SECTION 4. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act is effective through June 30, 2013, and after that date is ineffective.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2373.

Senate Vote: Yeas 34 Nays 13 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 72 Nays 17 Absent 5

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State