

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2438

Introduced by

Senators Wanzek, Dotzenrod, Flakoll

Representatives Belter, Brandenburg, S. Meyer

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the promotion of sustainably grown agricultural commodities.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Sustainably grown in North Dakota - Application - Logo - Promotion of**
7 **commodities.**

- 8 1. The department of commerce shall implement a program to promote agricultural
9 commodities that are sustainably grown in North Dakota.
- 10 2. A producer may apply to the department and upon demonstrating that the
11 producer's growing practices with respect to a particular commodity meet the
12 department's established criteria for sustainability, the department shall authorize
13 the producer to label and market the commodity as being sustainably grown in
14 North Dakota.
- 15 3. The department shall develop and make available for the use of authorized
16 producers a logo indicating that the commodity is sustainably grown in North
17 Dakota. The department shall actively support and promote the sale and use of
18 products identified as sustainably grown in North Dakota.
- 19 4. The department may establish and charge producers a fee for participating in the
20 program. The department shall forward all fees collected under this section to the
21 state treasurer for deposit in the general fund.
- 22 5. For purposes of this section, "sustainably grown" means that a crop is grown using
23 research-based practices that result in:
- 24 a. Decreased tillage requirements;

- 1 b. Decreased soil erosion;
- 2 c. Decreased use of or reliance on fossil fuels;
- 3 d. Decreased use of water;
- 4 e. Decreased use of chemicals;
- 5 f. Increased yields; and
- 6 g. Greater economic benefit to producers.