

HOUSE BILL NO. 1536

Introduced by

Representatives Zaiser, S. Kelsh, Mock, Schneider

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-29 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a waste reduction fund and program; and to provide a continuing
3 appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 23-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Waste reduction fund and program - Continuing appropriation.** The waste
8 reduction fund is a special fund in the state treasury from which funds are appropriated on a
9 continuing basis for the purposes of this section. Each public or private municipal solid waste
10 landfill shall pay to the fund as a condition of licensure a fee of one dollar per ton of municipal
11 solid waste disposal at a landfill in this state. The landfill may collect this fee from the person
12 hauling or producing the waste. This fee must be paid to the state department of health at least
13 annually or at a shorter duration as required by the department. The department shall provide
14 grants to political subdivisions for waste reduction and recycling programs that meet or exceed
15 waste reduction and recycling goals adopted by the department. The goals must be based on
16 the reduction of waste in a landfill on weight of waste per capita and be comparable for each
17 political subdivision. The department may complete studies and create criteria for the awarding
18 of grants. The department may use up to five percent of the payments to the fund for the cost
19 of administration of the grant program. The department also may use up to five percent of the
20 payments to the fund for programs of the department that promote solid waste reduction and
21 recycling education and awareness.