

Fifty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1328

Introduced by

Representatives Brandenburg, D. Johnson, Nelson, Nicholas

Senators Christmann, Wanzek

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 11 of chapter 31 of the 1999 Session Laws,
2 relating to the membership and the responsibilities of the crop harmonization committee; and to
3 provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 11 of chapter 31 of the 1999 Session Laws is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **SECTION 11. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - CROP HARMONIZATION COMMITTEE -**
8 **GRANTS.**

- 9 1. The legislative council shall create a crop harmonization committee consisting of
10 the chairman of the house agriculture committee, the chairman of the senate
11 agriculture committee, the governor or the governor's designee, and three other
12 individuals appointed by the legislative council chairman, one of whom must
13 represent the crop protection manufacturing industry. In consultation with the
14 pesticide control board, the committee shall:
- 15 ~~4.~~ a. Identify and prioritize crop protection product labeling needs;
- 16 ~~2.~~ b. Explore the extent of authority given to this state under the federal Insecticide,
17 Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act;
- 18 ~~3.~~ c. Identify the data necessary to enable registration of a use to occur in a timely
19 manner;
- 20 ~~4.~~ d. Determine what research, if any, is necessary to fulfill data requirements for
21 activities listed in this section and communicate its findings to the agriculture
22 commissioner;
- 23 ~~5.~~ e. Request the agriculture commissioner to pursue specific research funding
24 options from public and private sources; and

- 1 6- f. Report to the legislative council in the same manner as do other interim
2 legislative council committees.
- 3 2. The crop harmonization committee may study and, with the approval of the
4 chairman of the legislative council, may take any action necessary to address
5 international trade issues affecting agriculture in this state.
- 6 3. The crop harmonization committee, with the approval of the chairman of the
7 legislative council, may contract with a consultant to conduct studies or provide
8 research or information regarding crop protection product registration and labeling
9 needs and international trade issues.
- 10 4. The crop harmonization committee shall administer a grant program through which
11 agriculture commodity groups based in this state may apply for funds to be used
12 by the groups to address issues related to the registration of crop protection
13 products. To be eligible for receipt of a grant, an applicant must submit an
14 application to the committee which requests a specific amount of funds, specifies
15 the exact purposes for which the grant would be used, and provides a detailed
16 timetable for the use of the grant funds. The committee may impose any additional
17 conditions it deems appropriate for grant recipients, including requiring periodic
18 reports and furnishing of matching funds. The committee may terminate funding of
19 a previously approved grant at any time if the committee is dissatisfied with the
20 performance of the grant recipient. The committee shall report to the budget
21 section of the legislative council on grants awarded under this subsection.

22 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.** There is appropriated out
23 of any moneys in the environment and rangeland protection fund in the state treasury, not
24 otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$300,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, and
25 from special funds derived from grants or donation income, the sum of \$200,000, or so much of
26 the sum as may be necessary, to the Legislative Council for the purposes of addressing crop
27 protection product registration and labeling needs and providing grants as provided in section 1
28 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003.