

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1483
(Representatives Gulleson, Ekstrom, Mueller, Hawken)
(Senators Erbele, Tallackson)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 54-44.4-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to procurement of environmentally preferable products; and to provide an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

1. The office of management and budget, the institutions of higher education, and any other state agency or institution that has authority to purchase products; are encouraged, ~~whenever possible when~~ to purchase environmentally preferable products.
 - a. Where practicable, specifications for purchasing newsprint printing services, to should specify the use of soybean-based ink. The North Dakota soybean council and the agriculture commissioner shall assist the office of management and budget in locating suppliers of soybean-based inks and in collecting data on the purchase of soybean-based inks.
 - b. In requesting bids for paper products, the office of management and budget must request information on the recycled content of such products.
 - c. Where practicable, biobased products should be specified.
2. The office of management and budget, in coordination with the state board of higher education, shall develop guidelines for a biobased procurement program.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act becomes effective on July 1, 2008.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1483.

House Vote: Yeas 61 Nays 32 Absent 1

Senate Vote: Yeas 27 Nays 20 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2007.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2007.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2007,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State