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.
 - <u>a.</u> 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.
 - <u>b.</u> 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.

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