

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

SENATE BILL NO. 2372
(Senators Wanzek, Dotzenrod, Klein)
(Representatives Belter, Monson, Schneider)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-34.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the promotion of life science industries.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 54-34.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Life science industries - Promotion - Exemption. The commissioner of commerce shall promote the development of life science industries in this state. Life science industries include biotechnology, biomedical sciences, and biopharmaceuticals. If any entity owns or operates an animal or research facility, the ownership or operation does not violate the requirements of chapter 10-06.1, provided the commissioner annually certifies to the secretary of state that:

1.
 - a. The facility is licensed or registered with the United States department of agriculture animal and plant health inspection service, as required by the Animal Welfare Act;
 - b. The facility has an assurance on file with the United States public health service; or
 - c. The facility is accredited by the association for assessment and accreditation of laboratory animal care; and
2. The primary purpose of the facility involves the production of products for uses other than human food consumption.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2372.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 0 Absent 3

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State