

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1067
(Political Subdivisions Committee)
(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 18-02-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to cooperation of the state forester and other agencies on fire and forest protection.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 18-02-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

18-02-07. Cooperation of state forester and other agencies - Fire and forest protection.

The state forester may cooperate and contract jointly or severally with departments and agencies of this or other states, with federal agencies, with counties, townships, or other political subdivisions, including rural fire protection districts, rural fire departments, municipal, and other corporations and associations, or with individuals, in the best interests of the people and the state in forest surveys, research in forestry, forest protection, including assisting fire departments in protection of forests and other resources and in assisting landowners to secure adoption of better forestry practices. The state forester may:

1. Cooperate and contract with the United States or any appropriate agency thereof to receive and use federal aid and matching funds which the state and its subdivisions may become eligible to receive.
2. Apply for, receive, and expend federal grants-in-aid and matching funds for fire protection services and generally aid rural fire departments and rural fire protection districts with all activities customary in the prevention and suppression of forest, brush, and grassland fires.
3. Purchase or otherwise acquire fire protection equipment to ~~loan~~ lend, transfer, or sell to rural fire departments and rural fire protection districts.

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. 1067.

House Vote: Yeas 93 Nays 0 Absent 1

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 0 Absent 2

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