

Introduced by

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1 A BILL to provide for a grape and wine program committee; to provide a report to the legislative  
2 assembly; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an expiration date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
5 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$250,000, or so much  
6 of the sum as may be necessary, to the grape and wine program committee for the purpose of  
7 providing matching funds for grape research, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and  
8 ending June 30, 2011. The grape and wine program committee may spend funds appropriated  
9 under this section for grants only after consultation with the main research center and only to  
10 the extent of \$4 for each \$1 provided from other sources. The grape and wine program  
11 committee may spend additional funds from gifts, grants, or donations and those additional  
12 funds are appropriated to the grape and wine program committee.

13 **SECTION 2. Grape and wine program committee.**

14 1. The grape and wine program committee is a seven-member committee that shall  
15 advise the agriculture commissioner on the commissioner's efforts to provide  
16 producer education, marketing, and promotion of the grape and wine industry in  
17 this state. In addition, the committee shall advise the vice president for agriculture  
18 and university extension at North Dakota state university and the director of the  
19 North Dakota agricultural experiment station on priorities for research for the grape  
20 and wine industry in this state.

21 2. The committee consists of:

22 a. The agriculture commissioner or the commissioner's designee;

23 b. The vice president for agriculture at North Dakota state university or the vice  
24 president's designee;

- 1           c. An individual appointed by the governor representing the grape or wine  
2           industry in this state;
- 3           d. An individual appointed by the commissioner of the department of commerce;  
4           e. An individual appointed by the state board of agricultural research and  
5           education; and
- 6           f. Two individuals appointed by the North Dakota grape growers association.
- 7        3. All members of the committee shall serve for a term of two years, beginning July  
8        first of each odd-numbered year, and may be reappointed for additional terms.
- 9        4. If any member of the committee resigns or ceases to be a member of the class the  
10       member represents, that individual's membership on the committee ceases and  
11       the appropriate appointing authority may appoint a new member for the remainder  
12       of the term.
- 13       5. The North Dakota grape growers association shall designate as chairman one of  
14       the two individuals the association appoints to the committee unless the committee  
15       elects a different chairman from the members on the committee. The committee  
16       shall meet at least once every two years and at the call of the chairman.
- 17       6. Members of the committee are entitled up to the per diem compensation provided  
18       to members of the legislative assembly under subsection 1 of section 54-03-20  
19       and expense reimbursement.

20           **SECTION 3. REPORT TO SIXTY-SECOND AND SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATIVE**

21 **ASSEMBLIES.** The grape and wine program committee shall report to the sixty-second and  
22 sixty-third legislative assemblies on the progress of research, producer education, marketing,  
23 and promotion of the grape and wine industry in this state.

24           **SECTION 4. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through June 30, 2013, and  
25 after that date is ineffective.