

**SENATE BILL NO. 2385**

Introduced by

Senators Krauter, Every, D. Mathern

Representatives Ekstrom, S. Kelsh

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 6-09.13-05 and 6-09.14-03 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to agriculture partnership in assisting community expansion  
3 loans and partnership in assisting community expansion loans.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** If Senate Bill No. 2032 becomes effective, section  
6 6-09.13-05 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and  
7 reenacted as follows:

8 **6-09.13-05. Interest rate buydown.** The Bank of North Dakota may use moneys in the  
9 agriculture partnership in assisting community expansion fund to reduce the interest rate on  
10 loans made under this chapter. A loan under this chapter which is qualified after July 1, 2001,  
11 is eligible for an additional two hundred basis points interest buydown if the onfarm business  
12 agrees to pay wages that meet or exceed the region's average regional wage as determined by  
13 the North Dakota commerce cabinet.

14 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** If Senate Bill No. 2032 does not become effective,  
15 section 6-09.13-05 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and  
16 reenacted as follows:

17 **6-09.13-05. Interest rate buydown.** The Bank of North Dakota may use moneys in the  
18 agriculture partnership in assisting community expansion fund to reduce the interest rate on  
19 loans made under this chapter. A loan under this chapter which is qualified after July 1, 2001,  
20 is eligible for an additional two hundred basis points interest buydown if the onfarm business  
21 agrees to pay wages that meet or exceed the region's average regional wage as determined by  
22 the region's regional planning council.

1           **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** If Senate Bill No. 2032 becomes effective, section  
2 6-09.14-03 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and  
3 reenacted as follows:

4           **6-09.14-03. Fund - Purpose - Interest rate buydown.** Moneys in the partnership in  
5 assisting community expansion fund must be used for the purpose of buying down the interest  
6 rate on loans made by a lead financial institution in participation with the Bank of North Dakota.  
7 The Bank of North Dakota's participation may not exceed eighty percent nor be less than fifty  
8 percent of the total loans. If the loan is approved by the lenders and there is evidence of the  
9 community's commitment and ability to fund its portion of the buydown, the fund's participation  
10 in the buydown must automatically be approved. A loan under this chapter which is qualified  
11 after July 1, 2001, is eligible for an additional two hundred basis points interest buydown if the  
12 business agrees to pay wages that meet or exceed the region's average regional wage as  
13 determined by the North Dakota commerce cabinet.

14           **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** If Senate Bill No. 2032 does not become effective,  
15 section 6-09.14-03 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and  
16 reenacted as follows:

17           **6-09.14-03. Fund - Purpose - Interest rate buydown.** Moneys in the partnership in  
18 assisting community expansion fund must be used for the purpose of buying down the interest  
19 rate on loans made by a lead financial institution in participation with the Bank of North Dakota.  
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25 business agrees to pay wages that meet or exceed the region's average regional wage as  
26 determined by the region's regional planning council.