

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 6-09.15-03 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to loans under the beginning entrepreneur loan guarantee program; to provide for
3 reports on the beginning entrepreneur loan guarantee program; to provide a statement of
4 legislative intent; and to declare an emergency.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 6-09.15-03 of the 1999 Supplement to the North
7 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **6-09.15-03. Application for guarantee - Term - Annual fee.** A lender may apply to
9 the Bank of North Dakota for a loan guarantee for a loan of up to ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred
10 thousand dollars. The Bank may approve a guarantee of a loan of up to five thousand dollars
11 to a beginning entrepreneur for use by the beginning entrepreneur for accounting, legal, and
12 business planning and other consulting or advisory services in planning for the establishment of
13 a qualified revenue-producing enterprise. The Bank may approve a guarantee of a loan of up
14 to twenty-five thousand dollars to a beginning entrepreneur without requiring the beginning
15 entrepreneur to provide collateral for the loan. The term of a loan guarantee may not exceed
16 five years. The Bank may charge a lender an annual fee during the term of a loan guarantee.
17 The Bank may not guarantee more than ~~five hundred thousand~~ four million dollars in loans
18 outstanding under the beginning entrepreneur loan guarantee program.

19 **SECTION 2. REPORT ON THE BEGINNING ENTREPRENEUR LOAN GUARANTEE**
20 **PROGRAM.** The Bank of North Dakota shall report the status of the beginning entrepreneur
21 loan guarantee program to the standing appropriations committee of each house of the
22 fifty-eighth legislative assembly at the time of the Bank's appropriations hearing.

23 **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - BUSINESS STARTUP INFORMATION.** It is
24 the intent of the legislative assembly that the Bank of North Dakota provide each beginning

- 1 entrepreneur who requests a loan guarantee information regarding other resources and
- 2 services provided by local, state, federal, or private entities that are available to assist in the
- 3 startup of a new business.

4 **SECTION 4. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.