

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

SENATE BILL NO. 2349
(Senators Holmberg, Bowman, Espegard, Grindberg, Heitkamp, Krebsbach)

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

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

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - BUSINESS STARTUP INFORMATION. It is the intent of the legislative assembly that the Bank of North Dakota provide each beginning entrepreneur who requests a loan guarantee information regarding other resources and services provided by local, state, federal, or private entities that are available to assist in the startup of a new business.

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

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 Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2349 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 43 Nays 0 Absent 6

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 89 Nays 8 Absent 1

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,
at ____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State