Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO.

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Senator Espegard

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 4-14.1-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,
- 2 relating to ethanol plant production incentives; and to provide an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Section 4-14.1-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

4-14.1-07.1. Ethanol plant production incentives - Report to budget section.

- a. An ethanol plant that was in operation before July 1, 1995, and which has a
 production capacity of fewer than fifteen million gallons [56781000 liters] of
 ethanol may receive up to six hundred thousand dollars in production
 incentives from the state for production in a fiscal year.
 - b. An ethanol plant that was in operation before July 1, 1995, and which produced fifteen million [56781000] or more gallons in the previous fiscal year is eligible to receive up to three hundred thousand dollars in production incentives from the state in a fiscal year.
- 2. The agricultural products utilization commission shall determine the amount of production incentives to which a plant is entitled under this section by multiplying the number of gallons of ethanol produced by the plant and marketed to a distributor or wholesale by forty cents. The commission shall forward the production incentives to the plant upon receipt of an affidavit by the plant indicating that the ethanol is to be sold at retail to consumers. The affidavit must be accompanied by an affidavit from a wholesaler or retailer indicating that the ethanol is to be sold at retail to consumers.

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- 3. Within ninety days after the conclusion of the plant's fiscal year, the plant shall submit to the budget section of the legislative council a statement by a certified public accountant indicating whether the plant produced a profit from its operation in the preceding fiscal year, after deducting the payments received under this section.
- 6 **SECTION 2.** This Act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.