

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 6-09.15-03 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to Bank of North Dakota participation caps for the beginning entrepreneur loan  
3 guarantee program; to provide appropriations; and to authorize transfers.

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

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

7 **6-09.15-03. Application for guarantee - Term - Annual fee.** A lender may apply to  
8 the Bank of North Dakota for a loan guarantee for a loan of up to one hundred thousand dollars.  
9 The Bank may approve a guarantee of a loan of up to five thousand dollars to a beginning  
10 entrepreneur for use by the beginning entrepreneur for accounting, legal, and business  
11 planning and other consulting or advisory services in planning for the establishment of a  
12 qualified revenue-producing enterprise. The Bank may approve a guarantee of a loan of up to  
13 twenty-five thousand dollars to a beginning entrepreneur without requiring the beginning  
14 entrepreneur to provide collateral for the loan. The term of a loan guarantee may not exceed  
15 five years. The Bank may charge a lender an annual fee during the term of a loan guarantee.  
16 The Bank may not guarantee more than ~~four~~ eight million dollars in loans outstanding under the  
17 beginning entrepreneur loan guarantee program.

18 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
19 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$800,000, or so much  
20 of the sum as may be necessary, to the Bank of North Dakota for the purpose of defraying the  
21 expenses of the biodiesel partnership in assisting community expansion fund, for the biennium  
22 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.

23 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
24 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$8,000,000, or so

1 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the Bank of North Dakota for the purpose of  
2 defraying the expenses of the partnership in assisting community expansion fund, for the  
3 biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.

4 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION TRANSFER.** The Bank of North Dakota shall transfer  
5 the funds appropriated by sections 2 and 3 of this Act to the biodiesel partnership in assisting  
6 community expansion fund established by section 6-09.17-02 and the partnership in assisting  
7 community expansion fund established by section 6-09.14-02. The Bank of North Dakota may  
8 not be construed to be a general fund agency because of the appropriations made by sections  
9 2 and 3 of this Act.