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Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Weiler

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for the protection of the payment of proceeds from the sale of oil or

2 gas.

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

4 SECTION 1. Proceeds from the sale of oil and gas production protected. All

5 proceeds from the sale of oil and gas production must be regarded as separate and distinct

6 from all other funds of a person receiving or holding the proceeds until such time as the

7 proceeds are paid to the owners legally entitled to the proceeds. A person holding revenue or

8 proceeds from the sale of oil or gas production shall hold the revenue or proceeds for the

- 9 benefit of the owner's legally entitled to the proceeds. Nothing in this section creates an
- 10 <u>expressed trust.</u>