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Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-51-15 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to elimination of the limits on the amount the oil impact fund and counties may receive  
3 under the oil and gas gross production tax; and to provide an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-51-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **57-51-15. Apportionment and use of proceeds of tax.** The gross production tax  
8 provided for in this chapter must be apportioned as follows:

- 9 1. First the tax revenue collected under this chapter equal to one percent of the gross  
10 value at the well of the oil and one-fifth of the tax on gas must be deposited with  
11 the state treasurer who shall credit thirty-three and one-third percent of the  
12 revenues to the oil and gas impact grant fund, ~~but not in an amount exceeding six~~  
13 ~~million dollars per biennium, including any amounts otherwise appropriated for oil~~  
14 ~~and gas impact grants for the biennium by the legislative assembly,~~ and who shall  
15 credit the remaining revenues to the state general fund.
- 16 2. The first one million dollars of annual revenue after the deduction of the amount  
17 provided for in subsection 1 from oil or gas produced in any county must be  
18 allocated to that county. The second one million dollars of annual revenue after  
19 the deduction for the amount provided for in subsection 1 from oil and gas  
20 produced in any county must be allocated seventy-five percent to that county and  
21 twenty-five percent to the state general fund. The third one million dollars of  
22 annual revenue after the deduction of the amount provided for in subsection 1 from  
23 oil or gas produced in any county must be allocated fifty percent to that county and  
24 fifty percent to the state general fund. All annual revenue after the deduction of the

1 amount provided for in subsection 1 above three million dollars from oil or gas  
2 produced in any county must be allocated twenty-five percent to that county and  
3 seventy-five percent to the state general fund. ~~However, the amount to which each~~  
4 ~~county is entitled pursuant to this subsection must be limited based upon the~~  
5 ~~population of the county according to the last official decennial federal census as~~  
6 ~~follows:~~

7 a. ~~Counties having a population of three thousand or less shall receive no more~~  
8 ~~than three million nine hundred thousand dollars for each fiscal year;~~  
9 ~~however, a county may receive up to four million nine hundred thousand~~  
10 ~~dollars under this subdivision for each fiscal year if during that fiscal year the~~  
11 ~~county levies a total of at least ten mills for combined levies for county road~~  
12 ~~and bridge, farm to market and federal aid road, and county road purposes.~~  
13 ~~Any amount received by a county exceeding three million nine hundred~~  
14 ~~thousand dollars under this subdivision is not subject to allocation under~~  
15 ~~subsection 3 but must be credited by the county treasurer to the county~~  
16 ~~general fund.~~

17 b. ~~Counties having a population of over three thousand but less than six~~  
18 ~~thousand shall receive no more than four million one hundred thousand~~  
19 ~~dollars for each fiscal year; however, a county may receive up to five million~~  
20 ~~one hundred thousand dollars under this subdivision for each fiscal year if~~  
21 ~~during that fiscal year the county levies a total of at least ten mills for~~  
22 ~~combined levies for county road and bridge, farm to market and federal aid~~  
23 ~~road, and county road purposes. Any amount received by a county exceeding~~  
24 ~~four million one hundred thousand dollars under this subdivision is not subject~~  
25 ~~to allocation under subsection 3 but must be credited by the county treasurer~~  
26 ~~to the county general fund.~~

27 e. ~~Counties having a population of six thousand or more shall receive no more~~  
28 ~~than four million six hundred thousand dollars for each fiscal year; however, a~~  
29 ~~county may receive up to five million six hundred thousand dollars under this~~  
30 ~~subdivision for each fiscal year if during that fiscal year the county levies a~~  
31 ~~total of ten mills or more for combined levies for county road and bridge,~~

1                   ~~farm to market and federal aid road, and county road purposes. Any amount~~  
2                   ~~received by a county exceeding four million six hundred thousand dollars~~  
3                   ~~under this subdivision is not subject to allocation under subsection 3 but must~~  
4                   ~~be credited by the county treasurer to the county general fund.~~

5                   ~~Any allocations for any county pursuant to this subsection which exceed the~~  
6                   ~~applicable limitation for that county as provided in subdivisions a through e must be~~  
7                   ~~deposited instead in the state's general fund.~~

- 8                   3. Forty-five percent of all revenues as may by the legislative assembly be allocated  
9                   to any county hereunder must be credited by the county treasurer to the county  
10                  general fund. Thirty-five percent of all revenues allocated to any county must be  
11                  apportioned by the county treasurer no less than quarterly to school districts within  
12                  the county on the average daily attendance distribution basis, as certified to the  
13                  county treasurer by the county superintendent of schools. However, no school  
14                  district may receive in any single academic year an amount under this subsection  
15                  greater than the county average per student cost multiplied by seventy percent,  
16                  then multiplied by the number of students in average daily attendance or the  
17                  number of children of school age in the school census for the county, whichever is  
18                  greater. Provided, however, that in any county in which the average daily  
19                  attendance or the school census, whichever is greater, is fewer than four hundred,  
20                  the county is entitled to one hundred twenty percent of the county average per  
21                  student cost multiplied by the number of students in average daily attendance or  
22                  the number of children of school age in the school census for the county,  
23                  whichever is greater. Once this level has been reached through distributions under  
24                  this subsection, all excess funds to which the school district would be entitled as  
25                  part of its thirty-five percent share must be deposited instead in the county general  
26                  fund. The county superintendent of schools of each oil-producing county shall  
27                  certify to the county treasurer by July first of each year the amount to which each  
28                  school district is limited pursuant to this subsection. As used in this subsection,  
29                  "average daily attendance" means the average daily attendance for the school year  
30                  immediately preceding the certification by the county superintendent of schools  
31                  required by this subsection. Twenty percent of all revenues allocated to any

1 county hereunder must be paid no less than quarterly by the state treasurer to the  
2 incorporated cities of the county based upon the population of each incorporated  
3 city according to the last official decennial federal census. Once this level has  
4 been reached through distributions under this subsection, all excess funds to which  
5 any city would be entitled except for this limitation must be deposited instead in  
6 that county's general fund. Provided, however, that in determining the population  
7 of any city in which total employment increases by more than two hundred percent  
8 seasonally due to tourism, the population of that city for purposes of determining  
9 the per capita limitation in this section must be increased by adding to the  
10 population of the city as determined by the last official decennial federal census a  
11 number to be determined as follows:

- 12 a. Seasonal employees of state and federal tourist facilities within five miles  
13 [8.05 kilometers] of the city must be included by adding the months all such  
14 employees were employed during the prior year and dividing by twelve.
- 15 b. Seasonal employees of all private tourist facilities within the city and seasonal  
16 employees employed by the city must be included by adding the months all  
17 such employees were employed during the prior year and dividing by twelve.
- 18 c. The number of visitors to the tourist attraction within the city or within five  
19 miles [8.05 kilometers] of the city which draws the largest number of visitors  
20 annually must be included by taking the smaller of either of the following:
- 21 (1) The total number of visitors to that tourist attraction the prior year  
22 divided by three hundred sixty-five; or
- 23 (2) Four hundred twenty.

24 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective for taxable events occurring after  
25 June 30, 2009.