

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

SENATE BILL NO. 2100
(Senators Holmberg, Grindberg)
(At the request of the Bank of North Dakota)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 6-09.15-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the beginning entrepreneur loan guarantee program by the Bank of North Dakota.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 6-09.15-03 of 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 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 eight million dollars in loans outstanding under the beginning entrepreneur loan guarantee program.~~ Total outstanding guarantees under this program at the time of issuance may not exceed five percent of the Bank's tier one capital as defined by the department of financial institutions.

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 Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2100.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 93 Nays 0 Absent 1

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State