

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

SENATE BILL NO. 2032
(Legislative Management)
(Energy Development and Transmission Committee)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 54-17.6-02 and 54-17.6-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the purposes of the oil and gas research council and powers of the industrial commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 54-17.6-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-17.6-02. Oil and gas research council purposes.

There is created the oil and gas research council. The purpose of the council is to coordinate a program designed to demonstrate to the general public the importance of the state oil and gas exploration and production industry, to encourage and promote the wise and efficient use of energy, to promote environmentally sound exploration and production methods and technologies, to develop the state's oil and gas resources, and to support research and educational activities concerning the oil and natural gas exploration and production industry, and to promote innovation in safety, enhancement of environment, and increase in education concerning the distribution of petroleum products.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 54-17.6-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-17.6-04. Powers and duties of commission in managing and operating council.

The commission is granted all the powers necessary or appropriate to carry out and effectuate the purposes of this chapter, including the power to:

1. Make grants or loans, and to provide other forms of financial assistance as necessary or appropriate, to qualified persons for research, development, marketing, and educational projects, and processes or activities directly related to the oil and gas exploration and production, or refining industry, or the petroleum marketing industry;
2. Enter into contracts or agreements to carry out the purposes of this chapter, including authority to contract for the administration of the oil and gas research, development, marketing, and educational program;
3. Keep accurate records of all financial transactions performed under this chapter;
4. Cooperate with any private, local, state, or national commission, organization, or agent, or group and to make contracts and agreements for programs benefiting the oil and gas industry;
5. Accept donations, grants, contributions, and gifts from any public or private source and deposit such in the oil and gas research fund; and
6. Make and explore orders, rules, and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter.

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-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2032.

Senate Vote: Yeas 44 Nays 0 Absent 3

House Vote: Yeas 79 Nays 7 Absent 8

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2011.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2011.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2011,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State