Senate Bill 78

AMENDMENT 78A FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL

1 An Act to provide for an E15 fuel tax refund.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. That chapter 10-47B be amended with a NEW SECTION:

Beginning in fiscal year 2025 and ending in fiscal year 2030, any money deposited 4 5 in the ethanol infrastructure incentive fund must be used to provide fuel tax refunds in 6 accordance with this section. A retail dealer licensed marketer that has demonstrated compliance with alternative fuel compatibility requirements with the Department of 7 Agriculture and Natural Resources may claim a fuel tax refund in an amount equal to five 8 9 cents multiplied by the total number of gallons of ethanol blended gasoline classified as 10 E15 sold and dispensed by the retail dealer licensed marketer during the preceding 11 calendar year through motor fuel pumps located on its retail premises in this state. A retail dealer licensed marketer may claim a refund for calendar years 2025 through 2029. The 12 retail dealer licensed marketer must apply for the refund on a form provided by the 13 Governor's Office of Economic Development. The Governor's Office of Economic 14 15 Development shall publish the application form on its website. The retailer licensed 16 marketer must complete the application form and file it with the Governor's Office of 17 Economic Development within thirty ninety days after the end of the calendar year for 18 which the refund is claimed. The commissioner of the Governor's Office of Economic 19 Development shall approve or deny the application within thirty days after it is filed. If the 20 application is approved, the commissioner shall direct the state treasurer to send a check 21 to the retailer licensed marketer in the amount of the allowable tax refund. If the amount 22 of money on deposit in the ethanol infrastructure fund is not sufficient to pay in full all the 23 allowable tax refunds for the calendar year, the payments must be prorated among the 24 applicants. The Governor's Office of Economic Development shall promulgate rules 25 pursuant to chapter 1-26 prescribing the information that must be included in the

- application form, the procedure for filing the form, and the process for appealing a denial
 of an application.
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