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Missouri Senate Passes Cauthorn's Biodiesel Incentive Fund

JEFFERSON CITY, MO - Missouri soybean farmers contributing to biodiesel production will be eligible for a grant under legislation approved by the Missouri Senate today. Senator John Cauthorn's Missouri Biodiesel Producer Incentive Fund, Senate Bill 147, was passed by a 32-0 vote and will move to the House of Representatives.

Farmers establishing biodiesel plants will be eligible for the grant. They will receive 30-cents per gallon for the first 15-million gallons of Biodiesel produced. For the next 15 million gallons produced they will receive ten-cents per gallon. The monthly grant is available for 60 months or until the fund is completely utilized.

"Our farmers right here in Missouri are providing us with the resources we need for the fuels of tomorrow, today," said Cauthorn. "This incentive fund will put Missouri in the fast lane for producing renewable energies."

Biodiesel is a clean burning alternative fuel, produced from domestic, renewable resources and can be used in diesel engines with no major modifications. Biodiesel is biodegradable and nontoxic.

To qualify as a facility that produces biodiesel, the facility must be at least fifty-one percent owned by agricultural producers engaged in agricultural production for commercial purposes.

"Stimulating biodiesel production in our state will help our environment with a clean burning fuel, will help our farmers by adding value to their products, and will benefit our economy by reducing our dependence on foreign oil," said Cauthorn.

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