96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2009 and 2010

HB2706

Introduced 2/24/2009, by Rep. Tom Cross

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 689/5

Amends the Illinois Renewable Fuels Development Program Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the findings of the General Assembly.

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AN ACT concerning State government.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Renewable Fuels Development
Program Act is amended by changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 689/5)

7 Sec. 5. Findings and State policy. The The General Assembly recognizes that agriculture is a vital sector of the Illinois 8 9 economy and that an important growth industry for the Illinois 10 agricultural sector is renewable fuels production. Renewable fuels produced from Illinois agricultural products hold great 11 potential for growing the State's economy, reducing our 12 13 dependence on foreign oil supplies, and improving the 14 environment by reducing harmful emissions from vehicles. Illinois is the nation's leading producer of ethanol, a clean, 15 16 renewable fuel with significant environmental benefits. The 17 General Assembly finds that reliable supplies of renewable fuels will be integral to the long term energy security of the 18 19 United States. The General Assembly declares that it is the 20 public policy of the State of Illinois to promote and encourage 21 the production and use of renewable fuels as a means not only 22 to improve air quality in the State and the nation, but also to grow the agricultural sector of the Illinois economy. To 23

achieve these public policy objectives, the General Assembly
 hereby authorizes the creation and implementation of the
 Illinois Renewable Fuels Development Program within the
 Department.

5 (Source: P.A. 93-15, eff. 6-11-03.)