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## **South Dakota Lawmakers Pass Ethanol Blender Pump Bill**

**Sioux Falls, SD** (March 3, 2010) – Passed by the South Dakota House of Representatives on February 23, House Bill 1192 was unanimously passed yesterday by the South Dakota Senate. The bill will establish an incentive grant program for the installation of ethanol blender pumps, using \$1 million in federal funds received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The legislation awaits a signature from Republican Governor Mike Rounds, which is expected.

Under the legislation, grants must be issued between April 1, 2010 and May 28, 2010, and each grant may not exceed \$10,000. The text of HB 1192, introduced by Rep. Mitch Fargen, Democrat from District 8, can be read here: <http://legis.state.sd.us/sessions/2010/Bills/HB1192HST.pdf>

The American Coalition for Ethanol (ACE) calls the legislation a win for consumers across the state.

“We support maximum consumer choice at the pump, and this legislation will make it easier for South Dakota fuel marketers to add more renewable fuel choices for their customers,” said Brian Jennings, Executive Vice President of ACE. “Ultimately we need to shift the power to decide what fuels motorists use away from government agencies and oil companies, and back to the consumer. Motorists should be able to choose between a variety of blends such as E10, E15, E20, E30, E85, and even ethanol-free gasoline, and we believe that when they are given meaningful choices at the pump, they will select the ethanol blends that work best in their own vehicles.”

Blender pumps are not new to the fuel industry, but are finding new use with E85. Featuring two underground tanks, usually one for unleaded and one for E85, the pumps can dispense a variety of mid-level ethanol blends such as E20, E30, and E85 for use in flexible fuel vehicles.

“ACE members thank Representative Fargen for his vision and leadership on this issue, and we applaud the bipartisan leadership in the South Dakota Senate and House of Representatives for supporting and adopting this bill. We look forward to Governor Rounds signing HB 1192 into law,” Jennings said.

South Dakota is home to the first ethanol blender pumps in the nation, in Britton and in Watertown. A map of most U.S. blender pump locations can be seen at [www.tinyurl.com/ACEblenderpumpmap](http://www.tinyurl.com/ACEblenderpumpmap). Forty are found in South Dakota of about 150 total across the country. Sioux Falls recently received its first blender pump, footage of which can be seen here at ACE's channel on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/ACEethanol](http://www.youtube.com/ACEethanol).

For more information about ethanol or blender pumps, visit [www.ethanol.org](http://www.ethanol.org).

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