



States' Biofuels Statutes

STATE OF IOWA

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159A.2. Definitions

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “Biodiesel” and “biodiesel blended fuel” mean the same as defined in [section 214A.1](#).
2. “Coordinator” means the administrative head of the office of renewable fuels and coproducts appointed by the department as provided in [section 159A.3](#).
3. “Coproduct” means a product other than a renewable fuel which at least in part is derived from the processing of agricultural commodities, and which may include corn gluten feed, distillers grain, or solubles, or can be used as livestock feed or a feed supplement.
4. “Department” means the department of agriculture and land stewardship.
5. “Ethanol blended gasoline” means the same as defined in [section 214A.1](#).
6. “Fund” means the renewable fuels and coproducts fund established pursuant to [section 159A.7](#).
7. “Office” means the office of renewable fuels and coproducts created pursuant to [section 159A.3](#).
8. “Renewable fuel” means the same as defined in [section 214A.1](#).
9. “Renewable fuels and coproducts activities” means either of the following:
 - a. The research, development, production, promotion, marketing, or consumption of renewable fuels and coproducts.
 - b. The research, development, transfer, or use of technologies which directly or indirectly increase the

supply or demand of renewable fuels and coproducts.

Credits: Acts 1991 (74 G.A.) ch. 254, § 7. Amended by Acts 1994 (75 G.A.) ch. 1119, § 12, eff. April 26, 1994; Acts 2000 (78 G.A.) ch. 1018, § 1; Acts 2006 (81 G.A.) ch. 1142, H.F. 2754, §§ 73 to 75; Acts 2010 (83 G.A.) ch. 1031, S.F. 2088, § 239; Acts 2011 (84 G.A.) ch. 113, S.F. 531, § 46.

159A.3. Office of renewable fuels and coproducts

1. An office of renewable fuels and coproducts is created within the department and shall be staffed by a coordinator who shall be appointed by the secretary. It shall be the policy of the office to further renewable fuels and coproducts activities. The office shall first further renewable fuels and coproducts activities based on the following considerations:

- a. The price competitiveness of the renewable fuel or coproduct.
- b. The production capacity and supply of the renewable fuel or coproduct.
- c. The ease and safety of transporting and storing the renewable fuel or coproduct.
- d. The degree to which the renewable fuel or coproduct is currently developed for ready transfer to current engine technology.
- e. The degree to which the renewable fuel or coproduct is environmentally protective.
- f. The degree to which the renewable fuel or coproduct provides economic development opportunities.

2. The duties of the office include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Serving as advisor to the department regarding regulations, including federal and state standards, relating to oxygenates, as defined in section 214A.1.
- b. Serving as advisor to the department regarding renewable fuels and coproducts programs.
- c. Serving as monitor of regulations administered in the state, in other states, or by the federal government. The office shall collect information and data prepared by state agencies related to these regulations, and provide referral and assistance to interested persons and agencies.
- d. Cooperating with persons and agencies involved in renewable fuels and coproducts activities, including other states and the federal government, to standardize regulations and coordinate programs, in order to increase administrative effectiveness and reduce administrative duplication.
- e. Implementing policies and procedures designed to facilitate communication between persons involved in renewable fuels and coproducts activities.
- f. Assisting state or federal agencies, or assisting commercial enterprises or commodity organizations

which are located in or desiring to locate in the state. The assistance may include support of public research relating to renewable fuels and coproducts activities.

g. Conducting studies relating to the viability of producing or using renewable fuels and coproducts, and methods and schedules required to ensure a practicable transition to the use of renewable fuels and coproducts.

h. Approving a renewable fuel which may be used as a flexible fuel powering a motor vehicle required to be purchased by state agencies.

3. a. A chief purpose of the office is to further the production and consumption of ethanol blended gasoline in this state. The office shall be the primary state agency charged with the responsibility to promote public consumption of ethanol blended gasoline.

b. The office shall promote the production and consumption of biodiesel and biodiesel blended fuel in this state.

4. The office and state entities, including the department, the economic development authority, the state department of transportation, and the state board of regents institutions, shall cooperate to implement this section.

Credits: Acts 1991 (74 G.A.) ch. 254, § 8. Amended by Acts 1992 (74 G.A.) ch. 1239, § 33, eff. July 1, 1992; Acts 1994 (75 G.A.) ch. 1119, § 13, eff. April 26, 1994; Acts 2003 (80 G.A.) ch. 44, §§ 41, 42; Acts 2006 (81 G.A.) ch. 1142, H.F. 2754, §§ 76, 83; Acts 2009 (83 G.A.) ch. 108, S.F. 471, § 8, eff. May 18, 2009; Acts 2010 (83 G.A.) ch. 1031, S.F. 2088, §§ 240 to 242; Acts 2011 (84 G.A.) ch. 25, S.F. 474, § 19; Acts 2011 (84 G.A.) ch. 118, H.F. 590, §§ 50, 85, eff. July 18, 2011, retroactive to July 1, 2011.

159A.6. Education, promotion, and advertising

1. The office shall do all of the following:

a. Support education regarding, and promotion and advertising of, renewable fuels and coproducts. The office shall consult with the petroleum marketers and convenience stores of Iowa, the Iowa renewable fuels association, the Iowa corn growers association, and the Iowa soybean association.

b. Promote the advantages related to the use of renewable fuels as an alternative to nonrenewable fuels. Promotions shall be designed to inform the ultimate consumer of advantages associated with using renewable fuels, and emphasize the benefits to the natural environment. The promotion shall inform consumers at the businesses of retail dealers of motor vehicle fuels.

c. Develop standards for decals required pursuant to section 214A.16, which shall be designed to promote the advantages of using renewable fuels. The standards may be incorporated within a model decal adopted by the office.

d. Promote the advantages related to the use of coproducts derived from the production of renewable fuels, including the use of coproducts used as livestock feed or meal. Promotions shall be designed to inform the potential purchasers of the advantages associated with using coproducts. The office shall promote advantages associated with using coproducts of ethanol production as livestock feed or meal to cattle producers in this state.

2. The office may contract to provide all or part of the services described in subsection 1.

Credits: Acts 1991 (74 G.A.) ch. 254, § 11. Amended by Acts 1992 (74 G.A.) ch. 1099, § 3; Acts 1992 (74 G.A.) ch. 1163, § 41; Acts 1994 (75 G.A.) ch. 1119, § 19, eff. April 26, 1994; Acts 2009 (83 G.A.) ch. 41, S.F. 446, § 197; Acts 2010 (83 G.A.) ch. 1031, S.F. 2088, § 243; Acts 2010 (83 G.A.) ch. 1193, H.F. 2531, § 145.

159A.6A. Renewable fuels and coproducts research

The office shall support research relating to renewable fuels and coproducts, including methods to increase efficiency and reduce costs associated with production. The office shall consult with the Iowa corn growers association and the Iowa soybean association. The office shall support research activities at the university of Iowa, Iowa state university of science and technology, and the university of northern Iowa. The office may contract to provide all or part of these services.

Credits: Added by Acts 1994 (75 G.A.) ch. 1119, § 20, eff. April 26, 1994.

159A.6B. Technical assistance

1. The office shall assist persons in revitalizing rural regions of this state, by providing technical assistance to new or existing renewable fuel production facilities, including the establishment and operation of facilities, and specifically facilities which create coproducts, including coproducts which support livestock production operations. The office shall consult with the Iowa corn growers association and the Iowa soybean association. The office shall provide planning assistance which may include evaluations of methods to most profitably manage these operations. The business planning assistance shall provide for adequate environmental protection of this state's natural resources from the operation of the facility.

2. The office may execute contracts in order to provide technical support and outreach services for purposes of assisting and educating interested persons as provided in this section. The office may also contract with a consultant to provide part or all of these services. The office may require that a person receiving assistance pursuant to this section contribute up to fifty percent of the amount required to support the costs of contracting with the consultant to provide assistance to the person. The office shall assist the person in completing any technical information required in order to receive assistance by the economic development authority pursuant to section 15.335B.

3. The office shall cooperate with the economic development authority and regents institutions or other universities and colleges in order to carry out this section.

Credits: Added by Acts 1994 (75 G.A.) ch. 1119, § 21, eff. April 26, 1994. Amended by Acts 2009 (83 G.A.) ch. 108, S.F. 471, § 11, eff. May 18, 2009; Acts 2009 (83 G.A.) ch. 41, S.F. 446, § 198; Acts 2009 (83 G.A.) ch. 123, S.F. 344, § 29; Acts 2011 (84 G.A.) ch. 118, H.F. 590, §§ 50, 85, 86, eff. July 18, 2011, retroactive to July 1, 2011; Acts 2012 (84 G.A.) ch. 1126, H.F. 2473, § 23.

159A.7. Renewable fuels and coproducts fund

1. A renewable fuels and coproducts fund is created in the state treasury under the control of the office of renewable fuels and coproducts. The fund may include moneys available to and obtained or accepted by the office, including moneys from the United States, other states in the union, foreign nations, state agencies, political subdivisions, and private sources.

2. Moneys in the fund shall be used only to carry out the provisions of this section and sections 159A.3, 159A.6, 159A.6A, and 159A.6B within the state of Iowa.

3. Moneys in the fund shall be allocated during each fiscal year as follows:

a. At least forty percent shall be dedicated to support education, promotion, and advertising of renewable fuels and coproducts as provided in section 159A.6.

b. Up to thirty percent may be dedicated to support research at the university of Iowa, Iowa state university of science and technology, and the university of northern Iowa, as provided in section 159A.6A.

c. Any remaining balance shall be used by the office to support technical assistance as provided in section 159A.6B and any other projects or programs developed by the office.

4. Moneys in the fund are subject to an annual audit by the auditor of state. The fund is subject to warrants by the director of the department of administrative services, drawn upon the written requisition of the coordinator.

5. In administering the fund, the office may do all of the following:

a. Contract, sue and be sued, and adopt procedures necessary to administer this section. However, the office shall not in any manner, directly or indirectly, pledge the credit of the state.

b. Authorize payment from the fund for commissions, attorney and accountant fees, and other reasonable expenses related to and necessary for administering the fund.

6. Section 8.33 does not apply to moneys in the fund. Income received by investment of moneys in the fund shall remain in the fund.

Credits: Acts 1991 (74 G.A.) ch. 254, § 12. Amended by Acts 1992 (74 G.A.) ch. 1099, § 4; Acts 1993 (75 G.A.) ch. 180, § 74; Acts 1994 (75 G.A.) ch. 1119, § 22, eff. April 26, 1994; Acts 1997 (77 G.A.)

ch. 207, §§ 7 to 9, eff. July 1, 2000; Acts 2000 (78 G.A.) ch. 1230, §§ 21, 22; Acts 2002 (79 G.A.) 2nd Ex.Sess., ch. 1003, § 67, eff. July 1, 2002; Acts 2003 (80 G.A.) ch. 145, § 286; Acts 2009 (83 G.A.) ch. 41, S.F. 446, § 199; Acts 2010 (83 G.A.) ch. 1031, S.F. 2088, § 244.