By: Swinford (Senate Sponsor - Averitt) H.B. No. 2417 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2007; May 2, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural 1-1 1-2 1-3 Resources; May 18, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 18, 2007, sent to printer.) 1-4 1-5 1-6 1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to the responsibility for and management of the fuel ethanol and biodiesel production incentive program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. (a) The responsibility for and management of the fuel ethanol and biodiesel production incentive program under Chapter 16, Agriculture Code, is transferred from the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office to the Department of Agriculture.

- (b) Any assets, duties, functions, and funding for the program, including money in the fuel ethanol and biodiesel production account, are transferred on the effective date of this
- Act to the Department of Agriculture.

  (c) A rule of the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office related to the fuel ethanol and biodiesel production incentive program continues in effect until changed by the Department of Agriculture.
- (d) A reference in law to "office" in Chapter 16 Agriculture Code, is a reference to the Department of Agriculture.

  SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007. 1-24 1**-**25 1**-**26

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