

SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - UNIFORM TRUCK PERMITTING. During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall study truck permitting systems in oil and gas producing counties. The study must review the North Dakota association of oil and gas producing counties' uniform county truck permit program, including the system's integration with the highway patrol's online electronic truck permitting and routing system and the communications between county representatives and industry representatives regarding road conditions. The study must evaluate the appropriateness of additional fees assessed by the board of county commissioners and other local authorities to the oil and gas industry related to additional road permitting fees and analyze other relevant data regarding uniform truck permitting fees and procedures. The study must include input from representatives of the North Dakota petroleum council, representatives of the North Dakota association of oil and gas producing counties, and other interested persons. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, if any, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.

SECTION 6. MORATORIUM ON ADDITIONAL FEES FOR USE OF COUNTY ROADS. For the period beginning June 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017, notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 39-12, the board of county commissioners and other local authorities having control of roads may not impose any additional fees for the use of county roads, except the fees established in the North Dakota association of oil and gas producing counties' uniform county truck permit program, unless an operator, company, or individual requests and agrees to pay the additional fees. However, the board of county commissioners and other local authorities may issue penalties to operators, companies, or individuals who violate posted road restrictions.