

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

SENATE BILL NO. 2188  
(Senators Fischer, Cook, Robinson)  
(Representatives Haas, R. Kelsch, Wolf)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 49-10.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to railroad accident reports; and to provide for a legislative council study of risk assessments and railroad safety.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 49-10.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Accident report.** A railroad corporation shall provide immediate notification to the department of emergency services of an accidental release of a hazardous material.

**SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - RISK ASSESSMENTS AND RAILROAD SAFETY.** During the 2007-08 interim, the legislative council shall study risk assessments for railroad facilities, the handling of hazardous cargo by railroads, and the ability of railroads to respond to potential accidents and emergencies, including sabotage, terrorism, and other crimes. This study must include an evaluation of whether whistleblower protection would provide a desirable response in employees to report dangerous conditions or violations of law relating to hazards, emergencies, and accidents. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-first legislative assembly.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2188.

Senate Vote:    Yeas    45        Nays    0        Absent    2

House Vote:    Yeas    90        Nays    0        Absent    4

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Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State