

Introduced by

Energy and Natural Resources Committee

(At the request of the Industrial Commission)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-17.4-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the collection of global positioning system data; and to repeal section 54-17.4-12 of
3 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the duties of the state geologist.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-17.4-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **54-17.4-02. Survey - Responsibilities.**

8 There is created a North Dakota geological survey. The survey has the following
9 responsibilities:

- 10 1. Serve as the primary source of geological information in the state.
- 11 2. Investigate, describe, and interpret the geological setting of the state with special
12 reference to the economic products, geological hazards, and energy resources of the
13 state's geology.
- 14 3. Conduct investigations designed to promote public understanding of the state's natural
15 setting and natural resources.
- 16 4. Conduct research relative to the exploration, production, and regulation of oil, gas,
17 coal, and other mineral resources of the state.
- 18 5. Conduct investigations and review externally prepared reports pertaining to geological
19 aspects of the health and safety of the citizens and environment of the state.
- 20 6. Provide geological information contributing to the development of public health policies
21 and to the use and management of natural resources.
- 22 7. Publish bulletins, circulars, maps, and other related materials that make available the
23 results of the geological research and technical studies.
- 24 8. Provide educational information about the geology of the state to the public.

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- 1 9. Operate and maintain a public repository for books, reports, maps, and other
- 2 publications regarding the geology and mineral resources of the state.
- 3 10. Operate and maintain a public repository for fossil and rock specimens, rock cores,
- 4 well cuttings, and associated data.
- 5 11. Provide technical advice and assistance concerning the geology of the state to local,
- 6 state, and federal governmental agencies and to state educational institutions.
- 7 12. Aid in the regulation of the state's natural resources by providing the resource
- 8 assessment and evaluation information necessary to create and maintain effective
- 9 regulatory policy.
- 10 13. Investigate the kind, amount, and availability of the various mineral substances
- 11 contained in state-owned lands, so as to contribute to the most effective and beneficial
- 12 administration of these lands for the state.
- 13 14. Consider such other scientific and economic questions in the field of geology as in the
- 14 judgment of the state geologist is deemed of value to the people of the state.
- 15 15. Carry out any other responsibilities assigned to it by the legislative assembly.
- 16 ~~16. Cooperate with other agencies in maintaining a global positioning system~~
- 17 ~~community base station and make data gathered by the station available to the public.~~
- 18 **SECTION 2. REPEAL.** Section 54-17.4-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.