

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 61-16.1 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to maintenance of natural watercourses and debrisment of bridges and  
3 low water crossings.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 61-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Watercourses, bridges, and low water crossings.** A water resource board may  
8 undertake the snagging, clearing, and maintaining of natural watercourses and the debrisment  
9 of bridges and low water crossings. The board may finance the project in whole or in part with  
10 funds raised through the collection of a special assessment levied against the land and  
11 premises within the watershed benefited by the project. All provisions of this chapter apply to  
12 assessments levied under this section except:

- 13 1. An assessment may not exceed fifty cents per acre [.40 hectare] annually on  
14 agricultural lands and may not exceed fifty cents annually for each five hundred  
15 dollars of taxable valuation of nonagricultural property; and  
16 2. No action is required for the establishment of the assessment district or the  
17 assessments except the board must approve the project and assessment by a vote  
18 of two-thirds of the members and the board of county commissioners of the county  
19 must approve and levy the assessments to be made by a vote of two-thirds of its  
20 members.