

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2188

Introduced by

Senators Fischer, Cook, Robinson

Representatives Haas, R. Kelsch, Wolf

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 49-10.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to railroad accident reports; and to provide for a legislative council study
3 of risk assessments and railroad safety.

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

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

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

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