

Fifty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2287

Introduced by

Senators Fischer, Urlacher

Representatives Aarsvold, Nelson, Weisz

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. If the assessment is for a project costing less than two hundred thousand dollars,  
17 no action is required for the establishment of the assessment district or the  
18 assessments except the board must approve the project and assessment by a  
19 vote of two-thirds of the members and the board of county commissioners of the  
20 county must approve and levy the assessments to be made by a vote of two-thirds  
21 of its members.