

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

SENATE BILL NO. 2224
(Senators Nichols, O'Connell, Solberg)
(Representatives Delzer, Onstad, Solberg)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to haying of no-mow areas; to provide for a report to the legislative assembly; and to provide an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Haying of no-mow areas. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person owning land adjacent to an area within the right of way of a highway which is designated as a no-mow or managed-mow area may hay the no-mow or managed-mow area after July fifteenth without any payment or penalty.

SECTION 2. NO-MOW AREAS - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The director of the department of transportation shall work with the appropriate state and federal agencies to evaluate reasonable and appropriate environmental mitigation options and alternatives. The director shall submit a plan to the fifty-eighth legislative assembly to eliminate areas designated as no-mow or managed-mow areas from the right of way adjacent to highways under the department's jurisdiction.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 1 of this Act becomes effective on January 1, 2004.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2224.

Senate Vote: Yeas 48 Nays 0 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 95 Nays 2 Absent 1

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State