

Introduced by

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1 A BILL ~~for an Act to provide for a pilot program for oil and gas development impact funding for~~
2 ~~one-call locates; and to provide an appropriation.~~for an Act to provide for a legislative
3 management study of the one-call system.

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

5 ~~— **SECTION 1. PILOT GRANT PROGRAM FOR ONE-CALL LOCATES.** Within legislative~~
6 ~~appropriations, the public service commission shall conduct a pilot grant program during the~~
7 ~~biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, to reimburse the cost of one-call~~
8 ~~locates as a result of oil and gas development. The commission shall develop criteria for a valid~~
9 ~~claim and for fairly distributing reimbursements among the valid claims to the private operators~~
10 ~~with underground facilities most affected by oil and gas development. The commission may use~~
11 ~~up to five percent of the funding for administration of the program.~~

12 ~~— **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general~~
13 ~~fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,000,000, or so much of the~~
14 ~~sum as may be necessary, to the public service commission for the purpose of a grant program~~
15 ~~to reimburse the cost of one-call locates as a result of oil and gas development, for the~~
16 ~~biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.~~

17 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - ONE-CALL EXCAVATION NOTICE**
18 **SYSTEM.** During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the
19 one-call excavation notice system. The study must include the financial and operational impact
20 on the underground facilities owners from the tremendous increase in the number of locates, a
21 review of who should be responsible for the expenses associated with locating underground
22 facilities in certain situations, the appropriateness of penalties for one-call excavation notice
23 system violators, and the enforcement of penalties by the appropriate state agencies. The

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Legislative Assembly

- 1 legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any
- 2 legislation required to implement the recommendations to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.