

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

SENATE BILL NO. 2176  
(Senator Luick)

AN ACT to provide for a road train pilot program; to provide for a legislative management study of a road train pilot program; and to provide an expiration date.

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

**SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ROAD TRAIN PILOT PROGRAM - REPORTS TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** In collaboration with South Dakota and Minnesota transportation officials and agencies, and in consultation with a committee designated by the legislative management, the department of transportation shall establish a statewide road train pilot program. The department shall establish the parameters and policies regarding the use of road trains on state highways, including designation of routes, hours of operation, and length and weight restrictions. The department shall report to the legislative management as requested by the legislative management. The pilot program is contingent on the favorable recommendation of legislative management and completion of the study in section 2.

**SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - ROAD TRAIN PILOT PROGRAM.** During the 2019-20 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility and desirability of creating a road train pilot program. The study must include consultation with the department of transportation, highway patrol, agriculture commissioner, industrial commission, department of commerce, the upper great plains transportation institute, and the governor. The study must include an assessment of the federal regulations impacting road train operations, the economic impact of permitting road train operations in the state, and the costs associated with implementing a road train pilot program. The legislative council may contract for consulting services to assist the legislative management in conducting the study. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-seventh legislative assembly.

**SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** Section 1 of this Act is effective through July 31, 2023, and after that date is ineffective.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2176.

Senate Vote:    Yeas 43            Nays 4            Absent 0

House Vote:    Yeas 77            Nays 9            Absent 8

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State