

**Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015**

SENATE BILL NO. 2356
(Senators Miller, Rust, Warner)
(Representatives Damschen, M. Nelson, Zubke)

AN ACT to provide for a legislative management study of abandoned gravel pit reclamation practices and standards.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - RECLAMATION PRACTICES. During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying abandoned gravel pit reclamation practices. The study may address the feasibility and desirability of utilizing state funds for the reclamation of abandoned gravel pits and financially difficult reclamation projects on state and county lands, for the purpose of restoring land for farming, ranching, or other economic enterprises. The study may emphasize consideration of the potential economic benefit of restored land. The study may include consideration of current reclamation practices and standards for all North Dakota industries; use of the North Dakota outdoor heritage fund or other funds for financing; and input from departments, organizations, and associations with interest in reclamation practices. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.

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 Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2356.

Senate Vote: Yeas 38 Nays 8 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 79 Nays 10 Absent 5

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2015.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2015.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2015,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State