

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 38-14.1-27 of
2 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to surface coal mining maps.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 38-14.1-27 of the
5 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 c. An annual map must be submitted by the operator to the commission for each
7 year of the permit term and until the total bond amount has been released.
8 The map must be in a form prescribed by the commission showing the status
9 of surface coal mining and reclamation operations that have occurred during
10 the year being reported, with a legend showing the number of acres [hectares]
11 affected by such operations. In addition, not later than September 1, 2005,
12 each operator shall submit a map to the commission indicating parcels of
13 reclaimed land for which the operator intends to apply for final bond release
14 during the twelve-month period immediately subsequent to the report. For
15 active mines, the total acreage of these parcels may not be less than the total
16 acreage disturbed during the immediately preceding twelve months. For
17 inactive mines, the total acreage of these parcels may not be less than
18 twenty-five percent of all land eligible for final bond release or ten percent of
19 the total remaining disturbed acreage. Before October 1, 2006, the
20 commission shall submit to the legislative council a report on the progress of
21 mine operators in applying for final bond releases.