

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to authorize township boards to designate certain roads as no maintenance roads.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 31-13-1 be amended to read as follows:

31-13-1. The board of township supervisors shall construct, repair, and maintain all of the township roads within the township except for section lines designated as no maintenance section lines pursuant to § 31-13-1.4 and roads designated as no maintenance roads pursuant to section 2 of this Act. The township road system consists of section line roads; judicially declared roads; roads impliedly accepted by the township through routine performance of certain maintenance activities, such as grading, graveling and snow removal, and accepting funds from the county pursuant to §§ 32-11-4.1 and 32-11-6 for a period of at least fifteen years; and any other roads designated by resolution of the board as being on the township road system. A road may only be vacated through the process specified in chapter 31-3. Before a road may be added to the township road system, the road shall meet the minimum requirements specified in §§ 31-18-2 and 31-13-4, unless the board, by resolution, waives this requirement.

Section 2. That chapter 31-13 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

The board of township supervisors may designate a road that is unsafe for vehicle travel as a no maintenance road. The board shall identify the beginning and end point of the road designated as no maintenance. The board does not have any responsibility on a no maintenance road except to require removal or remediation of a manmade obstruction, if needed, to maintain the public access.

Section 3. That chapter 31-13 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

The board of township supervisors shall post signs on a no maintenance road to notify the motoring public that it is a no maintenance road and that no vehicle travel is advised. The signs shall be posted at each entry point and at regular intervals along a no maintenance road. A properly posted sign is prima facie evidence that adequate notice of a no maintenance road has been given to the motoring public.

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I certify that the attached Act
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Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
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