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UNDER THE TROOPER'S HAT

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sists motion, helping to slow the truck. The result is strong braking power without putting unnecessary stress on the standard braking system.

So why does this matter? Engine compression braking provides several critical advantages for truck drivers. Most importantly, it improves safety by giving drivers greater control of their rigs, especially on steep or extended downhill slopes where friction brakes could overheat or fail. It also improves efficiency. Using the engine to slow the vehicle reduces wear and tear on the braking system and cuts down on costly maintenance. Finally, it increases reliability, allowing drivers to maintain a steady, controlled descent without depending solely on the foot brake. For truckers hauling tens of thousands of pounds, that reliability is a major advantage.

Of course, engine compression braking does come with one drawback: the noise. The distinctive rattling. popping, or machine-gunlike growl can be disruptive when used in towns, neighborhoods, or residential areas. That's why "No Engine Brake" signs are posted at the entrances to many communities.

In North Dakota, this restriction isn't just a courtesy, as of Aug. 1, 2025, it's now the law. The North Dakota Century Code 39-21-33.1 gives cities and counties the authority to prohibit engine compression braking in designated zones if it creates a noise disturbance. These zones must be clearly posted with signs. Drivers are prohibited from using engine compression brakes that cause excessive noise in those areas, except in emergency situations where safety demands it. Violating this statute carries a \$50 fine.

On the open highway, engine compression braking is an invaluable safety tool that helps truck drivers stay in control of their vehicles; protects their equipment; and keeps roads safer. But inside city limits, respecting those posted restrictions helps maintain peace and quiet for

residents—and keeps truckers from receiving a citation.

The next time you hear that familiar rumble on the road, you'll know what it is: not a trucker "showing off," but a piece of safety technology doing its job. When the sign says no engine brakes, it's more than a suggestion it's the law.

The mission of the North Dakota Highway Patrol is to make a difference every day by providing high-quality law enforcement services to keep North Dakota safe and secure.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Unorganized (135-077)

Unorganized (135-079)

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16 NE4

16 NW4

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NOTICE OF LEASING STATE SCHOOL LANDS

The Board of University and School Lands will offer the following lands for lease in Emmons County.

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6	NE4	160	5	\$4267
6	NW4	160	5	\$4235
36	SE4	160	5	\$4263

Rent

\$4148

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Rent

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the descriptions of the lands to be auctioned, the information contained in this advertisement may be revised prior to the auction upon further review by the North Dakota Department of Trust Lands. Any such revisions will be announced at the auction and will be binding upon the bidders. Bidding will begin at minimum rent. 1st year's rent must be paid in full immediately after the sale. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For more information, visit https:// land.nd.gov or call (701) 328-2800. For auxiliary aids and services, please call by 9/17.

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