

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the  
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January,  
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

SENATE BILL NO. 2406  
(Senators B. Stenehjem, Cook, Kringstad, Tomac)  
(Representatives Drovdal, Lemieux)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 39-06-35, 39-06-36, and 39-08-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to revoked and suspended licenses and driving without liability insurance.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-06-35 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**39-06-35. Period of suspension.** When the period of suspension imposed under this title ceases, the operator's license or driving privilege that has been suspended may not be returned or reinstated, and remains under suspension, until the operator pays to the director a reinstatement fee of ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars, or ~~fifty one hundred~~ fifty one hundred dollars if the suspension was the result of a violation under section 39-08-01 or chapter 39-20, and, if applicable, until ~~the provisions of compliance with subsection 3.1 of section 39-06.1-10 have been complied with.~~ Upon payment of the reinstatement fee the license must be returned to the operator. A reinstatement fee is not required for a license to be returned to the operator if the return of the license is due to the findings of a hearing, reexamination of hearing, or court or judicial review under chapter 39-06, 39-06.1, or 39-20.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-06-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**39-06-36. Restoration of revoked licenses.** Any person whose license or privilege to drive a motor vehicle on the public highways has been revoked is not entitled to have such license or privilege renewed or restored unless the revocation was for a cause which has been removed, except that after the expiration of the revocation period such person may make application for a new license as provided by law, but the director may not then issue a new license unless and until the director is satisfied after investigation of the individual's driving records, driving habits, and driving ability of such person that it will be safe to grant the privilege of driving a motor vehicle on the public highways. A person whose license or privilege to drive a motor vehicle has been revoked must pay to the director a revocation reinstatement fee of ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars, or ~~fifty one hundred~~ fifty one hundred dollars if the revocation was imposed for violation of subsection 5 of section 39-06-17, section 39-06-31, 39-06-43, or 39-20-04, in addition to any license renewal fee, for issuance of a new license. Until the reinstatement fee is paid the license and privilege to drive a motor vehicle remain under revocation. A reinstatement fee is not required if a revoked license is reinstated due to the findings of a hearing, reexamination of hearing, or court or judicial review as provided under chapter 39-06, 39-06.1, or 39-20.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-08-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**39-08-20. Driving without liability insurance prohibited - Penalty.**

1. A person may not drive, or the owner may not cause or knowingly permit to be driven, a motor vehicle in this state without a valid policy of liability insurance in effect in order to respond in damages for liability arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of that motor vehicle in the amount required by chapter 39-16.1. Upon being stopped by a law enforcement officer for the purpose of enforcing or investigating the possible violation of an ordinance or state law or during the investigation of an accident, the person driving the motor vehicle shall provide to the officer upon request satisfactory evidence of the policy required under this section. If unable to comply with the request, that person may be

charged with a violation of this section if that person fails to submit ~~such~~ satisfactory evidence of the policy to the officer or the officer's agency within twenty days of the date of the request. If that person produces a valid policy of liability insurance in effect at the time of violation of this section to the officer, officer's agency, or a court, that person may not be convicted or assessed any court costs for violation of this section. If the driver is not an owner of the motor vehicle, the driver does not violate this section if the driver provides the court with evidence identifying the owner of the motor vehicle and describing circumstances under which the owner caused or permitted the driver to drive the motor vehicle. Violation of this section is a class B misdemeanor and the sentence imposed must include a fine of at least one hundred fifty dollars which may not be suspended. A person convicted for a second or subsequent violation of driving without liability insurance within an eighteen-month period must be fined at least three hundred dollars which may not be suspended.

2. Upon conviction for a violation of this section or equivalent ordinance, the person who has been convicted shall provide proof of motor vehicle liability insurance to the department in the form of a written or electronically transmitted certificate from an insurance carrier authorized to do business in this state. This proof must be provided for a period of three years and kept on file with the department. If the person fails to provide this information, the department shall suspend that person's driving privileges and may not issue or renew that person's operator's license unless that person provides proof of insurance.
3. A person who has been convicted for violation of this section or equivalent ordinance shall surrender that person's operator's license and purchase a duplicate operator's license with a notation requiring that person to keep proof of liability insurance on file with the department. The fee for this license is fifty dollars and the fee to remove this notation is fifty dollars.
4. When an insurance carrier has certified a motor vehicle liability policy, the insurance carrier shall notify the director no later than ten days after cancellation or termination of the certified insurance policy by filing a notice of cancellation or termination of the certified insurance policy; except that a policy subsequently procured and certified shall, on the effective date of its certification, terminate the insurance previously certified with respect to any motor vehicle designated in both certificates.

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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 Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2406.

Senate Vote:      Yeas      49              Nays      0              Absent      0

House Vote:      Yeas      89              Nays      7              Absent      2

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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Secretary of State