

Fifty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1411

Introduced by

Representatives Jensen, Fairfield, Price

Senators Heitkamp, Kilzer, Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 39-10.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to bicycle helmets and restraining seats; to amend and reenact section
3 39-10.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to bicycles; and to provide a penalty.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 39-10.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Definitions.** In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, "protective bicycle
8 helmet" means a piece of headgear that meets or exceeds the impact standards for protective
9 bicycle helmets set by the United States consumer products safety commission, the American
10 society for testing and materials, the American national standards institute, or the Snell
11 memorial foundation.

12 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 39-10.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
13 created and enacted as follows:

14 **Requirements for helmet and restraining seat use.**

- 15 1. A minor may not operate a bicycle or be in a cart pulled by a bicycle unless the
16 minor wears a protective bicycle helmet of good fit fastened securely upon the
17 head with the straps of the helmet.
- 18 2. An individual who weighs less than forty pounds [18.14 kilograms] or is less than
19 forty inches [101.60 centimeters] in height must be properly seated in and
20 adequately secured to a restraining seat or, if in a cart pulled by a bicycle, must be
21 properly seated in and adequately secured to the cart.

22 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-10.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

24 **39-10.1-01. Effect of chapter - Penalty for violation.**

- 1 1. ~~It is unlawful for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act~~
2 ~~required in this chapter. Any~~ A person who violates any of the provisions of this
3 chapter may be assessed a fee not to exceed five dollars.
- 4 2. The parent of any child and the guardian of any ward may not authorize or
5 knowingly permit ~~any such~~ that parent's child or that guardian's ward to violate ~~any~~
6 ~~of the provisions of~~ this chapter.
- 7 3. ~~These provisions applicable to bicycles apply~~ This chapter applies to a bicycle
8 whenever a that bicycle is operated upon any highway ~~or upon~~, any path set aside
9 for the exclusive use of bicycles, or any path primarily used by bicycles and
10 pedestrians, subject to those exceptions stated ~~herein~~ within this chapter.