

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

SENATE BILL NO. 2213  
(Senators Espegard, Heitkamp)  
(Representatives Delmore, Weisz)

AN ACT to create and enact three new subsections to section 39-01-01 and a new subsection to section 39-12-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to definitions of motor vehicles and the width of motor vehicles; and to amend and reenact subsections 25 and 84 of section 39-01-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definitions of house car and travel trailer.

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

**SECTION 1.** Three new subsections to section 39-01-01 of the North Dakota Century Code are created and enacted as follows:

"Camping trailer" means a vehicular portable unit mounted on wheels and constructed with collapsible partial side walls that fold for towing by another vehicle and unfold at the campsite to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use.

"Fifth-wheel travel trailer" means a vehicular unit mounted on wheels, designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use, of such size or weight as not to require a special highway movement permit and designed to be towed by a motorized vehicle that contains a towing mechanism that is mounted above or forward of the tow vehicle's rear axle.

"Truck camper" means a portable unit that is constructed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use; consists of a roof, floor, and sides; and is designed to be loaded onto and unloaded from the bed of a pickup truck.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 25 and 84 of section 39-01-01 of the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

25. "House car" or "motor home" means a motor vehicle which has been reconstructed or manufactured primarily for private use as a temporary or recreational dwelling and having at least four of the following permanently installed systems:
  - a. Cooking facilities.
  - b. Icebox or mechanical refrigerator.
  - c. Potable water supply including plumbing and a sink with faucet either self-contained or with connections for an external source, or both.
  - d. Self-contained toilet or a toilet connected to a plumbing system with connection for external water disposal, or both.
  - e. Heating or air-conditioning system, or both, separate from the vehicle engine or the vehicle engine electrical system.
  - f. A 110-115 volt alternating current electrical system separate from the vehicle engine electrical system either with its own power supply or with a connection for an external source, or both, or a liquefied petroleum system and supply.

84. "Travel trailer" means a ~~mobile home or house trailer designed to be towed behind a motor vehicle for recreational purposes and providing temporary sleeping quarters for people~~ vehicular unit mounted on wheels, designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use, and of such size or weight as not to require a special highway movement permit when towed by a motorized vehicle.

**SECTION 3.** A new subsection to section 39-12-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Motor homes, house cars, travel trailers, fifth-wheel travel trailers, camping trailers, and truck campers may exceed eight feet six inches [2.59 meters] in width if the excess is attributable to an appurtenance that extends beyond the body of the vehicle no more than six inches [15.24 centimeters] on either side of the vehicle. For purposes of this subsection, the term appurtenance includes a shade awning and its support hardware, and any appendage that is intended to be an integral part of a motor home, house car, travel trailer, fifth-wheel travel trailer, camping trailer, or truck camper.

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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-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2213.

Senate Vote:      Yeas    46          Nays    0          Absent    1

House Vote:      Yeas    90          Nays    0          Absent    4

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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Secretary of State