

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 51-07 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to recording devices on motor vehicles; and to provide for application.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 51-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Recording devices on motor vehicles - Disclosure - Removal.**

- 7 1. A manufacturer of a new motor vehicle sold or leased in this state which is  
8 equipped with a recording device commonly referred to as an event data recorder  
9 shall disclose that fact in the owner's manual for the vehicle. A motor vehicle  
10 dealer shall include within the purchase contract in a clear and conspicuous  
11 manner information on the possibility of a recording device. As used in this  
12 section, an event data recorder means a feature that is installed by the  
13 manufacturer of the vehicle and does any of the following for the purpose of  
14 retrieving data after a crash:
- 15 a. Records the speed of the vehicle and the direction the motor vehicle is  
16 traveling.
  - 17 b. Records vehicle location data.
  - 18 c. Records steering performance.
  - 19 d. Records brake performance including whether brakes were applied before an  
20 accident.
  - 21 e. Records the driver's safety belt status.
  - 22 f. Has the ability to transmit information concerning an accident in which the  
23 vehicle has been involved to a central communications system when an  
24 accident occurs.

- 1           2.   Data recorded on an event data recorder may not be downloaded or otherwise  
2           retrieved by a person other than the owner of the motor vehicle at the time the data  
3           is accessed, or through consent by the owner's agent or legal representative,  
4           except under any of the following circumstances:
  - 5           a.   The data is retrieved for the purpose of improving motor vehicle safety,  
6           including for medical research of the human body's reaction to motor vehicle  
7           accidents, and the identity of the registered owner or driver is not disclosed in  
8           connection with that retrieved data. The disclosure of the vehicle  
9           identification number, with the last four digits deleted, for the purpose of  
10          improving vehicle safety, including for medical research of the human body's  
11          reaction to motor vehicle accidents, does not constitute the disclosure of the  
12          identity of the registered owner or driver. A person authorized to download or  
13          otherwise retrieve data from a recording device under this subdivision may  
14          not release that data, except to share the data among the motor vehicle  
15          safety and medical research communities to advance motor vehicle safety,  
16          and only if the identity of the registered owner or driver is not disclosed.
  - 17          b.   The data is retrieved by a licensed motor vehicle dealer or by an automotive  
18          technician for the purpose of diagnosing, servicing, or repairing the motor  
19          vehicle.
  - 20          c.   Upon authority of a court or other judicial or administrative authority having  
21          jurisdiction.
- 22          3.   "Owner" means a person having all the incidents of ownership, including the legal  
23          title of a vehicle regardless of whether the person lends, rents, or creates a  
24          security interest in the vehicle; a person entitled to the possession of a vehicle as  
25          the purchaser under a security agreement; or the person entitled to possession of  
26          the vehicle as lessee pursuant to a written lease agreement, if the agreement at  
27          inception is for a period in excess of three months.
- 28          4.   A person, including a service or data processor operating on behalf of the person,  
29          authorized to download or otherwise retrieve data from an event data recorder  
30          pursuant to subdivision a of subsection 2 may not release that data except for the  
31          purposes of motor vehicle safety and medical communities to advance motor

1 vehicle safety, security, or traffic management; or to a data processor solely for the  
2 purposes permitted by this subsection, and only if the identity of the owner or  
3 driver of the vehicle is not disclosed.

- 4 5. If a motor vehicle is equipped with a recording device that is capable of recording  
5 or transmitting information relating to vehicle location data or concerning an  
6 accident to a central communications system and that capability is part of a  
7 subscription service, the fact that the information may be recorded or transmitted  
8 must be disclosed in the terms and conditions of the subscription service.

9 Subsection 2 does not apply to a subscription service that meets the requirements  
10 of this subsection.

11 **SECTION 2. APPLICATION.** This Act applies to all motor vehicles manufactured after

12 July 31, 2005.