

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1245

Introduced by

Representatives Weisz, Kempenich

Senator Klein

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-12-01 and 39-12-03 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to weight limitations.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-12-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **39-12-01. State and local authorities may classify highways as to weight and load**
7 **capacities.** The director, the board of county commissioners, ~~and or other appropriate bodies~~
8 ~~public entity~~ having control ~~of roads, over a highway~~ may classify ~~public highways and roads~~
9 ~~under their respective jurisdictions and limitations~~ that highway subject to the authority provided
10 by law as to the weight and load of vehicles ~~thereon for such respective~~ on that highway in
11 classifications that must be enforced as provided in under section 39-12-07 and be made in
12 accordance with section 39-12-03.

13 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-12-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
14 amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **39-12-03. Director or local authorities may limit use of vehicles on highways.**
16 ~~Whenever any~~ If a highway will be seriously damaged or destroyed by reason of deterioration,
17 rain, snow, or other climatic conditions unless the use of vehicles is prohibited or the weight of
18 ~~the vehicle thereon~~ vehicles is limited, the director ~~or employees authorized by the director~~ by
19 an order, and local authorities by ordinance or resolution, may prohibit the operation of vehicles
20 upon ~~such a~~ a highway or may impose restrictions as to the weight of vehicles. ~~The~~ A restriction
21 as to weight by local authorities must be on a per axle basis. To be effective against a violator,
22 ~~the director or employees making such order and local authorities enacting any such ordinance~~
23 ~~or resolution, as appropriate,~~ shall erect or cause to be erected and maintained signs
24 designating the provisions of the order, ordinance, or resolution. ~~Such~~ The signs must be

1 erected and maintained at each end of that portion of any highway affected thereby, and such
2 by the order, ordinance, or resolution and the same is not effective until ~~such~~ the signs are
3 erected and maintained. The operation of trucks or other commercial vehicles or limitations as
4 to the weight ~~thereof~~ of trucks or other commercial vehicles on designated highways may be
5 prohibited or limited in the same manner.