

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1396**

Introduced by

Representatives Ruby, Bellew, Brandenburg, Zaiser

Senators Andrist, Erbele

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 39-08-01 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to fines for driving under the influence.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 39-08-01 of the North Dakota  
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 6 4. A person convicted of violating this section, or an equivalent ordinance, must be  
7 sentenced in accordance with this subsection. For purposes of this subsection,  
8 unless the context otherwise requires, "drug court program" means a district  
9 court-supervised treatment program approved by the supreme court which  
10 combines judicial supervision with alcohol and drug testing and chemical addiction  
11 treatment in a licensed treatment program. The supreme court may adopt rules,  
12 including rules of procedure, for drug courts and the drug court program.
- 13 a. For a first offense, the sentence must include both a fine of at least ~~two~~  
14 ~~hundred fifty dollars~~ one-half of the maximum fine allowed by law and an  
15 order for addiction evaluation by an appropriate licensed addiction treatment  
16 program.
- 17 b. For a second offense within five years, the sentence must include at least five  
18 days' imprisonment or placement in a minimum security facility, of which  
19 forty-eight hours must be served consecutively, or thirty days' community  
20 service; a fine of at least ~~five hundred dollars~~ one-half of the maximum fine  
21 allowed by law; and an order for addiction evaluation by an appropriate  
22 licensed addiction treatment program.
- 23 c. For a third offense within five years, the sentence must include at least sixty  
24 days' imprisonment or placement in a minimum security facility, of which

forty-eight hours must be served consecutively; a fine of ~~one thousand dollars~~  
one-half of the maximum fine allowed by law; and an order for addiction  
evaluation by an appropriate licensed addiction treatment program.

d. For a fourth or subsequent offense within seven years, the sentence must  
include one hundred eighty days' imprisonment or placement in a minimum  
security facility, of which forty-eight hours must be served consecutively; a  
fine of ~~one thousand dollars~~ one-half of the maximum fine allowed by law; and  
an order for addiction evaluation by an appropriate licensed treatment  
program.

e. The execution or imposition of sentence under this section may not be  
suspended or deferred under subsection 3 or 4 of section 12.1-32-02 for an  
offense subject to subdivision a or b. If the offense is subject to subdivision c  
or d, the district court may suspend a sentence, except for ten days'  
imprisonment, under subsection 3 or 4 of section 12.1-32-02 on the condition  
that the defendant first undergo and complete an evaluation for alcohol and  
substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation. If the defendant is found to be  
in need of alcohol and substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation, the  
district court may order the defendant placed under the supervision and  
management of the department of corrections and rehabilitation and is subject  
to the conditions of probation under section 12.1-32-07. The district court  
shall require the defendant to complete alcohol and substance abuse  
treatment and rehabilitation under the direction of the drug court program as a  
condition of probation in accordance with rules adopted by the supreme court.  
If the district court finds that a defendant has failed to undergo an evaluation  
or complete treatment or has violated any condition of probation, the district  
court shall revoke the defendant's probation and shall sentence the defendant  
in accordance with this subsection.

f. For purposes of this section, conviction of an offense under a law or  
ordinance of another state which is equivalent to this section must be  
considered a prior offense if such offense was committed within the time  
limitations specified in this subsection.

- 1                   g.   If the penalty mandated by this section includes imprisonment or placement  
2                   upon conviction of a violation of this section or equivalent ordinance, and if an  
3                   addiction evaluation has indicated that the defendant needs treatment, the  
4                   court may order the defendant to undergo treatment at an appropriate  
5                   licensed addiction treatment program and the time spent by the defendant in  
6                   the treatment must be credited as a portion of a sentence of imprisonment or  
7                   placement under this section.