

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1468

Introduced by

Representatives Gruchalla, Nottestad, Ruby

Senators Freborg, Lyson, Warner

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-20-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to temporary operator permits after testing for alcohol.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-20-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **39-20-03.1. Action following test result for a resident operator.** If a person submits
7 to a test under section 39-20-01, 39-20-02, or 39-20-03 and the test shows that person to have
8 an alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths of one percent by weight or, with
9 respect to a person under twenty-one years of age, an alcohol concentration of at least two
10 one-hundredths of one percent by weight at the time of the performance of a chemical test
11 within two hours after the driving or being in actual physical control of a vehicle, the following
12 procedures apply:

- 13 1. The law enforcement officer shall immediately take possession of the person's
14 operator's license if it is then available and shall immediately issue to that person a
15 temporary operator's permit if the person then has valid operating privileges,
16 extending driving privileges for the next twenty-five days, or until earlier terminated
17 by the decision of a hearing officer under section 39-20-05. The law enforcement
18 officer shall sign and note the date on the temporary operator's permit. The
19 temporary operator's permit serves as the director's official notification to the
20 person of the director's intent to revoke, suspend, or deny driving privileges in this
21 state.
- 22 2. If a test administered under section 39-20-01 or 39-20-03 was by saliva or urine
23 sample or by drawing blood as provided in section 39-20-02 and the person tested
24 is not a resident of an area in which the law enforcement officer has jurisdiction,

1 the law enforcement officer shall, on receiving the analysis of the saliva, urine, or
2 blood from the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee and
3 if the analysis shows that person had an alcohol concentration of at least eight
4 one-hundredths of one percent by weight or, with respect to a person under
5 twenty-one years of age, an alcohol concentration of at least two one-hundredths
6 of one percent by weight, either proceed in accordance with subsection 1 during
7 that person's reappearance within the officer's jurisdiction or notify a law
8 enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the person lives. On that
9 notification, that law enforcement agency shall immediately take possession of the
10 person's North Dakota operator's license or permit if it is then available and, within
11 twenty-four hours, forward the license and a copy of the temporary operator's
12 permit to the law enforcement agency making the arrest or to the director. The law
13 enforcement agency shall also, on taking possession of the person's operator's
14 license, issue to that person a temporary operator's permit as provided in this
15 section, and shall sign and date the permit as provided in subsection 1.

16 Alternatively, if the test results indicate an alcohol concentration at or above the
17 legal limit, the law enforcement agency making the arrest may mail a temporary
18 operator's permit to the person who submitted to the blood, urine, or saliva test.
19 The third day after the mailing of the temporary operator's permit is considered the
20 date of issuance. Within three days after the person receives the temporary
21 operator's permit, the person shall mail the person's North Dakota operator's
22 license to the law enforcement agency that made the arrest. Actual notice of the
23 opportunity for a hearing under this section is deemed to have occurred
24 seventy-two hours after the notice is mailed by regular mail to the address
25 submitted by the person to the law enforcement officer. The temporary operator's
26 permit serves as the director's official notification to the person of the director's
27 intent to revoke, suspend, or deny driving privileges in this state.

- 28 3. The law enforcement officer, within five days of the issuance of the temporary
29 operator's permit, shall forward to the director a certified written report in the form
30 required by the director and the person's operator's license taken under
31 subsection 1 or 2. If the person was issued a temporary operator's permit because

1 of the results of a test, the report must show that the officer had reasonable
2 grounds to believe the person had been driving or was in actual physical control of
3 a motor vehicle while in violation of section 39-08-01, or equivalent ordinance, that
4 the person was lawfully arrested, that the person was tested for alcohol
5 concentration under this chapter, and that the results of the test show that the
6 person had an alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths of one
7 percent by weight or, with respect to a person under twenty-one years of age, an
8 alcohol concentration of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight. In
9 addition to the operator's license and report, the law enforcement officer shall
10 forward to the director a certified copy of the operational checklist and test records
11 of a breath test and a copy of the certified copy of the analytical report for a blood,
12 saliva, or urine test for all tests administered at the direction of the officer.