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SENATE BILL NO. 2375

Introduced by

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- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-06.2-10.6, 39-06.2-10.7, and 39-06.2-10.8,
- 2 subsection 1 of section 39-20-03.1, section 39-20-03.2, subsection 1 of section 39-20-04,
- 3 sections 39-20-05 and 39-20-06, and subsection 1 of section 54-57-03 of the North Dakota
- 4 Century Code, relating to the transfer of administrative hearings from the department of
- 5 transportation to the office of administrative hearings.

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

- 7 SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 39-06.2-10.6 of the North Dakota Century Code
- 8 is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **39-06.2-10.6.** Administrative hearing on request.

- Before issuing an order of suspension, revocation, or disqualification under section
 39-06.2-10, the director shall afford that person an opportunity for a hearing as
 provided by section 39-20-05, if the person mails a request for the hearing to the
 director within ten days after the date of issuance of the temporary driver's permit.
- If the issue to be determined by the hearing concerns license suspension for
 operating a commercial motor vehicle while having an alcohol concentration of at
- 16 least four one-hundredths of one percent by weight, the hearing must be before a 17 hearing officer assigned by the director an administrative law judge and at a time 18 and place designated by the director of the office of administrative hearings. The 19 hearing must be recorded and its scope may cover only the issues of whether the 20 arresting officer had reasonable grounds to believe the person had been driving or 21 was in actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle in violation of section 22 39-06.2-10.1, whether the person was lawfully detained, whether the person was 23 tested in accordance with section 39-06.2-10.2, and whether the test results show
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the person had an alcohol concentration of at least four one-hundredths of one

percent by weight. For purposes of this section, a copy of a certified copy of an
analytical report of a blood or urine sample from the office of the director of the
state crime laboratory or the director's designee, or a certified copy of the checklist
and test records from a certified breath test operator establish prima facie the
alcohol concentration shown therein. Whether the person was warned that the
privilege to drive might be suspended based on the results of the test is not an
issue.

- 8 3. If the issue to be determined by the hearing concerns license revocation for 9 refusing to submit to a test under section 39-06.2-10.2, the hearing must be before a hearing officer assigned by the director an administrative law judge at a time and 10 11 place designated by the director of the office of administrative hearings. The 12 hearing must be recorded. The scope of a hearing for refusing to submit to a test 13 under section 39-06.2-10.2 may cover only the issues of whether a law 14 enforcement officer had reasonable grounds to believe the person had been 15 driving or was in actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle in violation 16 of section 39-06.2-10.1, whether the person was lawfully detained, and whether 17 that person refused to submit to the test or tests. The scope of a hearing for 18 refusing to submit to a test under subsection 3 of section 39-06.2-10.4 may cover 19 only the issues of whether the law enforcement officer had reason to believe the 20 person committed a moving traffic violation or was involved in a traffic accident as 21 a driver, whether in conjunction with the violation or the accident the officer has, 22 through the officer's observations, formulated an opinion that the person's body 23 contains alcohol and, whether the person refused to submit to the onsite screening 24 test. Whether the person was warned that the privilege to drive would be revoked 25 or denied for refusal to submit to the test or tests is not an issue.
- 4. At a hearing under this section, the regularly kept records of the director may be
 introduced. Those records establish prima facie their contents without further
 foundation. For purposes of this chapter, the following are deemed regularly kept
 records of the director: any copy of a certified copy of an analytical report of a
 blood or urine sample received by the director from the director of the state crime
 laboratory or the director's designee or a law enforcement officer, a certified copy

of the checklist and test records received by the director from a certified breath test
operator, and any copy of a certified copy of a certificate of the director of the state
crime laboratory or the director's designee relating to approved methods, devices,
operators, materials, and checklists used for testing for alcohol concentration
received by the director from the director of the state crime laboratory or the
director's designee, or the recorder, unless the board of county commissioners has
designated a different official to maintain the certificate.

- 8 5. At the close of the hearing, the hearing officer administrative law judge shall notify 9 the person of the hearing officer's administrative law judge's findings of fact, 10 conclusions of law, and decision based on the findings and conclusions and shall 11 immediately deliver to the person a copy of the decision. If the hearing officer 12 administrative law judge does not find in favor of the person, the copy of the 13 decision serves as the director's official notification to the person of the revocation, 14 suspension, or denial of driving privileges in this state. If the hearing officer 15 administrative law judge finds, based on a preponderance of the evidence, that the 16 person refused a test under section 39-06.2-10.2 or that the person had an alcohol 17 concentration of at least four one-hundredths of one percent by weight, the hearing 18 officer shall administrative law judge immediately shall take possession of the 19 person's temporary driver's permit issued under this chapter. If the hearing officer 20 administrative law judge does not find against the person, the hearing officer 21 administrative law judge shall sign, date, and mark on the person's permit an 22 extension of driving privileges for the next twenty days and shall return the permit 23 to the person. The hearing officer administrative law judge shall report the 24 findings, conclusions, and decisions to the director within ten days of the 25 conclusion of the hearing. If the hearing officer administrative law judge has 26 determined in favor of the person, the director shall return the person's commercial 27 driver's license by regular mail to the address on file with the director under section 28 39-06.2-08.
- 6. If the person who requested a hearing under this section fails to appear at the
 hearing without justification, the right to the hearing is waived, and the hearing
 officer's administrative law judge's determination on license revocation,

1 suspension, or denial will be based on the written request for hearing, law 2 enforcement officer's report, and other evidence as may be available. On the date 3 for which the hearing is scheduled, the hearing officer administrative law judge 4 shall mail to the person, by regular mail, at the address on file with the director 5 under section 39-06-20, or at any other address for the person or the person's 6 legal representative supplied in the request for hearing, a copy of the decision 7 which serves as the director's official notification to the person of the revocation, 8 suspension, or denial of driving privileges in this state. Even if the person for 9 whom the hearing is scheduled fails to appear at the hearing, the hearing is 10 deemed to have been held on the date for which it is scheduled for purposes of 11 appeal under section 39-06.2-10.7.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 39-06.2-10.7 of the North Dakota Century Code
 is amended and reenacted as follows:

14 39-06.2-10.7. Judicial review. Any person whose commercial driver's license or 15 privilege has been suspended, revoked, or denied by the decision of the hearing officer 16 administrative law judge under section 39-06.2-10.6 may appeal within seven days after the 17 date of the hearing under section 39-06.2-10.6 as shown by the date of the hearing officer's 18 administrative law judge's decision, section 28-32-42 notwithstanding, by serving on the director 19 and filing a notice of appeal and specifications of error in the district court in the county where 20 the events occurred for which the demand for a test was made, or in the county in which the 21 administrative hearing was held. The court shall set the matter for hearing, and the petitioner 22 shall give twenty days' notice of the hearing to the director and to the hearing officer who 23 rendered the decision. Neither the director nor the. The court may not stay the decision 24 pending decision on appeal. Within twenty days after receipt of the notice of appeal, the 25 director or the hearing officer who rendered the decision shall file in the office of the clerk of 26 court to which the appeal is taken a certified transcript of the testimony and all other 27 proceedings. It is the record on which the appeal must be determined. No The court may not 28 hear additional evidence may be heard. The court shall affirm the decision of the director or 29 hearing officer administrative law judge unless it the court finds the evidence insufficient to 30 warrant the conclusion reached by the director or hearing officer administrative law judge. The

1 court may direct that the matter be returned to the director or hearing officer administrative law 2 judge for rehearing and the presentation of additional evidence.

3 SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 39-06.2-10.8 of the North Dakota Century Code 4 is amended and reenacted as follows:

5 **39-06.2-10.8.** Temporary driver's permit. A temporary driver's permit extends driving 6 privileges for twenty-five days, unless earlier terminated by the decision of a hearing officer an 7 administrative law judge under section 39-06.2-10.6. The law enforcement officer must sign 8 and note the date of issuance on the temporary driver's permit. The temporary driver's permit 9 serves as the director's official notification to the driver of the director's intent to revoke, 10 suspend, or deny driving privileges in this state. No A temporary driver's permit may not be

11 issued for the period covered by an out-of-service order.

12 SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 39-20-03.1 of the North Dakota 13 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 14 The law enforcement officer shall immediately take possession of the person's 1.
- 15 operator's license if it is then available and shall immediately issue to that person a
- 16 temporary operator's permit if the person then has valid operating privileges,
- 17 extending driving privileges for the next twenty-five days, or until earlier terminated
- 18 by the decision of a hearing officer an administrative law judge under section
- 19 39-20-05. The law enforcement officer shall sign and note the date on the
- 20 temporary operator's permit. The temporary operator's permit serves as the
- 21 director's official notification to the person of the director's intent to revoke,
- 22 suspend, or deny driving privileges in this state.

23 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-20-03.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is 24 amended and reenacted as follows:

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39-20-03.2. Action following test result or on refusing test by nonresident

26 operator. If a person licensed in another state refuses in this state to submit to a test provided 27 under section 39-20-01 or 39-20-14, or who submits to a test under section 39-20-01, 39-20-02, 28 or 39-20-03 and the test results show the person to have an alcohol concentration of at least 29 eight one-hundredths of one percent by weight or, with respect to a person under twenty-one 30 years of age, an alcohol concentration of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight

at the time of performance of a test within two hours after driving or being in physical control of
a motor vehicle, the following procedures apply:

- 3 Without taking possession of the person's out-of-state operator's license, the law 1. 4 enforcement officer shall issue to the person a notification of the test results and a 5 temporary operator's permit extending nonresident operating privileges in this state 6 for twenty-five days from the date of issuance or until earlier terminated by the 7 decision of a hearing officer an administrative law judge under section 39-20-05. 8 The temporary permit must be signed and dated by the officer and serves as the 9 director's official notification to the person of the director's intent to revoke, 10 suspend, or deny driving privileges in this state, and of the hearing procedures 11 under this chapter.
- 12 2. If the test was administered by saliva or urine sample or by drawing blood, the law 13 enforcement officer, on reviewing the alcohol concentration analysis showing the 14 person had an alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths of one 15 percent by weight or, with respect to a person under twenty-one years of age, an 16 alcohol concentration of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight, 17 shall mail or issue to the person a notification of the test results, a temporary 18 operator's permit extending nonresident operating privileges in this state for 19 twenty-five days from the date of mailing or issuance or until earlier terminated by 20 the decision of a hearing officer an administrative law judge under section 21 39-20-05, and notice of the intent to revoke, suspend, or deny driving privileges in 22 this state, together with the notice provided under section 39-06.1-07 of the 23 procedures available under this chapter. The temporary operator's permit must be 24 signed and dated by the officer.
- 3. The law enforcement officer, within five days of issuing the temporary operator's
 permit, shall forward to the director a certified written report in the form required by
 the director and a certified copy of the operational checklist and test records of a
 breath test and a copy of the certified copy of the analytical report for a blood,
 saliva, or urine test for all tests administered at the direction of the officer. If the
 person was issued a temporary operator's permit because of the person's refusal
 to submit to a test under sections 39-20-01 and 39-20-14, the report must include

1 information as provided in section 39-20-04. If the person was issued a temporary 2 operator's permit because of the results of a test, the report must show that the 3 officer had reasonable grounds to believe the person had been driving or was in 4 actual physical control of a motor vehicle while in violation of section 39-08-01, or 5 equivalent ordinance, that the person was lawfully arrested, that the person was 6 tested for alcohol concentration under this chapter, and that the results of the test 7 show that the person had an alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths 8 of one percent by weight or, with respect to a person under twenty-one years of 9 age, an alcohol concentration of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by 10 weight.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 39-20-04 of the North Dakota
 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

13 If a person refuses to submit to testing under section 39-20-01 or 39-20-14, none 1. 14 may be given, but the law enforcement officer shall immediately take possession of 15 the person's operator's license if it is then available and shall immediately issue to 16 that person a temporary operator's permit, if the person then has valid operating 17 privileges, extending driving privileges for the next twenty-five days or until earlier 18 terminated by a decision of a hearing officer an administrative law judge under 19 section 39-20-05. The law enforcement officer shall sign and note the date on the 20 temporary operator's permit. The temporary operator's permit serves as the 21 director's official notification to the person of the director's intent to revoke driving 22 privileges in this state and of the hearing procedures under this chapter. The 23 director, upon the receipt of that person's operator's license and a certified written 24 report of the law enforcement officer in the form required by the director, forwarded 25 by the officer within five days after issuing the temporary operator's permit, 26 showing that the officer had reasonable grounds to believe the person had been 27 driving or was in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while in violation of 28 section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance or, for purposes of section 39-20-14, had 29 reason to believe that the person committed a moving traffic violation or was 30 involved in a traffic accident as a driver, and in conjunction with the violation or 31 accident the officer has, through the officer's observations, formulated an opinion

1 that the person's body contains alcohol, that the person was lawfully arrested if 2 applicable, and that the person had refused to submit to the test or tests under 3 section 39-20-01 or 39-20-14, shall revoke that person's license or permit to drive 4 and any nonresident operating privilege for the appropriate period under this 5 section, or if the person is a resident without a license or a permit to operate a 6 motor vehicle in this state, the director shall deny to the person the issuance of a 7 license or permit for the appropriate period under this section after the date of the 8 alleged violation, subject to the opportunity for a prerevocation hearing and 9 postrevocation review as provided in this chapter. In the revocation of the person's 10 operator's license the director shall give credit for time in which the person was 11 without an operator's license after the day of the person's refusal to submit to the 12 test except that the director may not give credit for time in which the person 13 retained driving privileges through a temporary operator's permit issued under this 14 section or section 39-20-03.2. The period of revocation or denial of issuance of a 15 license or permit under this section is:

- 16a.One year if the person's driving record shows that within the five years17preceding the most recent violation of this section, the person's operator's18license has not previously been suspended, revoked, or issuance denied for a19violation of this chapter or section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance.
- b. Three years if the person's driving record shows that within the five years
 preceding the most recent violation of this section, the person's operator's
 license has been once previously suspended, revoked, or issuance denied for
 a violation of this chapter or section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance.
- c. Four years if the person's driving record shows that within the five years
 preceding the most recent violation of this section, the person's operator's
 license has at least twice previously been suspended, revoked, or issuance
 denied under this chapter, or for a violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent
 ordinance, or any combination of the same, and the suspensions, revocations,
 or denials resulted from at least two separate arrests.

30 SECTION 7. AMENDMENT. Section 39-20-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is
 31 amended and reenacted as follows:

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39-20-05. Administrative hearing on request.

2 1. Before issuing an order of suspension, revocation, or denial under section 3 39-20-04 or 39-20-04.1, the director shall afford that person an opportunity for a 4 hearing if the person mails or communicates by other means authorized by the 5 director a request for the hearing to the director within ten days after the date of 6 issuance of the temporary operator's permit. The hearing must be held within thirty 7 days after the date of issuance of the temporary operator's permit. If no a hearing 8 is not requested within the time limits in this section, and no an affidavit is not 9 submitted within the time limits under subsection 2 of section 39-20-04, the 10 expiration of the temporary operator's permit serves as the director's official 11 notification to the person of the revocation, suspension, or denial of driving 12 privileges in this state.

13 2. If the issue to be determined by the hearing concerns license suspension for 14 operating a motor vehicle while having an alcohol concentration of at least eight 15 one-hundredths of one percent by weight or, with respect to a person under 16 twenty-one years of age, an alcohol concentration of at least two one-hundredths 17 of one percent by weight, the hearing must be before a hearing officer assigned by 18 the director an administrative law judge and at a time and place designated by the 19 director of the office of administrative hearings. The hearing must be recorded and 20 its scope may cover only the issues of whether the arresting officer had reasonable 21 grounds to believe the person had been driving or was in actual physical control of 22 a vehicle in violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance or, with respect to 23 a person under twenty-one years of age, the person had been driving or was in 24 actual physical control of a vehicle while having an alcohol concentration of at least 25 two one-hundredths of one percent by weight; whether the person was placed 26 under arrest, unless the person was under twenty-one years of age and the alcohol 27 concentration was less than eight one-hundredths of one percent by weight, then 28 arrest is not required and is not an issue under any provision of this chapter; 29 whether the person was tested in accordance with section 39-20-01 or 39-20-03 30 and, if applicable, section 39-20-02; and whether the test results show the person 31 had an alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths of one percent by

1 weight or, with respect to a person under twenty-one years of age, an alcohol 2 concentration of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight. For 3 purposes of this section, a copy of a certified copy of an analytical report of a 4 blood, urine, or saliva sample from the director of the state crime laboratory or the 5 director's designee or a certified copy of the checklist and test records from a 6 certified breath test operator establish prima facie the alcohol concentration shown 7 therein. Whether the person was informed that the privilege to drive might be 8 suspended based on the results of the test is not an issue.

9 If the issue to be determined by the hearing concerns license revocation for 3. 10 refusing to submit to a test under section 39-20-01 or 39-20-14, the hearing must 11 be before a hearing officer assigned by the director an administrative law judge at 12 a time and place designated by the director of the office of administrative hearings. 13 The hearing must be recorded. The scope of a hearing for refusing to submit to a 14 test under section 39-20-01 may cover only the issues of whether a law 15 enforcement officer had reasonable grounds to believe the person had been 16 driving or was in actual physical control of a vehicle in violation of section 39-08-01 17 or equivalent ordinance or, with respect to a person under twenty-one years of age, 18 the person had been driving or was in actual physical control of a vehicle while 19 having an alcohol concentration of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by 20 weight; whether the person was placed under arrest; and whether that person 21 refused to submit to the test or tests. The scope of a hearing for refusing to submit 22 to a test under section 39-20-14 may cover only the issues of whether the law 23 enforcement officer had reason to believe the person committed a moving traffic 24 violation or was involved in a traffic accident as a driver, whether in conjunction 25 with the violation or the accident the officer has, through the officer's observations, 26 formulated an opinion that the person's body contains alcohol and, whether the 27 person refused to submit to the onsite screening test. Whether the person was 28 informed that the privilege to drive would be revoked or denied for refusal to submit 29 to the test or tests is not an issue.

30 4. At a hearing under this section, the regularly kept records of the director may be
31 introduced. Those records establish prima facie their contents without further

1 foundation. For purposes of this chapter, the following are deemed regularly kept 2 records of the director: any copy of a certified copy of an analytical report of a 3 blood, urine, or saliva sample received by the director from the director of the state 4 crime laboratory or the director's designee or a law enforcement officer, a certified 5 copy of the checklist and test records received by the director from a certified 6 breath test operator, and any copy of a certified copy of a certificate of the director 7 of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee relating to approved 8 methods, devices, operators, materials, and checklists used for testing for alcohol 9 concentration received by the director from the director of the state crime 10 laboratory, the director's designee, or the recorder, unless the board of county 11 commissioners has designated a different official to maintain the certificate. 12 5. At the close of the hearing, the hearing officer administrative law judge shall notify 13 the person of the hearing officer's administrative law judge's findings of fact, 14 conclusions of law, and decision based on the findings and conclusions and shall 15 immediately deliver to the person a copy of the decision. If the hearing officer 16 administrative law judge does not find in favor of the person, the copy of the 17 decision serves as the director's official notification to the person of the revocation, 18 suspension, or denial of driving privileges in this state. If the hearing officer 19 administrative law judge finds, based on a preponderance of the evidence, that the 20 person refused a test under section 39-20-01 or 39-20-14 or that the person had 21 an alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths of one percent by weight 22 or, with respect to a person under twenty-one years of age, an alcohol 23 concentration of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight, the hearing 24 officer shall administrative law judge immediately shall take possession of the 25 person's temporary operator's permit issued under this chapter. If the hearing 26 officer administrative law judge does not find against the person, the hearing 27 officer administrative law judge shall sign, date, and mark on the person's permit 28 an extension of driving privileges for the next twenty days and shall return the 29 permit to the person. The hearing officer administrative law judge shall report the 30 findings, conclusions, and decisions to the director within ten days of the 31 conclusion of the hearing. If the hearing officer administrative law judge has

- determined in favor of the person, the director shall return the person's operator's
 license by regular mail to the address on file with the director under section
 39-06-20.
- 4 6. If the person who requested a hearing under this section fails to appear at the 5 hearing without justification, the right to the hearing is waived, and the hearing 6 officer's administrative law judge's determination on license revocation. 7 suspension, or denial will be based on the written request for hearing, law 8 enforcement officer's report, and other evidence as may be available. The hearing 9 officer shall administrative law judge, on the date for which the hearing is 10 scheduled, shall mail to the person, by regular mail, at the address on file with the 11 director under section 39-06-20, or at any other address for the person or the 12 person's legal representative supplied in the request for hearing, a copy of the 13 decision which serves as the director's official notification to the person of the 14 revocation, suspension, or denial of driving privileges in this state. Even if the 15 person for whom the hearing is scheduled fails to appear at the hearing, the 16 hearing is deemed to have been held on the date for which it is scheduled for 17 purposes of appeal under section 39-20-06.

18 SECTION 8. AMENDMENT. Section 39-20-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
19 amended and reenacted as follows:

20 **39-20-06.** Judicial review. Any person whose operator's license or privilege has been 21 suspended, revoked, or denied by the decision of the hearing officer administrative law judge 22 under section 39-20-05 may appeal within seven days after the date of the hearing under 23 section 39-20-05 as shown by the date of the hearing officer's administrative law judge's 24 decision, section 28-32-42 notwithstanding, by serving on the director and filing a notice of 25 appeal and specifications of error in the district court in the county where the events occurred 26 for which the demand for a test was made, or in the county in which the administrative hearing 27 was held. The court shall set the matter for hearing, and the petitioner shall give twenty days' 28 notice of the hearing to the director and to the hearing officer who rendered the decision. 29 Neither the director nor the. The court may not stay the decision pending decision on appeal. 30 Within twenty days after receipt of the notice of appeal, the director or the hearing officer who 31 rendered the decision shall file in the office of the clerk of court to which the appeal is taken a

certified transcript of the testimony and all other proceedings. It is the record on which the
appeal must be determined. No <u>The court may not hear</u> additional evidence may be heard.
The court shall affirm the decision of the director or hearing officer administrative law judge
unless it the court finds the evidence insufficient to warrant the conclusion reached by the
director or hearing officer administrative law judge. The court may direct that the matter be
returned to the director or hearing officer administrative law judge for rehearing and the
presentation of additional evidence.

8 SECTION 10. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 54-57-03 of the North Dakota
9 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

10 Notwithstanding the authority granted in chapter 28-32 allowing agency heads or 1. 11 other persons to preside in an administrative proceeding, all adjudicative 12 proceedings of administrative agencies under chapter 28-32, except those of the 13 public service commission, the industrial commission, the insurance commissioner, 14 workforce safety and insurance, the state engineer, the department of 15 transportation, job service North Dakota, and the labor commissioner, must be 16 conducted by the office of administrative hearings in accordance with the 17 adjudicative proceedings provisions of chapter 28-32 and any rules adopted 18 pursuant to chapter 28-32. But, appeals Appeals hearings pursuant to section 19 61-03-22 and drainage appeals from water resource boards to the state engineer 20 pursuant to chapter 61-32 must be conducted by the office of administrative 21 hearings. Additionally, hearings <u>Hearings</u> of the department of corrections and 22 rehabilitation for the parole board in accordance with chapter 12-59, regarding 23 parole violations; job discipline and dismissal appeals to the board of higher 24 education; Individuals With Disabilities Education Act and section 504 due process 25 hearings of the superintendent of public instruction; and chapter 37-19.1 veterans' 26 preferences hearings for any agency; and hearings of the department of 27 transportation under sections 39-06.2-10.6 and 39-20-05 must be conducted by the 28 office of administrative hearings in accordance with applicable laws.