

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1134

Introduced by

Transportation Committee

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-20-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to mailing of report and notice forms for driving under the influence.

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, proceed in accordance
8 with subsection 3, or notify a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the
9 person lives. On that notification, that law enforcement agency shall immediately
10 take possession of the person's North Dakota operator's license or permit if it is
11 then available and, within twenty-four hours, forward the license and a copy of the
12 temporary operator's permit to the law enforcement agency making the arrest or to
13 the director. The law enforcement agency shall also, on taking possession of the
14 person's operator's license, issue to that person a temporary operator's permit as
15 provided in this section, and shall sign and date the permit as provided in
16 subsection 1. ~~Alternatively, if~~

17 3. If the test results indicate an alcohol concentration at or above the legal limit, the
18 law enforcement agency making the arrest may mail a temporary operator's permit
19 to the person who submitted to the blood, urine, or saliva test, whether or not the
20 person is a resident of the area in which the law enforcement officer has
21 jurisdiction. The third day after the mailing of the temporary operator's permit is
22 considered the date of issuance. Within three days after the person receives the
23 temporary operator's permit, the person shall mail the person's North Dakota
24 operator's license to the law enforcement agency that made the arrest. Actual
25 notice of the opportunity for a hearing under this section is deemed to have
26 occurred seventy-two hours after the notice is mailed by regular mail to the
27 address submitted by the person to the law enforcement officer. The temporary
28 operator's permit serves as the director's official notification to the person of the
29 director's intent to revoke, suspend, or deny driving privileges in this state.

30 ~~3.~~ 4. The law enforcement officer, within five days of the issuance of the temporary
31 operator's permit, shall forward to the director a certified written report in the form

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