

Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1079

Introduced by

Transportation Committee

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 39-12-05 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to steering axle weight limits on the national system of interstate and
3 defense highways.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 39-12-05 of the North Dakota Century
6 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 1. With a single axle that carries a gross weight in excess of twenty thousand pounds
8 [9071.85 kilograms] or a wheel load over ten thousand pounds [4535.92 kilograms]. A
9 wheel may not carry a gross weight over five hundred fifty pounds [249.48 kilograms]
10 for each inch [2.54 centimeters] of tire width except that such limits may not be applied
11 to tires on the steering axle. Steering axle weights are limited to twenty thousand
12 pounds [9071.85 kilograms] or the axle rating established by the manufacturer,
13 whichever is lower. Axles spaced forty inches [101.60 centimeters] apart or less are
14 considered as one axle and, on axles spaced over forty inches [101.60 centimeters]
15 and under eight feet [2.44 meters] apart, the axle load may not exceed seventeen
16 thousand pounds [7711.07 kilograms] per axle. The wheel load, in any instance, may
17 not exceed one-half the allowable axle load. Spacing between axles is measured from
18 axle center to axle center.