

Sixty-third  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1279**

Introduced by

Representative Ruby

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 39-12-05.3 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to wheel weight limitations.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 39-12-05.3 of the North Dakota  
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **39-12-05.3. Weight limitations for vehicles on highways other than the interstate**  
7 **system.**

8 1. A person may not operate on a highway that is not part of the interstate system any  
9 vehicle with a single axle that carries a gross weight in excess of twenty thousand  
10 pounds [9071.85 kilograms] or a wheel load over ten thousand pounds [4535.92  
11 kilograms]. A wheel may not carry a gross weight over ~~five hundred fifty~~ six hundred  
12 sixty pounds [~~249.48~~ 299.37 kilograms] for each inch [2.54 centimeters] of tire width.  
13 Axles spaced forty inches [101.60 centimeters] apart or less are considered as one  
14 axle. On axles spaced over forty inches [101.60 centimeters] and under eight feet  
15 [2.44 meters] apart, the axle load may not exceed nineteen thousand pounds [8618.26  
16 kilograms] per axle, with a maximum of thirty-four thousand pounds [15422.14  
17 kilograms] gross weight on a tandem axle and a maximum of forty-eight thousand  
18 pounds [21772.32 kilograms] gross weight on any grouping of three or more axles.  
19 The wheel load, in any instance, may not exceed one-half the allowable axle load.  
20 Spacing between axles is measured from axle center to axle center.