

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3052
(Representatives Mock, D. Ruby)
(Senators Bakke, Rust)

A concurrent resolution requesting the Legislative Management to study North Dakota Century Code Title 39, including traffic fines and penalties imposed by state and local governments, implementation of methods and mechanisms to improve traffic safety, decrease motor vehicle crashes, fatalities, and injuries, and discourage impaired driving, speeding, distracted driving, and lack of seatbelt use in North Dakota.

WHEREAS, there are more than 15,000 vehicle crashes in North Dakota each year resulting in fatalities, injuries, and property damage; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, 113 people died on North Dakota roads; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, males aged 18 to 34 accounted for 36 percent of all unbelted crash fatalities, 44 percent of drivers in speed-related fatal crashes, and 44 percent of impaired drivers involved in fatal crashes; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of motor vehicle fatalities in North Dakota are the result of driver behavior including impaired driving, speed, distracted driving, and lack of seatbelt use; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 3,477 people nationwide were killed and an estimated 391,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers in 2015; and

WHEREAS, speed or driving too fast for conditions is a factor in about one-third of fatal crashes in North Dakota each year; and

WHEREAS, there may be several chapters within North Dakota Century Code Title 39 in need of updating or further review due to inconsistencies or statutory conflicts, including definitions of emergency vehicles, terminology related to Highway Patrol, title registration, and equipment and lighting requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That during the 2019-20 interim, the Legislative Management shall consider studying the traffic fines and penalties imposed by state and local governments and conduct a complete analysis of North Dakota Century Code Title 39. The study must include a comprehensive assessment addressing any inconsistencies, conflicting chapters or sections, or lack of clarity within North Dakota Century Code Title 39 and a review of North Dakota's traffic fines, fees, and penalty statutes and compare them with the fines, fees, and penalties of other states; and include an analytical evaluation of methods to improve traffic safety, decrease motor vehicle crashes, fatalities, and injuries, and discourage impaired driving, speeding, distracted driving, and lack of seatbelt use in North Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendation, to the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2019,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State