

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Senate Amendments**

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1229**

Introduced by

Representatives Schauer, Beltz, Bosch, Dockter, Grueneich, Heinert, Swiontek, McLeod

Senators Cleary, Clemens, Sickler

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 39-06.1-06  
2 and section 39-10-71.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to statutory fees for traffic  
3 offenses and a motor vehicle owner's responsibility regarding a driver who flees a peace officer;  
4 to provide a penalty; and to declare an emergency.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 39-06.1-06 of the North Dakota  
7 Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

8 A violation of section 39-10-71.1, a fee of one hundred dollars for a first violation,  
9 and five hundred dollars for a second or subsequent violation except as provided  
10 under section 39-10-71.1.

11 **SECTION 2.** Section 39-10-71.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
12 as follows:

13 **39-10-71.1. Motor vehicle owner's responsibility regarding a driver who flees a peace**  
14 **officer - Exceptions.**

15 1. The owner of a motor vehicle involved in a violation of section 39-10-71 is presumed  
16 to have violated this section.

17 2. A peace officer may proceed in accordance with this section instead of pursuing the  
18 driver of a motor vehicle who flees or attempts to elude the peace officer after being  
19 given a visual or audible signal to bring the vehicle to a stop in violation of section  
20 39-10-71.

21 a. A peace officer may investigate the violation and prepare a traffic citation under  
22 this section.

- 1            b. A peace officer may issue a traffic citation under this section in accordance with  
2            the North Dakota Rules of Civil Procedure to the motor vehicle owner within  
3            ninety-six hours after observing the violation.
- 4            3. A motor vehicle owner may not be found to have violated this section if:
- 5            a. The driver operating the motor vehicle at the time of the violation of section  
6            39-10-71 has been charged with a violation of section 39-10-71.
- 7            b. The motor vehicle was reported stolen before the violation occurred or within a  
8            reasonable time after the violation occurred.
- 9            c. The motor vehicle owner assists or cooperates with a peace officer to  
10           demonstrate the owner was not the one who operated the motor vehicle at the  
11           time and place of the violation of section 39-10-71.
- 12           d. The motor vehicle owner provides information that demonstrates the owner was  
13           not the driver of the motor vehicle at the time of the offense.
- 14           4. A motor vehicle owner may not be found to have violated this section, and the lessee  
15           is presumed to have violated this section, if the motor vehicle owner is a lessor of  
16           vehicles and at the time of the violation of section 39-10-71 the motor vehicle was in  
17           the possession of a lessee, and the lessor provides a peace officer with the motor  
18           vehicle's registration number and the name, address, and operator's license number of  
19           the individual renting or leasing the motor vehicle.
- 20           5. An individual may not be charged both with violating this section and section 39-10-71  
21           for acts arising out of the same incident or occurrence.
- 22           6. This section may not apply to a motor vehicle rental company that rents motor vehicles  
23           to customers for a period of ninety days or less.

24           **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.