

HOUSE BILL NO. 1407

Introduced by

Representatives Brandenburg, Grueneich, Headland, Nehring

Senators Luick, Myrdal, Thomas, Wanzek, Conley

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 39-12-05 and subsection 2 of
2 section 39-12-05.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to weight limitations for vehicles
3 on the interstate system and weight limitations for vehicles on highways other than the
4 interstate system.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 39-12-05 of the North Dakota Century
7 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 8 2. Subject to the limitations imposed by subsection 1 on tires, wheel, and axle loads, the
9 gross weight of which exceeds that determined by the formula of:

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$$W = 500 (L^N / N - 1 + 12N + 36)$$

11 where W equals maximum weight in pounds carried on any group of more than one
12 axle; L equals distance in feet between the extremes of any group of consecutive
13 axles; and N equals number of axles in the group under consideration, except that two
14 consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of thirty-four thousand
15 pounds [15422.14 kilograms] each, providing the overall distance between the first
16 and last axles of the consecutive sets of tandem axles is at least thirty-six feet [10.97
17 meters]. The gross weight may not exceed ~~eighty thousand one hundred thirteen~~
18 thousand pounds [~~36287.395~~1255.94 kilograms].

19 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 39-12-05.3 of the North Dakota
20 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 21 2. Subject to the limitations imposed by subsection 1 on tires, wheel, and axle loads, a
22 person may not operate on a highway that is not part of the interstate system any
23 vehicle the gross weight of which exceeds that determined by the formula of:

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$$W = 500 (LN + 12N + 36)$$

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2 where W equals the maximum gross weight in pounds on any vehicle or combination
3 of vehicles; L equals distance in feet between the two extreme axles of any vehicle or
4 combination of vehicles; and N equals the number of axles of any vehicle or
5 combination of vehicles under consideration. The gross weight on state highways
6 may not exceed ~~one hundred five thousand five hundred~~ one hundred thirteen
7 thousand pounds [~~47854.5~~ 1255.94 kilograms] unless otherwise posted ~~and on all other~~
8 ~~highways the gross weight may not exceed eighty thousand pounds~~ [~~36287.39~~
9 ~~kilograms~~] ~~unless~~ designated by local authorities for highways under their jurisdiction
10 for gross weights not to exceed one hundred five thousand five hundred pounds
11 [47854 kilograms]. Local authorities are encouraged to assess all roads under their
12 jurisdiction and designate the roads for the appropriate weight limits allowed under this
13 subsection.