

**SENATE BILL NO. 2262**

Introduced by

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Representative Keiser

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-08-20 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the penalty for driving without liability insurance.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-08-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **39-08-20. Driving without liability insurance prohibited - Penalty.** A person may  
7 not drive, or the owner may not cause or knowingly permit to be driven, a motor vehicle in this  
8 state without a valid policy of liability insurance in effect in order to respond in damages for  
9 liability arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of that motor vehicle in the amount  
10 required by chapter 39-16.1. Upon being stopped by a law enforcement officer for the purpose  
11 of enforcing or investigating the possible violation of an ordinance or state law or during the  
12 investigation of an accident, the person driving the motor vehicle shall provide to the officer  
13 upon request satisfactory evidence of the policy required under this section. If unable to comply  
14 with the request, that person may be charged with a violation of this section if that person fails  
15 to submit such evidence to the officer or the officer's agency within twenty days of the date of  
16 the request. If that person produces a valid policy of liability insurance in effect at the time of  
17 violation of this section to the officer, officer's agency, or a court, that person may not be  
18 convicted or assessed any court costs for violation of this section. Violation of this section is a  
19 class B misdemeanor and the sentence imposed must include a fine of at least ~~one~~ three  
20 hundred ~~five~~ dollars and community service of sixteen hours which may not be suspended. A  
21 person convicted for a second or subsequent violation of driving without liability insurance  
22 within an eighteen-month period must be fined at least ~~three~~ six hundred dollars and  
23 community service of thirty-two hours which may not be suspended.