

SENATE BILL NO. 2207

Introduced by

Senators Trenbeath, Fischer

Representative Nelson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-06-14 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to license examinations.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-06-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **39-06-14. Licenses issued to operators - General - Classified driver's license.**

7 1. The director, upon payment of a ten dollar fee, shall issue to every qualified
8 applicant an operator's license as applied for in the form prescribed by the director.
9 The license must bear a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, a color
10 photograph of the licensee, the full name, date of birth, residence address, and a
11 brief description of the licensee, and either a facsimile of the signature of the
12 licensee or a space upon which the licensee shall write the licensee's usual
13 signature. The director may not issue a distinguishing number that is, contains,
14 can be converted to, or is an encrypted version of the applicant's social security
15 number unless specifically requested by an applicant. If the licensee is under the
16 age of eighteen, the photograph must be against a color border or background that
17 is different from the color used for other licensees. If the licensee is at least the
18 age of eighteen and is under the age of twenty-one, the photograph must be
19 against a color border or background that is different from the color used for other
20 licensees. If requested on the license application, the license issued by the
21 director must include a statement making an anatomical gift under chapter 23-06.2.
22 No license is valid until it has been signed by the licensee with the licensee's usual
23 signature. The department shall develop a system to require each applicant for an
24 operator's license or renewal of an operator's license to determine whether or not

1 the applicant wishes to be a donor under chapter 23-06.2. For purposes of
2 verification, an officer may require the licensee to write the licensee's signature in
3 the presence of the officer. The director may adopt rules, pursuant to chapter
4 28-32, relating to the manner in which photographs are to be obtained and placed
5 on operator's licenses. The photograph may be produced by digital imaging or
6 other electronic means and is not a public record.

7 2. a. ~~All applicants~~ An applicant holding a valid North Dakota operator's license
8 making application for renewal must be issued a class D license without being
9 subjected to an examination ~~as herein provided~~.

10 3. b. ~~All applicants~~ An applicant, except ~~those~~ an applicant holding a valid North
11 Dakota operator's license who will be issued a class D license, applying for
12 issuance of an operator license ~~license~~ must be issued a classified license
13 after having been required to submit to an examination in the type of motor
14 vehicle or combination of vehicles for which license is desired and which
15 license shall authorize the holder to drive the vehicles as provided in section
16 39-06.2-09, or as follows:

17 (1) a. ~~Class A driver with a class D.~~ Any license may operate any single vehicle
18 with a gross vehicle weight rating of twenty-six thousand pounds [11793.40
19 kilograms] or less or any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle
20 weight rating not in excess of ten thousand pounds [4535.92 kilograms]. A
21 driver with a class D license may operate a farm tractor towing another
22 vehicle having a gross weight in excess of ten thousand pounds [4535.92
23 kilograms], and a truck towing a trailer, semitrailer, or farm trailer when the
24 gross weight of the trailer, semitrailer, or farm trailer, not including the weight
25 of the towing vehicle, does not exceed sixteen thousand pounds [7257.48
26 kilograms].

27 (2) ~~A driver with a class D license may operate a~~ house car or a vehicle
28 towing a travel trailer being used solely for personal purposes ~~may be~~
29 ~~driven with a class D license.~~

30 (3) b. ~~Farm exemption. The holder of~~ A driver with a class D license may operate
31 any two-axle or tandem-axle motor vehicle, a farm tractor towing another

1 vehicle having a gross weight in excess of six thousand pounds [2721.55
2 kilograms], and a truck or truck tractor towing a trailer, semitrailer, or farm
3 trailer if the driver is exempted from a commercial driver's license under
4 subsection 3 of section 39-06.2-06, except:

5 (a) ~~A~~ the driver may not operate a double trailer, triple trailer, or, if
6 under eighteen years of age, a truck tractor as defined in section
7 39-01-01:

8 (b) ~~A or a~~ bus designed to carry sixteen or more passengers,
9 including the driver.

10 (4) c. ~~Class A driver with a class M.~~ Any licensee may operate motor vehicle
11 having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not
12 more than three wheels in contact with the ground, but excluding motorized
13 bicycles, tractors, and vehicles on which the operator or passengers, or both,
14 ride within an enclosed cab. A class M vehicle may not be operated under a
15 class A, B, C, or D license.

16 e. (1) The holder of a class A, B, C, or D license may receive a class M
17 endorsement upon successful completion of an examination. The
18 director may waive the skill portion of the examination if the applicant
19 has successfully completed a motorcycle safety course approved by the
20 director.

21 d. ~~The holder of a class A, B, or C license may drive any vehicle in that~~
22 ~~classification, or lesser classification, except a class M vehicle.~~

23 e. (2) An applicant sixteen years of age and older, who does not hold a
24 current valid operator's license may be issued a class M learner's
25 permit after successful completion of a written examination. The
26 class M license will be issued after the applicant has successfully
27 completed a driver's examination. The director may waive the skill
28 portion of the examination if the applicant has successfully completed a
29 motorcycle safety course approved by the director.

30 f. (3) Applicants fourteen or fifteen years of age may be issued a motorcycle
31 learner's permit if the applicant is enrolled in or has completed an

1 approved motorcycle safety course. Applicants for a motorcycle
2 operator's license who are under sixteen years of age shall hold an
3 initial learner's permit for at least two months before applying for a class
4 M operator's license, shall have completed an approved motorcycle
5 safety course, and shall hold a valid motorcycle learner's permit at the
6 time of application. The director may waive the skill portion of the
7 examination if the applicant has successfully completed a motorcycle
8 safety course approved by the director. Any person under sixteen years
9 of age who holds a permit or license is restricted to the operation of a
10 motorcycle powered with an engine of two hundred fifty cubic
11 centimeters, or less, displacement. Evidence that the applicant has
12 satisfactorily completed a motorcycle safety course which meets the
13 minimum requirements of the motorcycle safety foundation must
14 accompany the application.

15 4. The holder of a class A, B, or C license may drive any vehicle in that or a lesser
16 classification, except a class M vehicle.

17 ~~3.~~ 5. Any holder of a classified license who drives a motor vehicle otherwise than as
18 permitted by the class of license issued to the holder is deemed to be driving a
19 motor vehicle without being duly licensed under this chapter. The holder of a
20 classified license who desires to obtain a different class license in one of the
21 classes provided by this chapter must exchange or renew the license. The director
22 may adopt rules the director determines are necessary with respect to such
23 renewals or exchanges for the proper administration of this chapter. No class A, B,
24 or C license may be issued to any person under eighteen years of age, except a
25 class A, B, or C type license specially restricted to use for custom harvest
26 purposes must be issued to a person at least sixteen years of age who
27 satisfactorily completes the appropriate examinations.

28 4. ~~6.~~ If Before operating any motor vehicle or motorcycle, any holder of a license issued
29 pursuant to this chapter ~~suffers~~ who has suffered permanent loss of use of a hand,
30 arm, foot, leg, or eye, ~~the person shall, before operating any motor vehicle or~~
31 ~~motorcycle, make a report thereof~~ the loss of use to the director who shall take

1 ~~such~~ reasonable action as may be proper under the provisions of this chapter as to
2 reexamination the licensee to determine if the licensee is capable of operating
3 vehicles for which the ~~individual~~ licensee is licensed.

4 ~~5.~~ 7. The director may issue a motorized bicycle operator's permit to an applicant who is
5 at least fourteen years of age. To obtain a permit, the applicant shall pay a fee of
6 ten dollars and take a written examination of the applicant's knowledge of traffic
7 laws and general rules of the road. If the applicant passes the written examination
8 and the director is satisfied that the applicant has adequate eyesight, the director
9 may issue the applicant a motorized bicycle operator's permit, even if the applicant
10 does not have an operator's license. The permit expires in the same manner as an
11 operator's license. A person who has an operator's license, a temporary permit, an
12 instruction permit, or a motorcycle permit is not required to obtain a motorized
13 bicycle operator's permit.