

SENATE BILL NO. 2213

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact three new subsections to section 39-01-01 and a new
2 subsection to section 39-12-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to definitions of
3 motor vehicles and the width of motor vehicles; and to amend and reenact subsections 25 and
4 84 of section 39-01-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definitions of house
5 car and travel trailer.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Three new subsections to section 39-01-01 of the North Dakota Century
8 Code are created and enacted as follows:

9 "Camping trailer" means a vehicular portable unit mounted on wheels and
10 constructed with collapsible partial side walls that fold for towing by another vehicle
11 and unfold at the campsite to provide temporary living quarters for recreational,
12 camping, or travel use.

13 "Fifth-wheel travel trailer" means a vehicular unit mounted on wheels, designed to
14 provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use, of such
15 size or weight as not to require a special highway movement permit and designed
16 to be towed by a motorized vehicle that contains a towing mechanism that is
17 mounted above or forward of the tow vehicle's rear axle.

18 "Truck camper" means a portable unit that is constructed to provide temporary
19 living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use; consists of a roof, floor, and
20 sides; and is designed to be loaded onto and unloaded from the bed of a pickup
21 truck.

1 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 25 and 84 of section 39-01-01 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

- 3 25. "House car" or "motor home" means a motor vehicle which has been reconstructed
4 or manufactured primarily for private use as a temporary or recreational dwelling
5 and having at least four of the following permanently installed systems:
6 a. Cooking facilities.
7 b. Icebox or mechanical refrigerator.
8 c. Potable water supply including plumbing and a sink with faucet either
9 self-contained or with connections for an external source, or both.
10 d. Self-contained toilet or a toilet connected to a plumbing system with
11 connection for external water disposal, or both.
12 e. Heating or air-conditioning system, or both, separate from the vehicle engine
13 or the vehicle engine electrical system.
14 f. A 110-115 volt alternating current electrical system separate from the vehicle
15 engine electrical system either with its own power supply or with a connection
16 for an external source, or both, or a liquefied petroleum system and supply.
17 84. "~~Travel trailer~~" means a ~~mobile home or housetrailer designed to be towed behind~~
18 ~~a motor vehicle for recreational purposes and providing temporary sleeping~~
19 ~~quarters for people~~ vehicular unit mounted on wheels, designed to provide
20 temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use, and of such size
21 or weight as not to require a special highway movement permit when towed by a
22 motorized vehicle.

23 **SECTION 3.** A new subsection to section 39-12-04 of the North Dakota Century Code
24 is created and enacted as follows:

25 Motor homes, house cars, travel trailers, fifth-wheel travel trailers, camping trailers,
26 and truck campers may exceed eight feet six inches [2.59 meters] in width if the
27 excess is attributable to an appurtenance that extends beyond the body of the
28 vehicle no more than six inches [15.24 centimeters] on either side of the vehicle.
29 For purposes of this subsection, the term appurtenance includes a shade awning
30 and its support hardware, and any appendage that is intended to be an integral

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- 1 part of a motor home, house car, travel trailer, fifth-wheel travel trailer, camping
- 2 trailer, or truck camper.