

Sixty-third  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2240

Introduced by

Senators Mathern, Anderson

Representatives Gruchalla, Hunskor, N. Johnson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 39-06.1-10 and a new section  
2 to chapter 39-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the twenty-four seven sobriety  
3 program; to amend and reenact subsection 7 of section 39-06.1-10, sections 39-06.1-11,  
4 39-08-01, 39-08-01.2, 39-20-01, 39-20-03.1, 39-20-04, 39-20-04.1, and 39-20-05, subsection 6  
5 of section 39-20-07, and section 39-20-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to driving  
6 while under the influence; to provide for a legislative management study; to provide a penalty;  
7 and to provide an appropriation.

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

9 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 39-06.1-10 of the North Dakota  
10 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 11 7. The period of suspension imposed for a violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent  
12 ordinance is:
- 13 a. Ninety-one days if the operator's record shows the person has not violated  
14 section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance within the five~~seven~~ years preceding  
15 the last violation.
  - 16 b. One hundred eighty days if the operator's record shows the person has not  
17 violated section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance within five~~seven~~ years  
18 preceding the last violation and the violation was for an alcohol concentration of  
19 at least eighteen one-hundredths of one percent by weight.
  - 20 c. Three hundred sixty-five days if the operator's record shows the person has once  
21 violated section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance within the five~~seven~~ years  
22 preceding the last violation.
  - 23 d. Two years if the operator's record shows the person has at least once violated  
24 section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance within the five~~seven~~ years preceding

1                   the last violation and the violation was for an alcohol concentration of at least  
2                   eighteen one-hundredths of one percent by weight.

3           e.   Two years if the operator's record shows the person has at least twice violated  
4           section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance within the five~~seven~~ years preceding  
5           the last violation.

6           f.   Three years if the operator's record shows the person has at least twice violated  
7           section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance within the five~~seven~~ years preceding  
8           the last violation and the violation is for an alcohol concentration of at least  
9           eighteen one-hundredths of one percent by weight.

10           **SECTION 2.** A new subsection to section 39-06.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
11 created and enacted as follows:

12           An individual who has a temporary restricted driver's license with the restriction the  
13           individual participates in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under chapter 54-12  
14           is not subject to the suspension periods under this section.

15           **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-06.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
16 amended and reenacted as follows:

17           **39-06.1-11. Temporary restricted license - Ignition interlock device.**

18           1.   Except as provided under subsection 2, if the director has suspended a license under  
19           section 39-06.1-10 or has extended a suspension or revocation under section  
20           39-06-43, upon receiving written application from the offender affected, the director  
21           may for good cause issue a temporary restricted operator's license valid for the  
22           remainder of the suspension period after seven days of the suspension period have  
23           passed.

24           2.   If the director has suspended a license under chapter 39-20, or after a violation of  
25           section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance, upon written application of the offender the  
26           director may issue ~~for good cause~~ a temporary restricted license that takes effect after  
27           thirty days of the suspension have been served after a first offense under section  
28           39-08-01 or chapter 39-20, but if the offender is participating in the twenty-four seven  
29           sobriety program under chapter 54-12, the director may issue a temporary restricted  
30           license that takes effect after fifteen days of the suspension have been served. The  
31           director may not issue a temporary restricted license to any offender whose operator's

1 license has been revoked under section 39-20-04 or suspended upon a second or  
2 subsequent offense under section 39-08-01 or chapter 39-20, except that a temporary  
3 restricted license may be issued in accordance with subsection 5 if the offender is  
4 participating in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under chapter 54-12 or for  
5 good cause if the offender has not committed an offense for a period of two years  
6 before the date of the filing of a written application that must be accompanied by a  
7 report from an appropriate licensed addiction treatment program or if the offender is  
8 participating in the drug court program and has not committed an offense for a period  
9 of three hundred sixty-five days before the date of the filing of a written application that  
10 must be accompanied by a recommendation from the district court. The director may  
11 conduct a hearing for the purposes of obtaining information, reports, and evaluations  
12 from courts, law enforcement, and citizens to determine the offender's conduct and  
13 driving behavior during the prerequisite period of time. The director may also require  
14 that an ignition interlock device be installed in the offender's vehicle.

15 3. The director may not issue a temporary restricted license for a period of license  
16 revocation or suspension imposed under subsection 5 of section 39-06-17 or section  
17 39-06-31. A temporary restricted license may be issued for suspensions ordered under  
18 subsection 7 of section 39-06-32 if it could have been issued had the suspension  
19 resulted from in-state conduct.

20 4. A restricted license issued under this section is solely for the use of a motor vehicle  
21 during the licensee's normal working hours, or as provided under subsection 5, and  
22 may contain any other restrictions authorized by section 39-06-17. Violation of a  
23 restriction imposed according to this section is deemed a violation of section 39-06-17.

24 5. If an offender has been charged with, or convicted of, a second or subsequent  
25 violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance, or if the offender's license is  
26 subject to suspension under chapter 39-20 and the offender's driver's license is not  
27 subject to an unrelated suspension or revocation, the director shall issue a temporary  
28 restricted driver's ~~permit~~ license to the offender only for the purpose of  
29 ~~participation upon the restriction the offender participate~~ in the twenty-four seven  
30 sobriety program ~~upon~~ under chapter 54-12. The offender shall submit an application  
31 to the director for a temporary restricted license along with submission of proof of

1 financial responsibility and proof of participation in the twenty-four seven sobriety  
2 program by the offender to receive a temporary restricted license. If a court or the  
3 parole board finds that an offender has violated a condition of the twenty-four seven-  
4 sobriety program, the court or parole board may order the temporary restricted driver's-  
5 permit be revoked and take possession of the temporary restricted driver's permit. The  
6 court or the parole board shall send a copy of the order to the director who shall record  
7 the revocation of the temporary restricted driver's permit. Revocation of a temporary  
8 restricted driver's permit for violation of a condition of the twenty-four seven sobriety-  
9 program does not preclude the offender's eligibility for a temporary restricted driver's  
10 license under any other provisions of this section.

11 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-08-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
12 amended and reenacted as follows:

13 **39-08-01. Persons under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any other drugs or**  
14 **substances not to operate vehicle - Penalty.**

- 15 1. A person may not drive or be in actual physical control of any vehicle upon a highway  
16 or upon public or private areas to which the public has a right of access for vehicular  
17 use in this state if any of the following apply:
- 18 a. That person has an alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths of one  
19 percent by weight at the time of the performance of a chemical test within two  
20 hours after the driving or being in actual physical control of a vehicle.
  - 21 b. That person is under the influence of intoxicating liquor.
  - 22 c. That person is under the influence of any drug or substance or combination of  
23 drugs or substances to a degree which renders that person incapable of safely  
24 driving.
  - 25 d. That person is under the combined influence of alcohol and any other drugs or  
26 substances to a degree which renders that person incapable of safely driving.

27 The fact that any person charged with violating this section is or has been legally  
28 entitled to use alcohol or other drugs or substances is not a defense against any  
29 charge for violating this section, unless a drug which predominately caused  
30 impairment was used only as directed or cautioned by a practitioner who legally  
31 prescribed or dispensed the drug to that person.

- 1           2. Unless as otherwise provided in section 39-08-01.2, an individual violating this section  
2           or equivalent ordinance is guilty of a class B misdemeanor for the first ~~or second~~  
3           offense ~~in a five-year period~~, of a class A misdemeanor for a second or third offense in  
4           a ~~five-year~~seven-year period, of a class A misdemeanor for the ~~fourth~~ offense in a  
5           ~~seven-year period~~, and of a class C felony for a ~~fifth or subsequent offense in a~~  
6           ~~seven-year period~~C felony for any fourth or subsequent offense regardless of the  
7           length of time since the previous offense. The minimum penalty for violating this  
8           section is as provided in subsection 4. The court shall take judicial notice of the fact  
9           that an offense would be a subsequent offense if indicated by the records of the  
10          director or may make a subsequent offense finding based on other evidence.
- 11          3. Upon conviction of a second or subsequent offense within ~~five~~seven years under this  
12          section or equivalent ordinance, the court ~~must~~may order the motor vehicle number  
13          plates of all of the motor vehicles owned and operated by the offender at the time of  
14          the offense to be impounded for the duration of the period of suspension or revocation  
15          of the offender's driving privilege by the licensing authority. The impounded number  
16          plates must be sent to the director who must retain them for the period of suspension  
17          or revocation, subject to their disposition by the court. The court may make an  
18          exception to this subsection, on an individual basis, to avoid undue hardship to an  
19          individual who is completely dependent on the motor vehicle for the necessities of life,  
20          including a family member of the convicted individual and a coowner of the motor  
21          vehicle, ~~but not including~~or if the offender is participating in the twenty-four seven  
22          sobriety program.
- 23          4. A person convicted of violating this section, or an equivalent ordinance, must be  
24          sentenced in accordance with this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, unless  
25          the context otherwise requires, "drug court program" means a district court-supervised  
26          treatment program approved by the supreme court which combines judicial  
27          supervision with alcohol and drug testing and chemical addiction treatment in a  
28          licensed treatment program. The supreme court may adopt rules, including rules of  
29          procedure, for drug courts and the drug court program.
- 30          a. For a first offense, the sentence must include both a fine of at least ~~two hundred~~  
31          fiftyfive hundred dollars and an order for addiction evaluation by an appropriate

1 licensed addiction treatment program. If the convicted person has an alcohol  
2 concentration of at least eighteen one-hundredths of one percent by weight at the  
3 time of the performance of a chemical test within two hours after the driving or  
4 being in actual physical control of a vehicle, the sentence must include at least  
5 two days' imprisonment or twenty hours of community service.

6 b. For a second offense within ~~five~~seven years, the sentence must include at least  
7 ~~five~~ten days' imprisonment ~~or placement in a minimum security facility, of which~~  
8 ~~forty-eight hours must be served consecutively, or thirty days' community service;~~  
9 a fine of at least ~~five hundred~~one thousand dollars; ~~and an order for addiction~~  
10 ~~evaluation by an appropriate licensed addiction treatment program; and at least~~  
11 ~~twelve months' participation in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under~~  
12 ~~chapter 54-12 as a mandatory condition of probation.~~

13 c. For a third offense within ~~five~~seven years, the sentence must include at least  
14 ~~sixtyone hundred~~ twenty days' imprisonment ~~or placement in a minimum security~~  
15 ~~facility, of which forty-eight hours must be served consecutively; a fine of one at~~  
16 ~~least two~~ thousand dollars; ~~and an order for addiction evaluation by an~~  
17 ~~appropriate licensed addiction treatment program; at least two years' supervised~~  
18 ~~probation; and participation in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under~~  
19 ~~chapter 54-12 as a mandatory condition of probation.~~

20 d. For a fourth or subsequent offense ~~within seven years,~~ the sentence must include  
21 ~~at least one hundred eighty days' year and one day's~~ imprisonment ~~or placement~~  
22 ~~in a minimum security facility, of which forty-eight hours must be served~~  
23 ~~consecutively; a fine of one thousand dollars; and an order for addiction~~  
24 ~~evaluation by an appropriate licensed treatment program; at least two years'~~  
25 ~~supervised probation; and participation in the twenty-four seven sobriety program~~  
26 ~~under chapter 54-12 as a mandatory condition of probation.~~

27 e. ~~The execution or imposition of sentence under this section may not be~~  
28 ~~suspended or deferred under subsection 3 or 4 of section 12.1-32-02 for an~~  
29 ~~offense subject to this section.~~

30 f. If the offense is subject to subdivision a or b, a municipal court or district court  
31 may not suspend a sentence. If the offense is subject to subdivision c, the district

1 court may suspend a sentence, except for one hundred twenty days'  
2 imprisonment, under subsection 3 of section 12.1-32-02 on the condition that the  
3 defendant first undergo and complete an evaluation for alcohol and substance  
4 abuse treatment and rehabilitation. If the offense is subject to subdivision d, the  
5 district court may suspend a sentence, except for one year's imprisonment, under  
6 subsection 3 of section 12.1-32-02 on the condition that the defendant first  
7 undergo and complete an evaluation for alcohol and substance abuse treatment  
8 and rehabilitation. If the offense is subject to subdivision c or d, the district court  
9 may suspend a sentence, except for ten days' imprisonment, under subsection 3  
10 or 4 of section 12.1-32-02 on the condition that the defendant first undergo and  
11 complete an evaluation for alcohol and substance abuse treatment and  
12 rehabilitation. If the defendant is found to be in need of alcohol and substance  
13 abuse treatment and rehabilitation, the district court may order the defendant  
14 placed under the supervision and management of the department of corrections  
15 and rehabilitation and is subject to the conditions of probation under section  
16 12.1-32-07. The district court shall require the defendant to complete alcohol and  
17 substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation under the direction of the drug  
18 court program as a condition of probation in accordance with rules adopted by  
19 the supreme court. If the district court finds that a defendant has failed to undergo  
20 an evaluation or complete treatment or has violated any condition of probation,  
21 the district court shall revoke the defendant's probation and shall sentence the  
22 defendant in accordance with this subsection.

23 f.g. For purposes of this section, conviction of an offense under a law or ordinance of  
24 another state which is equivalent to this section must be considered a prior  
25 offense if such offense was committed within the time limitations specified in this  
26 subsectionsection.

27 g.h. If the penalty mandated by this section includes imprisonment or placement upon  
28 conviction of a violation of this section or equivalent ordinance, and if an  
29 addiction evaluation has indicated that the defendant needs treatment, the court  
30 may order the defendant to undergo treatment at an appropriate licensed  
31 addiction treatment program and the time spent by the defendant in the treatment





- 1           2. If an individual is convicted of violating section 39-08-01, or section 39-08-03 based in  
2 part on the evidence of the individual's operation of a motor vehicle while under the  
3 influence of alcohol or drugs, and the violation caused serious bodily injury, as defined  
4 in section 12.1-01-04, to another individual, that individual is guilty of a class A  
5 misdemeanor and the sentence must include at least ninety days' imprisonment if the  
6 individual was an adult at the time of the offense.
- 7           3. If an individual is convicted of a second or subsequent offense within seven years of  
8 violating section 39-08-01, or section 39-08-03 based in part on the evidence of the  
9 individual's operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs  
10 and the violation caused serious bodily injury, as defined in section 12.1-01-04, to  
11 another individual, that individual is guilty of a class C felony and the sentence must  
12 include at least one year and one day's imprisonment if the individual was at least  
13 eighteen years of age at the time of the offense.
- 14           4. The imposition of sentence may not be deferred under subsection 4 of section  
15 12.1-32-02 for an offense subject to this section.
- 16           5. ~~The sentence under this section may not be suspended unless the court finds that~~  
17 ~~manifest injustice would result from imposition of the sentence. The court shall impose~~  
18 ~~not less than one year of supervised probation and shall require participation in the~~  
19 ~~twenty-four seven sobriety program for at least twelve months as a mandatory~~  
20 ~~condition of probation.~~ Before a sentence under this section applies, a defendant must  
21 be notified of the minimum mandatory sentence. If the finding of guilt is by jury verdict,  
22 the verdict form must indicate that the jury found the elements that create the  
23 minimum sentence.

24           **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-20-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
25 amended and reenacted as follows:

26           **39-20-01. Implied consent to determine alcohol concentration and presence of drugs.**

- 27           1. Any individual who operates a motor vehicle on a highway or on public or private  
28 areas to which the public has a right of access for vehicular use in this state is deemed  
29 to have given consent, ~~and shall consent~~, subject to the provisions of this chapter, to a  
30 chemical test, or tests, of the blood, breath, or urine for the purpose of determining the  
31 alcohol concentration or presence of other drugs, or combination thereof, in the

1 individual's blood, breath, or urine. As used in this chapter, the word "drug" means any  
2 drug or substance or combination of drugs or substances which renders an individual  
3 incapable of safely driving, and the words "chemical test" or "chemical analysis" mean  
4 any test to determine the alcohol concentration or presence of other drugs, or  
5 combination thereof, in the individual's blood, breath, or urine, approved by the  
6 director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee under this chapter.

7 2. The test or tests must be administered at the direction of a law enforcement officer  
8 only after placing the individual, except individuals mentioned in section 39-20-03,  
9 under arrest and informing that individual that the individual is or will be charged with  
10 the offense of driving or being in actual physical control of a vehicle upon the public  
11 highways while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, drugs, or a combination  
12 thereof. For the purposes of this chapter, the taking into custody of a child under  
13 section 27-20-13 or an individual under twenty-one years of age satisfies the  
14 requirement of an arrest.

15 3. The law enforcement officer shall also inform the individual charged that North Dakota  
16 law requires the individual to take the test to determine whether the individual is under  
17 the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a combination of alcohol and drugs; that refusal to  
18 take the test directed by the law enforcement officer is a crime punishable in the same  
19 manner as driving under the influence; and that refusal of the individual to submit to  
20 the test determined appropriate will directed by the law enforcement officer may result  
21 in a revocation for a minimum of one hundred eighty days and up to four years of the  
22 individual's driving privileges. The law enforcement officer shall determine which of the  
23 tests is to be used.

24 4. When an individual under the age of eighteen years is taken into custody for violating  
25 section 39-08-01 or an equivalent ordinance, the law enforcement officer shall attempt  
26 to contact the individual's parent or legal guardian to explain the cause for the custody.  
27 Neither the law enforcement officer's efforts to contact, nor any consultation with, a  
28 parent or legal guardian may be permitted to interfere with the administration of  
29 chemical testing requirements under this chapter. The law enforcement officer shall  
30 mail a notice to the parent or legal guardian of the minor within ten days after the test  
31 results are received or within ten days after the minor is taken into custody if the minor

1           refuses to submit to testing. The notice must contain a statement of the test performed  
2           and the results of that test; or if the minor refuses to submit to the testing, a statement  
3           notifying of that fact. The attempt to contact or the contacting or notification of a parent  
4           or legal guardian is not a precondition to the admissibility of chemical test results or  
5           the finding of a consent to, or refusal of, chemical testing by the individual in custody.

6           **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-20-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7           amended and reenacted as follows:

8           **39-20-03.1. Action following test result for a resident operator.**

9           If a person submits to a test under section 39-20-01, 39-20-02, or 39-20-03 and the test  
10          shows that person to have an alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths of one  
11          percent by weight or, with respect to a person under twenty-one years of age, an alcohol  
12          concentration of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight at the time of the  
13          performance of a chemical test within two hours after the driving or being in actual physical  
14          control of a vehicle, the following procedures apply:

- 15          1. The law enforcement officer shall immediately issue to that person a temporary  
16          operator's permit if the person then has valid operating privileges, extending driving  
17          privileges for the next twenty-five days, or until earlier terminated by the decision of a  
18          hearing officer under section 39-20-05. The law enforcement officer shall sign and  
19          note the date on the temporary operator's permit. The temporary operator's permit  
20          serves as the director's official notification to the person of the director's intent to  
21          revoke, suspend, or deny driving privileges in this state.
- 22          2. If a test administered under section 39-20-01 or 39-20-03 was by urine sample or by  
23          drawing blood as provided in section 39-20-02 and the individual tested is not a  
24          resident of an area in which the law enforcement officer has jurisdiction, the law  
25          enforcement officer shall, on receiving the analysis of the urine or blood from the  
26          director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee and if the analysis  
27          shows that individual had an alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths of  
28          one percent by weight or, with respect to an individual under twenty-one years of age,  
29          an alcohol concentration of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight,  
30          either proceed in accordance with subsection 1 during that individual's reappearance  
31          within the officer's jurisdiction, proceed in accordance with subsection 3, or notify a law

1 enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the individual lives. On that notification,  
2 that law enforcement agency shall, within twenty-four hours, forward a copy of the  
3 temporary operator's permit to the law enforcement agency making the arrest or to the  
4 director. The law enforcement agency shall issue to that individual a temporary  
5 operator's permit as provided in this section, and shall sign and date the permit as  
6 provided in subsection 1.

7 3. If the test results indicate an alcohol concentration at or above the legal limit, the law  
8 enforcement agency making the arrest may mail a temporary operator's permit to the  
9 individual who submitted to the blood or urine test, whether or not the individual is a  
10 resident of the area in which the law enforcement officer has jurisdiction. The third day  
11 after the mailing of the temporary operator's permit is considered the date of issuance.  
12 Actual notice of the opportunity for a hearing under this section is deemed to have  
13 occurred seventy-two hours after the notice is mailed by regular mail to the address  
14 submitted by the individual to the law enforcement officer. The temporary operator's  
15 permit serves as the director's official notification to the individual of the director's  
16 intent to revoke, suspend, or deny driving privileges in this state.

17 4. The law enforcement officer, within five days of the issuance of the temporary  
18 operator's permit, shall forward to the director a certified written report in the form  
19 required by the director. If the individual was issued a temporary operator's permit  
20 because of the results of a test, the report must show that the officer had reasonable  
21 grounds to believe the individual had been driving or was in actual physical control of a  
22 motor vehicle while in violation of section 39-08-01, or equivalent ordinance, that the  
23 individual was lawfully arrested, that the individual was tested for alcohol concentration  
24 under this chapter, and that the results of the test show that the individual had an  
25 alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths of one percent by weight or,  
26 with respect to an individual under twenty-one years of age, an alcohol concentration  
27 of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight. In addition to the operator's  
28 license and report, the law enforcement officer shall forward to the director a certified  
29 copy of the operational checklist and test records of a breath test and a copy of the  
30 certified copy of the analytical report for a blood or urine test for all tests administered  
31 at the direction of the officer.

1       5. An individual charged with a violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance may  
2       elect to participate in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under chapter 54-12 in  
3       lieu of the administrative hearing under this chapter if the individual's driver's license is  
4       not subject to an unrelated suspension or revocation. The director shall issue a  
5       temporary restricted driver's license with the restriction the individual participate in the  
6       twenty-four seven sobriety program upon application by the individual with submission  
7       of proof of financial responsibility and proof of participation in the twenty-four seven  
8       sobriety program under chapter 54-12.

9       **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-20-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
10      amended and reenacted as follows:

11       **39-20-04. Revocation of privilege to drive motor vehicle upon refusal to submit to**  
12      **testing.**

13       1. If a person refuses to submit to testing under section 39-20-01 or 39-20-14, none may  
14       be given, but the law enforcement officer shall immediately take possession of the  
15       person's operator's license if it is then available and shall immediately issue to that  
16       person a temporary operator's permit, if the person then has valid operating privileges,  
17       extending driving privileges for the next twenty-five days or until earlier terminated by a  
18       decision of a hearing officer under section 39-20-05. The law enforcement officer shall  
19       sign and note the date on the temporary operator's permit. The temporary operator's  
20       permit serves as the director's official notification to the person of the director's intent  
21       to revoke driving privileges in this state and of the hearing procedures under this  
22       chapter. The director, upon the receipt of that person's operator's license and a  
23       certified written report of the law enforcement officer in the form required by the  
24       director, forwarded by the officer within five days after issuing the temporary operator's  
25       permit, showing that the officer had reasonable grounds to believe the person had  
26       been driving or was in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while in violation of  
27       section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance or, for purposes of section 39-20-14, had  
28       reason to believe that the person committed a moving traffic violation or was involved  
29       in a traffic accident as a driver, and in conjunction with the violation or accident the  
30       officer has, through the officer's observations, formulated an opinion that the person's  
31       body contains alcohol, that the person was lawfully arrested if applicable, and that the

1 person had refused to submit to the test or tests under section 39-20-01 or 39-20-14,  
2 shall revoke that person's license or permit to drive and any nonresident operating  
3 privilege for the appropriate period under this section, or if the person is a resident  
4 without a license or a permit to operate a motor vehicle in this state, the director shall  
5 deny to the person the issuance of a license or permit for the appropriate period under  
6 this section after the date of the alleged violation, subject to the opportunity for a  
7 prerevocation hearing and postrevocation review as provided in this chapter. In the  
8 revocation of the person's operator's license the director shall give credit for time in  
9 which the person was without an operator's license after the day of the person's  
10 refusal to submit to the test except that the director may not give credit for time in  
11 which the person retained driving privileges through a temporary operator's permit  
12 issued under this section or section 39-20-03.2. The period of revocation or denial of  
13 issuance of a license or permit under this section is:

- 14 a. ~~One year~~hundred eighty days if the person's driving record shows that within the  
15 ~~five~~seven years preceding the most recent violation of this section, the person's  
16 operator's license has not previously been suspended, revoked, or issuance  
17 denied for a violation of this chapter or section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance.
- 18 b. ~~Three~~Two years if the person's driving record shows that within the ~~five~~seven  
19 years preceding the most recent violation of this section, the person's operator's  
20 license has been once previously suspended, revoked, or issuance denied for a  
21 violation of this chapter or section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance.
- 22 c. ~~Four~~Three years if the person's driving record shows that within the ~~five~~seven  
23 years preceding the most recent violation of this section, the person's operator's  
24 license has at least twice previously been suspended, revoked, or issuance  
25 denied under this chapter, or for a violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent  
26 ordinance, or any combination of the same, and the suspensions, revocations, or  
27 denials resulted from at least two separate arrests.

- 28 2. A person's driving privileges are not subject to revocation under subdivision a of  
29 subsection 1 if all of the following criteria are met:

- 30 a. An administrative hearing is not held under section 39-20-05;

- 1           b. The person mails an affidavit to the director within twenty-five days after the  
2           temporary operator's permit is issued. The affidavit must state that the person:
- 3           (1) Intends to voluntarily plead guilty to violating section 39-08-01 or equivalent  
4           ordinance within twenty-five days after the temporary operator's permit is  
5           issued;
- 6           (2) Agrees that the person's driving privileges must be suspended as provided  
7           under section 39-06.1-10;
- 8           (3) Acknowledges the right to a section 39-20-05 administrative hearing and  
9           section 39-20-06 judicial review and voluntarily and knowingly waives these  
10          rights; and
- 11          (4) Agrees that the person's driving privileges must be revoked as provided  
12          under this section without an administrative hearing or judicial review, if the  
13          person does not plead guilty within twenty-five days after the temporary  
14          operator's permit is issued, or the court does not accept the guilty plea, or  
15          the guilty plea is withdrawn;
- 16          c. The person pleads guilty to violating section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance  
17          within twenty-five days after the temporary operator's permit is issued;
- 18          d. The court accepts the person's guilty plea and a notice of that fact is mailed to  
19          the director within twenty-five days after the temporary operator's permit is  
20          issued; and
- 21          e. A copy of the final order or judgment of conviction evidencing the acceptance of  
22          the person's guilty plea is received by the director prior to the return or  
23          reinstatement of the person's driving privileges; and.
- 24          f. ~~The person has never been convicted under section 39-08-01 or equivalent~~  
25          ~~ordinance.~~
- 26          3. The court must mail a copy of an order granting a withdrawal of a guilty plea to  
27          violating section 39-08-01, or equivalent ordinance, to the director within ten days after  
28          it is ordered. Upon receipt of the order, the director shall immediately revoke the  
29          person's driving privileges as provided under this section without providing an  
30          administrative hearing.

1       **SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-20-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3       **39-20-04.1. Administrative sanction for driving or being in physical control of a**  
4 **vehicle while having certain alcohol concentration.**

5       1. After the receipt of the certified report of a law enforcement officer and if no written  
6 request for hearing has been received from the arrested person under section  
7 39-20-05, or if that hearing is requested and the findings, conclusion, and decision  
8 from the hearing confirm that the law enforcement officer had reasonable grounds to  
9 arrest the person and test results show that the arrested person was driving or in  
10 physical control of a vehicle while having an alcohol concentration of at least eight  
11 one-hundredths of one percent by weight or, with respect to a person under  
12 twenty-one years of age, an alcohol concentration of at least two one-hundredths of  
13 one percent by weight at the time of the performance of a test within two hours after  
14 driving or being in physical control of a motor vehicle, the director shall suspend the  
15 person's driving privileges as follows:

- 16       a. For ninety-one days if the person's driving record shows that, within the ~~five~~seven  
17 years preceding the date of the arrest, the person has not previously violated  
18 section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance or the person's operator's license has  
19 not previously been suspended or revoked under this chapter and the violation  
20 was for an alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths of one percent  
21 by weight or, with respect to a person under twenty-one years of age, an alcohol  
22 concentration of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight, and under  
23 eighteen one-hundredths of one percent by weight.
- 24       b. For one hundred eighty days if the operator's record shows the person has not  
25 violated section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance within ~~five~~the seven years  
26 preceding the last violation and the last violation was for an alcohol concentration  
27 of at least eighteen one-hundredths of one percent by weight.
- 28       c. For three hundred sixty-five days if the person's driving record shows that, within  
29 the ~~five~~seven years preceding the date of the arrest, the person has once  
30 previously violated section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance or the person's  
31 operator's license has once previously been suspended or revoked under this



1 chapter with the last violation or suspension for an alcohol concentration under  
2 eighteen one-hundredths of one percent by weight.

3 d. For two years if the person's driving record shows that within the ~~five~~seven years  
4 preceding the date of the arrest, the person's operator's license has once been  
5 suspended, revoked, or issuance denied under this chapter, or for a violation of  
6 section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance, with the last violation or suspension for  
7 an alcohol concentration of at least eighteen one-hundredths of one percent by  
8 weight or if the person's driving record shows that within the ~~five~~seven years  
9 preceding the date of arrest, the person's operator's license has at least twice  
10 previously been suspended, revoked, or issuance denied under this chapter, or  
11 for a violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance, or any combination  
12 thereof, and the suspensions, revocations, or denials resulted from at least two  
13 separate arrests with the last violation or suspension for an alcohol concentration  
14 of under eighteen one-hundredths of one percent by weight.

15 e. For three years if the operator's record shows that within ~~five~~seven years  
16 preceding the date of the arrest, the person's operator's license has at least twice  
17 previously been suspended, revoked, or issuance denied under this chapter, or  
18 for a violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance, or any combination  
19 thereof, and the suspensions, revocations, or denials resulted from at least two  
20 separate arrests and the last violation or suspension was for an alcohol  
21 concentration of at least eighteen one-hundredths of one percent by weight.

22 2. In the suspension of the person's operator's license the director shall give credit for the  
23 time the person was without an operator's license after the day of the offense, except  
24 that the director may not give credit for the time the person retained driving privileges  
25 through a temporary operator's permit issued under section 39-20-03.1 or 39-20-03.2.

26 **SECTION 10. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-20-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
27 amended and reenacted as follows:

28 **39-20-05. Administrative hearing on request - Election to participate in the**  
29 **twenty-four seven sobriety program.**

30 1. Before issuing an order of suspension, revocation, or denial under section 39-20-04 or  
31 39-20-04.1, the director shall afford that person an opportunity for a hearing if the

1 person mails or communicates by other means authorized by the director a request for  
2 the hearing to the director within ten days after the date of issuance of the temporary  
3 operator's permit. Upon completion of the hearing, an individual may elect to  
4 participate in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under chapter 54-12. The  
5 hearing must be held within thirty days after the date of issuance of the temporary  
6 operator's permit. If no hearing is requested within the time limits in this section, ~~and~~  
7 no affidavit is submitted within the time limits under subsection 2 of section 39-20-04,  
8 and if the individual has not provided the director with written notice of election to  
9 participate in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under chapter 54-12, the  
10 expiration of the temporary operator's permit serves as the director's official  
11 notification to the person of the revocation, suspension, or denial of driving privileges  
12 in this state.

- 13 2. If the issue to be determined by the hearing concerns license suspension for operating  
14 a motor vehicle while having an alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths  
15 of one percent by weight or, with respect to an individual under twenty-one years of  
16 age, an alcohol concentration of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight,  
17 the hearing must be before a hearing officer assigned by the director and at a time and  
18 place designated by the director. The hearing must be recorded and its scope may  
19 cover only the issues of whether the arresting officer had reasonable grounds to  
20 believe the individual had been driving or was in actual physical control of a vehicle in  
21 violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance or, with respect to an individual  
22 under twenty-one years of age, the individual had been driving or was in actual  
23 physical control of a vehicle while having an alcohol concentration of at least two  
24 one-hundredths of one percent by weight; whether the individual was placed under  
25 arrest, unless the individual was under twenty-one years of age and the alcohol  
26 concentration was less than eight one-hundredths of one percent by weight, then  
27 arrest is not required and is not an issue under any provision of this chapter; whether  
28 the individual was tested in accordance with section 39-20-01 or 39-20-03 and, if  
29 applicable, section 39-20-02; and whether the test results show the individual had an  
30 alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths of one percent by weight or,  
31 with respect to an individual under twenty-one years of age, an alcohol concentration

1 of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight. For purposes of this section,  
2 a copy of a certified copy of an analytical report of a blood or urine sample  
3 ~~from~~electronically posted by the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's  
4 designee on the crime laboratory information management system and certified by a  
5 law enforcement officer or individual who has authorized access to the crime  
6 laboratory management system through the criminal justice data information sharing  
7 system or a certified copy of the checklist and test records from a certified breath test  
8 operator and a copy of a certified copy of a certificate of the director of the state crime  
9 laboratory designating the director's designee. establish prima facie the alcohol  
10 concentration or the presence of drugs, or a combination thereof, shown therein.

11 Whether the individual was informed that the privilege to drive might be suspended  
12 based on the results of the test is not an issue.

- 13 3. If the issue to be determined by the hearing concerns license revocation for refusing to  
14 submit to a test under section 39-20-01 or 39-20-14, the hearing must be before a  
15 hearing officer assigned by the director at a time and place designated by the director.  
16 The hearing must be recorded. The scope of a hearing for refusing to submit to a test  
17 under section 39-20-01 may cover only the issues of whether a law enforcement  
18 officer had reasonable grounds to believe the person had been driving or was in actual  
19 physical control of a vehicle in violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance or,  
20 with respect to a person under twenty-one years of age, the person had been driving  
21 or was in actual physical control of a vehicle while having an alcohol concentration of  
22 at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight; whether the person was placed  
23 under arrest; and whether that person refused to submit to the test or tests. The scope  
24 of a hearing for refusing to submit to a test under section 39-20-14 may cover only the  
25 issues of whether the law enforcement officer had reason to believe the person  
26 committed a moving traffic violation or was involved in a traffic accident as a driver,  
27 whether in conjunction with the violation or the accident the officer has, through the  
28 officer's observations, formulated an opinion that the person's body contains alcohol  
29 and, whether the person refused to submit to the onsite screening test. Whether the  
30 person was informed that the privilege to drive would be revoked or denied for refusal  
31 to submit to the test or tests is not an issue.

- 1           4. At a hearing under this section, the regularly kept records of the director and state  
2 crime laboratory may be introduced. Those records establish prima facie their contents  
3 without further foundation. For purposes of this chapter, the following are deemed  
4 regularly kept records of the director and state crime laboratory:
- 5           a. Any copy of a certified copy of an analytical report of a blood or urine sample  
6 electronically posted by the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's  
7 designee on the crime laboratory information management system which is  
8 received by the director from ~~the director of the state crime laboratory or the~~  
9 ~~director's designee~~ or a law enforcement officer or an individual who has  
10 authorized access to the crime laboratory management system through the  
11 criminal justice data information sharing system or a certified copy of the  
12 checklist and test records received by the director from a certified breath test  
13 operator; and
- 14           b. Any copy of a certified copy of a certificate of the director of the state crime  
15 laboratory or the director's designee relating to approved methods, devices,  
16 operators, materials, and checklists used for testing for alcohol concentration or  
17 the presence of drugs received by the director from the director of the state crime  
18 laboratory or the director's designee, or that have been electronically posted with  
19 the state crime laboratory division of the attorney general at the attorney general  
20 website; and
- 21           c. Any copy of a certified copy of a certificate of the director of the state crime  
22 laboratory designating the director's designees.
- 23           5. At the close of the hearing, the hearing officer shall notify the person of the hearing  
24 officer's findings of fact, conclusions of law, and decision based on the findings and  
25 conclusions and shall immediately deliver to the person a copy of the decision. If the  
26 hearing officer does not find in favor of the person, the copy of the decision serves as  
27 the director's official notification to the person of the revocation, suspension, or denial  
28 of driving privileges in this state. If the hearing officer finds, based on a preponderance  
29 of the evidence, that the person refused a test under section 39-20-01 or 39-20-14 or  
30 that the person had an alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths of one  
31 percent by weight or, with respect to a person under twenty-one years of age, an

1 alcohol concentration of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight, the  
2 hearing officer shall immediately take possession of the person's temporary operator's  
3 permit issued under this chapter. If the hearing officer does not find against the  
4 person, the hearing officer shall sign, date, and mark on the person's permit an  
5 extension of driving privileges for the next twenty days and shall return the permit to  
6 the person. The hearing officer shall report the findings, conclusions, and decisions to  
7 the director within ten days of the conclusion of the hearing. If the hearing officer has  
8 determined in favor of the person, the director shall return the person's operator's  
9 license by regular mail to the address on file with the director under section 39-06-20.

- 10 6. If the person who requested a hearing under this section fails to appear at the hearing  
11 without justification, the right to the hearing is waived, and the hearing officer's  
12 determination on license revocation, suspension, or denial will be based on the written  
13 request for hearing, law enforcement officer's report, and other evidence as may be  
14 available. The hearing officer shall, on the date for which the hearing is scheduled,  
15 mail to the person, by regular mail, at the address on file with the director under  
16 section 39-06-20, or at any other address for the person or the person's legal  
17 representative supplied in the request for hearing, a copy of the decision which serves  
18 as the director's official notification to the person of the revocation, suspension, or  
19 denial of driving privileges in this state. Even if the person for whom the hearing is  
20 scheduled fails to appear at the hearing, the hearing is deemed to have been held on  
21 the date for which it is scheduled for purposes of appeal under section 39-20-06.

22 **SECTION 11. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 6 of section 39-20-07 of the North Dakota Century  
23 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 24 6. The director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee may appoint, train,  
25 certify, and supervise field inspectors of breath testing equipment and its operation,  
26 and the inspectors shall report the findings of any inspection to the director of the state  
27 crime laboratory or the director's designee for appropriate action. Upon approval of the  
28 methods or devices, or both, required to perform the tests and the individuals qualified  
29 to administer them, the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee  
30 shall prepare, certify, and electronically post a written record of the approval with the

- 1 state crime laboratory division of the attorney general at the attorney general website,  
2 and shall include in the record:
- 3 a. An annual register of the specific testing devices currently approved, including  
4 serial number, location, and the date and results of last inspection.
- 5 b. An annual register of currently qualified and certified operators of the devices,  
6 stating the date of certification and its expiration.
- 7 c. The operational checklist and forms prescribing the methods currently approved  
8 by the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee in using the  
9 devices during the administration of the tests.
- 10 d. The certificate of the director of the state crime laboratory designating the  
11 director's designees.
- 12 e. The certified records electronically posted under this section may be  
13 supplemented when the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's  
14 designee determines it to be necessary, and any certified supplemental records  
15 have the same force and effect as the records that are supplemented.
- 16 e.f. The state crime laboratory shall make the certified records required by this  
17 section available for download in a printable format on the attorney general  
18 website.

19 **SECTION 12. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-20-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **39-20-14. Screening tests.**

- 22 1. Any individual who operates a motor vehicle upon the public highways of this state is  
23 deemed to have given consent to submit to an onsite screening test or tests of the  
24 individual's breath for the purpose of estimating the alcohol concentration in the  
25 individual's breath upon the request of a law enforcement officer who has reason to  
26 believe that the individual committed a moving traffic violation or was involved in a  
27 traffic accident as a driver, and in conjunction with the violation or the accident the  
28 officer has, through the officer's observations, formulated an opinion that the  
29 individual's body contains alcohol.
- 30 2. An individual may not be required to submit to a screening test or tests of breath while  
31 at a hospital as a patient if the medical practitioner in immediate charge of the

1 individual's case is not first notified of the proposal to make the requirement, or objects  
2 to the test or tests on the ground that such would be prejudicial to the proper care or  
3 treatment of the patient.

4 3. The screening test or tests must be performed by an enforcement officer certified as a  
5 chemical test operator by the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's  
6 designee and according to methods and with devices approved by the director of the  
7 state crime laboratory or the director's designee. The results of such screening test  
8 must be used only for determining whether or not a further test shall be given under  
9 the provisions of section 39-20-01. The officer shall inform the individual that North  
10 Dakota law requires the individual to take the screening test to determine whether the  
11 individual is under the influence of alcohol, that refusal to take the screening test is a  
12 crime, and that refusal of the individual to submit to a screening test ~~will~~may result in a  
13 revocation for at least one hundred eighty days and up to four years of that individual's  
14 driving privileges. If such individual refuses to submit to such screening test or tests,  
15 none may be given, but such refusal is sufficient cause to revoke such individual's  
16 license or permit to drive in the same manner as provided in section 39-20-04, and a  
17 hearing as provided in section 39-20-05 and a judicial review as provided in section  
18 39-20-06 must be available. ~~However, the~~

19 4. The director must not revoke an individual's driving privileges for refusing to submit to  
20 a screening test requested under this section if the individual provides a sufficient  
21 breath, blood, or urine sample for a chemical test requested under section 39-20-01  
22 for the same incident.

23 5. No provisions of this section may supersede any provisions of chapter 39-20, nor may  
24 any provision of chapter 39-20 be construed to supersede this section except as  
25 provided herein.

26 6. For the purposes of this section, "chemical test operator" means an individual certified  
27 by the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee as qualified to  
28 perform analysis for alcohol in an individual's blood, breath, or urine.

29 **SECTION 13.** A new section to chapter 39-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
30 and enacted as follows:

1        **Restricted license upon twenty-four seven sobriety program participation.**

2        Any driver suspended under this chapter may elect to participate in the twenty-four seven  
3 sobriety program under chapter 54-12. The director may issue a temporary restricted license  
4 that takes effect after fifteen days of the suspension have been served provided that the driver  
5 is not subject to any unrelated suspension.

6        **SECTION 14. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE**

7 **FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE.** During the 2013-14 interim, the legislative  
8 management shall consider studying the administrative procedure for driving under the  
9 influence of alcohol and drugs. The study must include a review of the use of ignition interlock  
10 devices and of the effect of an individual refusing to submit to chemical testing. The legislative  
11 management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation  
12 required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly.

13        **SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general  
14 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,200,000, or so much of the  
15 sum as may be necessary, to the attorney general for the purpose of purchasing secure  
16 continuous remote alcohol monitors for individuals in the twenty-four seven sobriety program,  
17 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.