

HB1481

Good morning Chairman and members of the committee.

For the record my name is Bernie Satrom and I am honored to serve the great people of District 12 in Jamestown.

This morning I bring before you HB1481 which is a simple bill which changes the fines for people who go onto closed roads when there is a blizzard.

If you have lived in North Dakota for a while you probably have heard of lived a blizzard story. Blizzards are dangerous. I remember hearing stories of farmers who went to the barn and got lost and froze to death as well as college students that got stranded and died.

When conditions are bad our authorities close the roads. Some people go out on these roads and have to be rescued by our emergency personnel.

The intention of this bill is to raise awareness and encourage people to think twice before endangering themselves and others.