

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
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North Dakota Department of Transportation
Brad Schaffer, Director of Driver License

HB 1102

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I am Brad Schaffer, Director of Driver License for the North Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT). I'm here to provide information related to HB 1102.

This bill is a DOT Agency bill. Thank you for allowing me to explain this bill and answer any questions.

House Bill 1102 proposes to change the age to renew a drivers license online from under sixty-five years of age to under seventy years of age. The reason for this requested change is to allow approximately 40,000 more licensed drivers the ability to renew online. During the pandemic, the NDDOT received many inquiries from concerned citizens in this high-risk age group on why they could not renew online. According to the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, the ability to drive a car is not determined by age, but rather on the ability of each driver. This decline is most commonly noticed beginning at 72 years of age. It can occur as early as 65 years of age, however, drivers can continue to drive safely into their 80's and older.

Increasing the age to under 70 will increase the numbers of drivers who can safely renew online from 80% to 87%.

This concludes my testimony. Thank You.