

HOUSE BILL NO. 1080

Introduced by

Transportation Committee

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-04-55 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to allowing electronic proof of motor vehicle registration.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-55 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **39-04-55. Registration card to be carried in or on vehicle - Inspection of card -**
7 **Penalty.**

8 The registration card issued for a vehicle must be carried in the driver's compartment of the
9 vehicle or on an electronic device in the possession of the driver or, in the case of a house trailer
10 or mobile home or a trailer or semitrailer, regardless of when such vehicle was acquired, inside
11 or on the vehicle, at all times while the vehicle is being operated upon a highway in this state.
12 The ~~card~~registration is subject to inspection by any peace officer or highway patrol officer. Upon
13 request of an inspection by any peace officer or highway patrol officer, a driver may produce
14 either a registration card or electronic registration as provided by the department. An electronic
15 registration must be designed so that there is no need for the registration holder to relinquish
16 possession of the device, in which the electronic registration is installed, to present the
17 registration, or for the individual to whom the registration is presented to access the verification
18 system to confirm the validity of the registration. Any person violating this section must be
19 assessed a fee of twenty dollars. However, a person cited for violation of this section may not
20 be found to have committed the violation if the person, within fourteen days after being cited
21 produces and displays to the office of the prosecutor where the matter is pending, a registration
22 ~~card~~ valid at the time the person was cited. A peace officer or highway patrol officer, upon citing
23 a person for violating this section, shall inform the person that a violation will be considered as

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- 1 not having occurred if the person produces and displays a valid registration card in the manner
- 2 provided in this section.