

Sixty-ninth
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of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1241
with Senate Amendments**

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Introduced by

Representatives Satrom, Ostlie

Senator Conley

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-10-03.1 and 39-21-26 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to class B authorized emergency vehicles and special restrictions on
3 lamps on motor vehicles or equipment.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-10-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **39-10-03.1. Class B authorized emergency vehicles.**

8 1. The driver of a class B authorized emergency vehicle may:

9 a. Park or stand, irrespective of the provisions of this chapter.

10 b. Exceed the speed limit so long as the driver does not endanger life or property
11 during the time of a local or national disaster.

12 c. Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified
13 directions.

14 2. The exceptions granted in this section to a class B authorized emergency vehicle
15 apply only when the authorized emergency vehicle is displaying an amber and white
16 light visible under normal atmospheric conditions for a distance of five hundred feet
17 [152.4 meters] in any direction, and:

18 a. When it is necessary for the authorized emergency vehicle to use these
19 exemptions for the immediate protection of life or property;

20 b. When an authorized emergency vehicle is stopped on a highway for the purpose
21 of performing a duty as required of the driver; or

22 c. When traveling at a speed slower than the normal flow of traffic.

1 3. A class B authorized emergency vehicle may display a flashing blue light when the
2 vehicle is stopped on a highway. A class B authorized emergency vehicle may not
3 display a flashing blue light when transporting another vehicle or when traveling on a
4 highway.

5 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-21-26 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **39-21-26. Special restrictions on lamps.**

- 8 1. Any lighted lamp or illuminating device ~~upon~~ a motor vehicle, other than headlamps,
9 spot lamps, auxiliary lamps, flashing turn signals, emergency vehicle warning lamps
10 and schoolbus warning lamps, which projects a beam of light of an intensity greater
11 than three hundred candlepower must be so directed so that no part of the
12 high-intensity portion of the beam will strike the level of the roadway on which the
13 vehicle stands at a distance of more than seventy-five feet [22.86 meters] from the
14 vehicle.
- 15 2. ~~No~~A person may not drive or move any vehicle or equipment ~~upon~~ any highway with
16 ~~any~~a lamp or device ~~thereon~~ displaying a red or green light visible from directly in front
17 of the center ~~thereof~~of the vehicle or equipment. This section does not apply to ~~any~~a
18 vehicle upon which a red light visible from the front is expressly authorized or required
19 by this chapter.
- 20 3. Flashing lights are prohibited except on ~~an authorized~~:
- 21 a. An authorized emergency vehicle, ~~schoolbus, snow-removal equipment~~;
- 22 b. A schoolbus;
- 23 c. Snow-removal equipment;
- 24 d. A vehicle owned by a funeral home, which may display a flashing purple light only
25 while used for the purpose of escorting a funeral procession; or ~~on any~~
- 26 e. Any vehicle as a means of indicating a right or left turn, or the presence of a
27 vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in approaching, overtaking, or
28 passing.