

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1241
(Representatives Satrom, Ostlie)
(Senator Conley)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 39-10-03.1 and 39-21-26 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to class B authorized emergency vehicles and special restrictions on lamps on motor vehicles or equipment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

1. The driver of a class B authorized emergency vehicle may:
 - a. Park or stand, irrespective of the provisions of this chapter.
 - b. Exceed the speed limit so long as the driver does not endanger life or property during the time of a local or national disaster.
 - c. Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions.
2. The exceptions granted in this section to a class B authorized emergency vehicle apply only when the authorized emergency vehicle is displaying an amber and white light visible under normal atmospheric conditions for a distance of five hundred feet [152.4 meters] in any direction, and:
 - a. When it is necessary for the authorized emergency vehicle to use these exemptions for the immediate protection of life or property;
 - b. When an authorized emergency vehicle is stopped on a highway for the purpose of performing a duty as required of the driver; or
 - c. When traveling at a speed slower than the normal flow of traffic.
3. A class B authorized emergency vehicle may display a flashing blue light when the vehicle is stopped on a highway. A class B authorized emergency vehicle may not display a flashing blue light when transporting another vehicle or when traveling on a highway.

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

39-21-26. Special restrictions on lamps.

1. Any lighted lamp or illuminating device ~~upon~~ a motor vehicle, other than headlamps, spot lamps, auxiliary lamps, flashing turn signals, emergency vehicle warning lamps and schoolbus warning lamps, which projects a beam of light of an intensity greater than three hundred candlepower must be ~~so~~ directed so that no part of the high-intensity portion of the beam will strike the level of the roadway on which the vehicle stands at a distance of more than seventy-five feet [22.86 meters] from the vehicle.
2. ~~No~~ person may not drive or move any vehicle or equipment ~~upon~~ any highway with ~~any~~ lamp or device ~~thereon~~ displaying a red or green light visible from directly in front of the center

~~thereof~~ of the vehicle or equipment. This section does not apply to ~~any~~ a vehicle upon which a red light visible from the front is expressly authorized or required by this chapter.

3. Flashing lights are prohibited except on ~~an authorized~~:
 - a. An authorized emergency vehicle, ~~schoolbus, snow-removal equipment~~;
 - b. A schoolbus;
 - c. Snow-removal equipment;
 - d. A vehicle owned by a funeral home, which may display a flashing purple light only while used for the purpose of escorting a funeral procession; or on any
 - e. Any vehicle as a means of indicating a right or left turn, or the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in approaching, overtaking, or passing.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1241.

House Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 0 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2025,

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Secretary of State