

# HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, AND FERRIES

## CHAPTER 253

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1053

(Transportation Committee)

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 24-01-01.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the length of the state highway system.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 24-01-01.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

#### **24-01-01.2. State highway system - Mileage.**

The state highway system may not exceed ~~seven percent of the entire road mileage of the state, whether such roads are township, county, or state roads, which may be functionally classified as to service, and in no case may such highway system exceed~~ seven thousand seven hundred miles [12391.95 kilometers] in length.

Approved April 23, 2025

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## CHAPTER 254

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1090

(Representatives K. Anderson, Beltz, Hagert, D. Johnston, Monson, Osowski,  
D. Ruby, Vetter)  
(Senators Clemens, Myrdal, Weston)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to designating the bridge on state highway 18 as the Specialist 4 Richard W. Orsund Vietnam bridge; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Specialist 4 Richard W. Orsund Vietnam bridge - State highway 18 - Continuing appropriation.**

The department shall designate the bridge on state highway 18 between the junction of sixty-ninth street northeast and the junction of seventieth street northeast as the Specialist 4 Richard W. Orsund Vietnam bridge and shall place signs along the highway designating that name. The department may accept any appropriate signs or funds donated to the department for the placement of signs. Any donated funds are appropriated to the department on a continuing basis for the purpose of providing signs designating the bridge on state highway 18 as the Specialist 4 Richard W. Orsund Vietnam bridge.

**SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

Approved March 17, 2025

Filed March 18, 2025

## CHAPTER 255

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1091

(Representatives K. Anderson, D. Anderson, J. Olson, M. Ruby, Wagner)  
(Senators Barta, Lemm, Myrdal)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to designating the bridge on United States highway 81 as the Specialist 4 David LaTraille Vietnam bridge; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

#### **Specialist 4 David LaTraille Vietnam bridge - United States highway 81 - Continuing appropriation.**

The department shall designate the bridge on United States highway 81 in Grafton between the junction of park street and the junction of Cashel street as the Specialist 4 David LaTraille Vietnam bridge and shall place signs along the highway designating that name. The department may accept any appropriate signs or funds donated to the department for the placement of signs. Any donated funds are appropriated to the department on a continuing basis for the purpose of providing signs designating the bridge on United States highway 81 as the Specialist 4 David LaTraille Vietnam bridge.

**SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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Filed March 18, 2025

## CHAPTER 256

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1092

(Representatives Vigesaa, Headland)  
(Senator Wanzek)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to designating the overpass on United States highway 52 as the S/Sgt. Miles Shelley WWII overpass; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

#### **S/Sgt. Miles Shelley WWII overpass - United States highway 52 - Continuing appropriation.**

The department shall designate the overpass on United States highway 52 over the railway in Carrington between the junction of state highway 200 and the junction of second street north as the S/Sgt. Miles Shelley WWII bridge and shall place signs along the highway designating that name. The department may accept any appropriate signs or funds donated to the department for the placement of the signs. Any donated funds are appropriated to the department on a continuing basis for the purpose of providing signs designating the overpass on United States highway 52 as the S/Sgt. Miles Shelley WWII bridge.

**SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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## CHAPTER 257

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1140

(Representatives Steiner, Lefor, M. Ruby, Schatz, Kempenich, Pyle)  
(Senators Bekkedahl, Dever, Hogue, Kessel, Rummel)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to designating the bridge on state highway 22 in Dickinson as the Specialist Jon P. Fettig Iraq bridge; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Specialist Jon P. Fettig Iraq bridge - State highway 22 - Continuing appropriation.**

The department shall designate the bridge on state highway 22 in Dickinson between the junction of Kuchenski drive and the junction of fourth street southwest as the Specialist Jon P. Fettig Iraq bridge and shall place signs along the highway designating that name. The department may accept any appropriate signs or funds donated to the department for the placement of signs. Any donated funds are appropriated to the department on a continuing basis for the purpose of providing signs designating the bridge on state highway 22 as the Specialist Jon P. Fettig Iraq bridge.

**SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

Approved April 10, 2025

Filed April 11, 2025

## CHAPTER 258

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1173

(Representative Hauck)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to designating the bridge on state highway 31 north of New Salem as the Specialist Dennis "DJ" Ferderer Jr. Iraq bridge; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Specialist Dennis "DJ" Ferderer Jr. Iraq bridge - State highway 31 - Continuing appropriation.**

The department shall designate the bridge on state highway 31 north of New Salem between the junction of thirty-third street and the junction of thirty-second street as the Specialist Dennis "DJ" Ferderer Jr. Iraq bridge and shall place signs along the highway designating that name. The department may accept any appropriate signs or funds donated to the department for the placement of signs. Any donated funds are appropriated to the department on a continuing basis for the purpose of providing signs designating the bridge on state highway 31 as the Specialist Dennis "DJ" Ferderer Jr. Iraq bridge.

Approved March 21, 2025

Filed March 24, 2025

## CHAPTER 259

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1212

(Representatives Monson, K. Anderson, J. Olson, Pyle, M. Ruby, Tveit, Brandenburg)  
(Senators Myrdal, Axtman, Barta, Dever)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to designating a portion of state highway 18 as the PFC. Henry Gurke memorial highway; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**PFC. Henry Gurke memorial highway - State highway 18 - Continuing appropriation.**

The department shall designate state highway 18 from the intersection of state highway 5 to the Canadian border as the PFC. Henry Gurke memorial highway and shall place signs along the highway designating that name. The department may accept any appropriate signs or funds donated to the department for placement of the signs. Any donated funds are appropriated to the department on a continuing basis for the purpose of providing signs designating state highway 18 as the PFC. Henry Gurke memorial highway.

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Filed March 14, 2025

## CHAPTER 260

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1228

(Representatives D. Anderson, Bahl, Vollmer)  
(Senator Thomas)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to designating a portion of state highway 5 in Bottineau as the LCDR Carl J. Woods Vietnam bridge; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

#### **LCDR Carl J. Woods Vietnam bridge - State highway 5 - Continuing appropriation.**

The department shall designate the portion of highway on state highway 5 in Bottineau between the junction of thompson street and the junction of brander street as the LCDR Carl J. Woods Vietnam bridge and shall place signs along the highway designating that name. The department may accept any appropriate signs or funds donated to the department for the placement of signs. Any donated funds are appropriated to the department on a continuing basis for the purpose of providing signs designating the portion of highway on state highway 5 as the LCDR Carl J. Woods Vietnam bridge.

**SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

Approved March 17, 2025

Filed March 18, 2025



## CHAPTER 261

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1426

(Representatives Dockter, Holle, Martinson, Porter, Rohr, Toman, Heinert)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to designating the bridge on state highway 6 as the CPL Raymond Porter Korea bridge; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**CPL Raymond Porter Korea bridge - State highway - Continuing appropriation.**

The department shall designate the bridge on state highway 6 between the junction of county road one thirty-seven and the junction of fifty-third street as the CPL Raymond Porter Korea bridge and shall place signs along the avenue designating that name. The department may accept any appropriate signs or funds donated to the department for the placement of signs. Any donated funds are appropriated to the department on a continuing basis for the purpose of providing signs designating the bridge on state highway 6 as the CPL Raymond Porter Korea bridge.

**SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

Approved March 25, 2025

Filed March 26, 2025

## CHAPTER 262

### SENATE BILL NO. 2277

(Senators Boehm, Hogue, Larson)  
(Representatives Heinert, Lefor, Tveit)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to designating state highway 200 as the North Dakota fallen peace officers memorial highway; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

#### **North Dakota fallen peace officers memorial highway - State highway 200 - Continuing appropriation.**

1. The department shall designate state highway 200 from the Minnesota border to the Montana border as the North Dakota fallen peace officers memorial highway and shall place signs along the highway designating that name.
2. The department shall consult with the family and associates of North Dakota peace officers and law enforcement officers, and handlers and owners of canine officers, killed in the line of duty, to designate up to one mile of state highway 200 to memorialize an individual peace officer, law enforcement officer, or canine officer.
3. The department may accept any appropriate signs or funds donated to the department for the placement of signs. Any donated funds are appropriated to the department on a continuing basis for the purpose of providing signs designating state highway 200 as the North Dakota fallen peace officers memorial highway.

Approved March 17, 2025

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## CHAPTER 263

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1056

(Transportation Committee)

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 24-02-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the Oahe bridge development.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 24-02-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

##### **24-02-02.1. Agreement for the construction of the Oahe bridge.**

The director is authorized to execute an agreement with the federal government for the construction of a bridge over the Oahe Reservoir wherein the department agrees to hold the United States harmless and free from damages due to the construction or operation and maintenance of such bridge, except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the United States or its contractors. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the director is authorized to accept ownership of or otherwise place onto the state highway system, a bridge and connecting roadway over the Oahe Reservoir.

Approved March 14, 2025

Filed March 14, 2025

## CHAPTER 264

### SENATE BILL NO. 2063

(Industry and Business Committee)  
(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 24-02-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to bid delays for construction contracts.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 24-02-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

#### **24-02-20. Bids, where opened - Requirements - Bonds or checks of three lowest bidders retained.**

1. All bids must be opened at the time and place specified in the advertised request for bids. The submission of bids and bid openings may be delayed up to twenty-one days at the discretion of the department. The submission of bids and new bid opening dates must be noticed by electronic means as prescribed by the department. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check of the bidder on a solvent bank, in an amount equal to five percent of the bidder's bid, to be forfeited to the state highway fund should the bidder fail to effect a contract within ten days after notice of an award or by a bidder's bond in a sum equal to ten percent of the full amount of the bid, executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned that if the principal's bid be accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal, within ten days after notice of award, will execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of the principal's bid and a contractor's bond as required by law and the regulations and determinations of the department.
2. All bonds or checks, except those of the responsible bidders submitting the three lowest and best bids, must be returned to the bidders promptly upon opening such bids. The bond or check of the responsible bidder submitting the lowest and best bid may be cashed or retained until the contract has been awarded and executed properly. The bonds or checks of the responsible bidders submitting the second and third lowest and best bids may be returned to the bidders when the department has determined to whom the contract is to be awarded.

Approved April 7, 2025

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## CHAPTER 265

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1051

(Transportation Committee)

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 24-02-37 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the special road fund.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 24-02-37 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. The state treasurer shall deposit the moneys in the state highway fund in an interest-bearing account at the Bank of North Dakota. The state treasurer shall deposit eighty percent of the income derived from the interest-bearing account in a special interest-bearing account in the state treasury known as the special road fund. The special road fund may be used, within the limits of legislative appropriation, exclusively for the construction and maintenance of access roads to and roads within recreational, tourist, and historical areas as designated by the special road committee. A political subdivision, tribal government, or state agency may request funds from the special road fund by applying to the committee on forms designated by the committee. The committee may require the political subdivision, tribal government, or state agency to contribute to the cost of the project as a condition of any expenditure authorized from the special road fund. Any moneys in the fund not obligated by the special road committee by June thirtieth of each odd-numbered year must be held for an additional two years after which the funds revert to the state highway fund.

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## **CHAPTER 266**

### **HOUSE BILL NO. 1215**

(Representatives D. Ruby, Hager, Monson, M. Ruby, Toman, Vigasaa, Weisz)  
(Senators Clemens, Hogue, Weston)

AN ACT to repeal section 24-02-46 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the multistate highway transportation agreement.

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

**SECTION 1. REPEAL.** Section 24-02-46 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

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Filed March 14, 2025

## CHAPTER 267

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1444

(Representatives Brandenburg, Beltz, Grueneich, Hagert, Kempenich)  
(Senators Conley, Erbele, Kessel, Patten, Thomas, Wanzek)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 24-05-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the county road system.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 24-05-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

#### **24-05-17. Responsibility for county road system.**

The boards of county commissioners in their respective counties have the sole authority and responsibility to acquire land for, construct, maintain, and operate the county road system as designated and selected by them. If a board of county commissioners determines a local road meets the criteria in section 24-05-16 and is under the jurisdiction of the township, the board of county commissioners shall notify the township of its intention to add the road to the county system. The board of county commissioners shall hold a public meeting to receive input on the county's intention to add the road to the county system. Following the public meeting, the board of county commissioners shall make a decision at its subsequent scheduled meeting regarding adding the road to the county system.

Approved April 2, 2025

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