

**2021 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION**

**HB 1168**

# 2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Transportation Committee Room JW327E, State Capitol

HB 1168  
1/21/2021

A bill relating to electronic operator's licenses; relating to operator's license examinations and the renewal of operator's licenses.

9:00 **Chairman Ruby** opened the hearing.

### Attendance

Representatives	
Representative Dan Ruby	P
Representative Tom Kading	P
Representative Rick Becker	P
Representative Cole Christensen	P
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	P
Representative Jared C. Hagert	P
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	P
Representative Terry B. Jones	P
Representative Emily O'Brien	P
Representative Mark S. Owens	P
Representative Bob Paulson	P
Representative Gary Paur	P
Representative Robin Weisz	P
Representative Greg Westlind	P

### Discussion Topics:

- Omit section 1 of the bill relating to electronic operator's licenses.
- Online renewal of driver's licenses.

**Representative Toman** introduced the bill.

**Robin Rehborg, ND Department of Transportation, Deputy Director for Driver's Safety,** supported the bill. Testimony # 1893.

9:20 Hearing closed.

**Representative Becker** made a motion to remove section 1 of the bill.

**Representative Hagert** seconded the motion.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

**Brad Schaffer, Director of Driver's License Division, ND Department of Transportation,** answered questions.

**Robin Rehborg** responded to questions.

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9:36 Adjourned.

*Jeanette Cook, Committee Clerk*

**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**January 21, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. - Room 327E**

**North Dakota Department of Transportation**  
**Robin Rehborg, Deputy Director for Driver Safety**

**HB 1168**

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Good morning, Chairman Ruby and members of the committee. I'm Robin Rehborg, Deputy Director for Driver Safety for the North Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT). I'm here to provide information related to HB 1168. Thank you for your time today.

House Bill 1168 provides for the implementation of the Mobile Driver License (DL) through the use of any mobile device. Today a driver license is used for the following two primary goals, to confirm identity and to convey driving privileges. The mobile license allows the holder to share only what information is necessary. When verifying age, it is not necessary to share name, address, and the exact date of birth. It provides another level of privacy to citizens providing greater control over personal information. If you are pulled over by law enforcement, you will remain in possession of the device and the officer can access your credentials wirelessly once you confirm to send the information. It also allows for a contactless verification of information at an airport

It allows the state to remotely manage a license by adding, updating, or revoking driving privileges and allows an option to quickly update an address and have a current credential without having to visit an office. If the phone is lost or stolen, the license can be deleted remotely before a new digital version is issued. It is also going to be less vulnerable to fraud and counterfeiting. A Mobile DL is not a replacement for the actual card, rather a supplement to it.

The benefits of a Mobile DL include security, only accessed by the owner of the device through a pin or fingerprint. There is also a convenience knowing you always have your phone with you and freedom to leave your wallet at home.

The amendment to 39-06-13, number two, adds provisions for the written examination or knowledge test for a class D license to be accessed online. Allowing online testing would be a benefit to the citizens particularly in the rural communities as the student could access the exam anytime of the day and if they should fail they could take it again the next day without having to schedule an appointment and go to an office.

This technology is very new. Currently, we are aware of seven states who are in some stage of implementation of conducting online testing. It is important to note that even though the test is taken online, the student would not be able to immediately drive. They would still need to come into a Driver License office to obtain their learners permit card. They must verify identity, show their test certificate, prove residency and have their photo taken.

The amendment to 39-06-19, number nine and ten would allow citizens to renew their driver license electronically indefinitely until age 65. The most recent survey of states conducted by AAMVA (American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators) on renewal requirements showed a majority of states, which allow online renewal, require an in person visit to a DL office every other renewal cycle. This is considered an industry standard. It is currently a REAL-ID requirement to renew in person every sixteen years. A person's appearance can change significantly over that timeframe, so it is important to have an updated photo and eye test. HB 1102 recommended a change to the online renewal system to allow those age under 70 to renew online. This bill has been passed on the house floor.

This concludes my testimony. Thank You.

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11:06 **Chairman Ruby** brought bill back to committee.

### Attendance

Representatives	Vote
Representative Dan Ruby	P
Representative Tom Kading	P
Representative Rick Becker	P
Representative Cole Christensen	P
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	A
Representative Jared C. Hagert	P
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	P
Representative Terry B. Jones	P
Representative Emily O'Brien	P
Representative Mark S. Owens	P
Representative Bob Paulson	P
Representative Gary Paur	P
Representative Robin Weisz	P
Representative Greg Westlind	P

### Discussion Topics:

- Additional amendments

**Representative Becker** proposed markup language for an amendment. (additional fee)  
# 2249

**Representative Jones** moved the amendment.

**Representative Becker** seconded.

Voice vote carried.

**Representative Jones** moved to further amend. Oral amendment.

**Representative Hanson** seconded.

Voice vote carried.

**Representative Becker** moved Do Pass as amended. LC 21.0331.01002 Title: 02000

**Representative Christensen** seconded.

Roll Call Vote

<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Representative Dan Ruby	Y
Representative Tom Kading	Y
Representative Rick Becker	Y
Representative Cole Christensen	Y
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	A
Representative Jared C. Hagert	Y
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	Y
Representative Terry B. Jones	Y
Representative Emily O'Brien	Y
Representative Mark S. Owens	Y
Representative Bob Paulson	Y
Representative Gary Paur	Y
Representative Robin Weisz	Y
Representative Greg Westlind	Y

Motion carried. 13-0-1 **Representative Hanson** carrier.

11:24 Adjourned.

*Jeanette Cook, Committee Clerk*

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1168

Page 1, line 3, after "39-06-19" insert "and subsection 2 of section 39-06-49"

Page 1, line 4, replace "and the renewal of operator's licenses" with ", renewals, and fees"

Page 2, line 15, replace "may not" with "shall"

Page 2, line 15, after "fee" insert "of ten dollars"

Page 5, after line 8, insert:

**"SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 39-06-49 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. The fee for:
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  - b. Written testing for an application for an operator's license is five dollars.
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  - ~~h.i.~~ Reinstatement after suspension is fifty dollars unless the suspension was the result of a suspension under subsection 3, 4, or 6 of section 39-06-03 or subdivision b of subsection 1 of section 39-06-32, then the fee is twenty-five dollars, or unless the suspension was a result of a violation under section 39-08-01 or chapter 39-20, then the fee is one hundred dollars.
  - ~~i.j.~~ Reinstatement after revocation is fifty dollars, unless the revocation was imposed for a violation of subsection 6 of section 39-06-17 or section 39-06-31, 39-06-43, or 39-20-04, then the fee is one hundred dollars."

Renumber accordingly



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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1168

Page 1, line 1, remove "create and enact a new section to chapter 39-06 of the North Dakota"

Page 1, line 2, remove "Century Code, relating to electronic operator's licenses; and to"

Page 1, line 3, after "39-06-19" insert "and subsection 2 of section 39-06-49"

Page 1, line 4, replace "and the renewal of operator's licenses" with ", renewals, and fees"

Page 1, remove lines 6 through 24

Page 2, line 15, replace "may not" with "shall"

Page 2, line 15, after "fee" insert "of ten dollars"

Page 5, line 2, remove the overstrike over "during"

Page 5, line 2, remove the overstrike over "ether"

Page 5, after line 8, insert:

**"SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 39-06-49 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. The fee for:

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Renumber accordingly

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1168: Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1168 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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Renumber accordingly

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Sixty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1168**

Introduced by

Representatives Toman, Bosch, Ertelt, Kading, Mock

Senator Schaible

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 39-06 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to electronic operator's licenses; and to amend and reenact sections  
3 39-06-13 and 39-06-19 and subsection 2 of section 39-06-49 of the North Dakota Century  
4 Code, relating to operator's license examinations ~~and the renewal of operator's licenses,~~  
5 renewals, and fees.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 39-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
8 and enacted as follows:

9 **Electronic operator's license.**

- 10 1. The department shall implement a computerized licensing system that allows a  
11 licensed motor vehicle operator to provide electronic proof of valid licensing on an  
12 electronic communications device.
- 13 2. The electronic proof of valid licensing may be used:
- 14 a. Upon being stopped by a law enforcement officer for the purpose of enforcing or  
15 investigating the possible violation of an ordinance or state law; or
- 16 b. For identification purposes.
- 17 3. A law enforcement officer may not scan, retrieve, or in any other manner request  
18 electronic possession of any information contained on a electronic operator's license  
19 without permission from the licensed motor vehicle operator.
- 20 4. If a law enforcement officer requests identification via electronic method, the  
21 computerized licensing system must display to the licensed motor vehicle operator  
22 whether the officer has reasonable suspicion the licensed motor vehicle operator is in  
23 violation of the law.

- 1        5. The director may adopt rules necessary for the effective implementation of an  
2        electronic operator's licensing system.

3        **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-06-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
4        amended and reenacted as follows:

5        **39-06-13. Examination of applicants.**

- 6        1. Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, the director shall examine every applicant  
7        for an operator's license. The examination must include a test of the applicant's  
8        eyesight; ability to read and understand highway signs regulating, warning, and  
9        directing traffic; and knowledge of the traffic laws of this state. The director shall make  
10       any written portion of the examination, except writing on illustrations of signs, available  
11       to an applicant in any widely practiced language. The director may waive the written  
12       portion of the examination for an applicant who has successfully passed a written  
13       examination in another state and has an operator's license that is not or in the process  
14       of being revoked, suspended, or canceled.
- 15       2. The director shall establish a process to administer the written portion of an  
16       examination for an operator's license through an online electronic medium. The  
17       director ~~may not~~ shall charge an applicant a fee of ten dollars to access the online  
18       written examination. The online examination must:
- 19           a. Use personal questions about the applicant before the examination which the  
20           applicant is required to answer during the examination, to strengthen test security  
21           to deter fraud; and
- 22           b. Require the applicant's parent or legal guardian to certify to the department the  
23           parent or legal guardian monitored the applicant during the online written  
24           examination, before issuance by the department of a class D instruction permit to  
25           an applicant who has passed the online examination.
- 26       3. The examination must include an actual demonstration of ability to exercise ordinary  
27       and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle unless waived for an  
28       applicant who has successfully passed an actual ability test in this or another state  
29       conducted by a state licensing authority or by a commercial driver training school  
30       meeting the driver education requirements prescribed by the director under chapter

1           39-25. A minor may operate a motor vehicle no matter how owned for the actual ability  
2           test.

3       ~~3-4.~~   In lieu of an eyesight test, the applicant may provide a statement of examination from  
4           a licensed physician or an optometrist stating the corrected and uncorrected vision of  
5           the applicant, if the examination was within six months of the application.

6       ~~4-5.~~   The director may require any other physical or mental examination.

7       **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-06-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
8       amended and reenacted as follows:

9       **39-06-19. Expiration of license - Renewal.**

- 10       1.   Every operator's license issued under this chapter or chapter 39-06.2 expires and is  
11           renewed according to this section.
- 12       2.   The expiration date of a noncommercial operator's license for an individual whose  
13           birth occurred in a year ending in an odd numeral is twelve midnight on the  
14           anniversary of the birthday in the third subsequent year ending in an odd numeral,  
15           except for an individual who, at the time of renewal, is seventy-eight years of age or  
16           older is twelve midnight on the anniversary of the birthday in the second subsequent  
17           year ending in an odd numeral. The expiration date of a noncommercial operator's  
18           license for an individual whose birth occurred in a year ending in an even numeral is  
19           twelve midnight on the anniversary of the birthday in the third subsequent year ending  
20           in an even numeral, except for an individual who, at the time of renewal, is  
21           seventy-eight years of age or older is twelve midnight on the anniversary of the  
22           birthday in the second subsequent year ending in an even numeral.
- 23       3.   The expiration date of a commercial operator's license for an individual whose birth  
24           occurred in a year ending in an odd numeral is twelve midnight on the anniversary of  
25           the birthday in the second subsequent year ending in an odd numeral. The expiration  
26           date of a commercial operator's license for an individual whose birth occurred in a  
27           year ending in an even numeral is twelve midnight on the anniversary of the birthday  
28           in the second subsequent year ending in an even numeral.
- 29       4.   An individual who has a valid, unexpired nonimmigrant visa or nonimmigrant visa  
30           status for entry into the United States, a pending application for asylum in the United  
31           States, a pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United

1 States, approved deferred action status, or a pending application for adjustment of  
2 status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence or conditional  
3 permanent residence status in the United States will be issued a temporary operator's  
4 license or nondriver photo identification card. The temporary operator's license or  
5 identification card is valid only during the period of time of the applicant's authorized  
6 stay in the United States or, if there is no definite end to the period of authorized stay,  
7 a period of one year. The license or card may be renewed only upon presentation of  
8 valid documentary evidence that the status has been extended.

9 5. An applicant for renewal must present the application with the fee for renewal of  
10 license to the director not before ten months prior to the expiration date of the  
11 operator's license. The director may require an examination of an applicant as upon  
12 an original application. The director may require an applicant for renewal or a  
13 substitute to provide documentation that confirms to the satisfaction of the director the  
14 true identity, date of birth, and legal presence of the applicant and provide a social  
15 security card or other satisfactory evidence of a social security number and proof of  
16 residence address, if not previously completed or if there are changes to the  
17 information already on file. The director may not issue a distinguishing number that is,  
18 contains, can be converted to, or is an encrypted version of the applicant's social  
19 security number.

20 6. The director may not renew an operator's license if the license has been suspended  
21 under section 14-08.1-07. Upon the recommendation of the court, the director may  
22 issue a temporary permit to the licensee under section 39-06.1-11 if the temporary  
23 permit is necessary for the licensee to work and the court has determined the licensee  
24 is making a good-faith effort to comply with the child support order.

25 7. An applicant for renewal of an operator's license must provide a certificate of  
26 examination from the driver licensing or examining authorities or a statement as to the  
27 corrected and uncorrected vision of the applicant from a licensed physician or an  
28 optometrist, except as required under subsection 9. The director shall provide visual  
29 examination equipment at each location where a license may be renewed.

30 8. An individual submitting an application and the fee for renewal of license one year or  
31 more after the expiration of a license, except an applicant whose military service has



terminated less than thirty days prior to the application, must be treated as an initial applicant.

9. A noncommercial applicant may apply by mail or electronically for renewal of a license during every other renewal cycle, except as otherwise provided by subsection 10. The director may use vision information provided by the applicant to meet vision requirements for applicants under sixty-five years of age and adopt procedures necessary to implement this subsection.

10. A noncommercial applicant for an operator's license may not renew by mail or electronically if the applicant is seeking a new photo or changes to the information on the face of the physical operator's license.

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## Transportation Committee Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1168  
3/4/2021

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**Chair Clemens** calls the meeting to order. Present are Chair Clemens, Vice Chair Fors, Senators Bakke, Conley, Dwyer, D. Larsen. [10:02]

### Discussion Topics:

- Digital licensing
- Identity verification software
- Online permit tests

**Representative Toman [10:03]** presents the bill and testifies orally in favor.

**Brad Schaffer [10:08]** offers neutral testimony and submits testimony #7301.

**Chair Clemens** adjourns the public hearing. [10:21]

**Chair Clemens** opens committee work on HB 1168.

**Senator D. Larsen [10:30]** motions DO PASS AND REREFER TO APPROPRIATIONS.  
**Senator Conley [10:31]** seconds.

Senators	Vote
Senator David Clemens	Y
Senator Robert Fors	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	Y
Senator Doug Larsen	Y
Senator JoNell Bakke	Y

Motion passes 6-0-0. [10:31]

**Senator Bakke** will carry.

**Chair Clemens** adjourns the meeting. [10:33]

*Sheldon Wolf, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1168**, as engrossed: **Transportation Committee (Sen. Clemens, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1168 was rereferred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

# #7301

**SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**March 4, 2020 - 10:00 a.m. – Fort Totten Room**

**North Dakota Department of Transportation**  
**Brad Schaffer, Director for Driver License**

**HB 1168**

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Good morning, Chairman Clemens and members of the committee. I'm Brad Schaffer, Director for Driver License for the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT). I'm here to provide information related to HB 1168. Thank you for your time today.

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In discussions with vendors and the above-mentioned states, we believe the initial cost of the software will be approximately ten dollars per test. This fee covers the costs of the software hosting, maintenance, security, fraud prevention and any customization from the procured vendor. Currently, DOT conducts 26,000 Class D knowledge tests per year; if we estimate 75% of those tests were conducted online this would result in 19,500 online tests per year. We do believe that once this practice becomes more widely used the cost could come down. The current fee to take a knowledge test is five dollars, which would cover a portion of the online testing cost.

The current bill in front of you was amended to include a ten dollar fee for online testing. With so many unknowns with this technology, NDDOT would prefer to leave the fee at five dollars and request appropriation authority to cover the rest of the cost of the testing fee.

This concludes my testimony. Thank You.

**2021 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS**

**HB 1168**

# 2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Appropriations Committee**  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol

HB 1168  
3/23/2021  
Senate Appropriations Committee

Relating to operator's license examinations, renewals, and fees.
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**Senator Holmberg** opened the hearing at 3:32 PM.

Senators present: **Holmberg, Krebsbach, Wanzek, Poolman, Erbele, Dever, Oehlke, Rust, Davison, Hogue, Sorvaag, Mathern, and Heckaman.** Senator **Bekkedahl** was absent.

**Discussion Topics:**

- Security checks
- Costs associated with bill
- Online testing

**Brad Schaffer, Director, Driver' License Division** – testified in favor.

**Senator Holmberg** closed the hearing at 3:49 PM.

*Rose Laning, Committee Clerk*

# 2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Appropriations Committee Roughrider Room, State Capitol

HB 1168  
3/30/2021  
Senate Appropriations Committee

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**Chairman Holmberg** opened the hearing at 9:53 a.m.

Senators present: Holmberg, Krebsbach, Wanzek, Bekkedahl, Poolman, Erbele, Dever, Oehlke, Rust, Davison, Hogue, Sorvaag, Mathern, and Heckaman.

### Discussion Topics:

- **Vote**

**Senator Rust** moved DO PASS

**Vice-Chair Wanzek** seconded the motion

<b>Senators</b>			<b>Senators</b>	
<i>Senator Holmberg</i>	Y		<i>Senator Hogue</i>	Y
<i>Senator Krebsbach</i>	Y		<i>Senator Oehlke</i>	Y
<i>Senator Wanzek</i>	Y		<i>Senator Poolman</i>	Y
<i>Senator Bekkedahl</i>	Y		<i>Senator Rust</i>	Y
<i>Senator Davison</i>	Y		<i>Senator Sorvaag</i>	Y
<i>Senator Dever</i>	Y		<i>Senator Heckaman</i>	Y
<i>Senator Erbele</i>	N		<i>Senator Mathern</i>	Y

Roll Call Vote – 13-1-0

**Chairman Holmberg** closed the hearing at 9:55 a.m.

*Rose Laning, Committee Clerk*



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1168, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
Engrossed HB 1168 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.