2023 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1417

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Room JW327E, State Capitol

HB 1417
1/26/2023

A bill relating to entries against a driving record.

Chairman D. Ruby opened the hearing at 9:54AM.

Members present: Chairman Ruby, Vice Chairman Grueneich, Representatives Anderson, Christensen, Dyk, Frelich, Hauck, Murphy, Timmons, Wagner, Weisz, Dakane. Members absent: Representatives Koppelman and Dobervich.

Discussion Topics:

- Traffic violations
- Insurance and traffic records

Representative Nelson verbally introduced the bill in support.

Rob Hovland, Chairman of North Dakota Association of Insurers and CEO of Center Mutual, verbally testified in support.

Jon Godfread, North Dakota Insurance Commissioner, verbally testified in support.

Jon Ward, representing North Dakota Association of Insurers and State Farm Insurance, verbally testified in support.

Dennis Pathroff, representing American Property and Casualty Insurance, verbally testified in support.

Brad Schaffer, Drivers License Director with the North Dakota Department of Transportation, answered questions from the committee.

Chairman Ruby closed the hearing at 10:30AM.

Mary Brucker, Committee Clerk

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Room JW327E, State Capitol

HB 1417
2/2/2023

A bill relating to entries against a driving record.

Chairman D. Ruby opened the meeting at 4:04PM.

Members present: Chairman Ruby, Vice Chairman Grueneich, Representatives Anderson, Christensen, Dyk, Frelich, Hauck, Koppelman, Murphy, Timmons, Wagner, Weisz, Dakane, Dobervich. Members absent: none.

Discussion Topics:

- Effects on driver insurance
- Committee vote

Representative Koppelman moved a Do Not Pass.

Representative Christensen seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Dan Ruby	N
Representative Jim Grueneich	Y
Representative Karen A. Anderson	N
Representative Cole Christensen	Y
Representative Hamida Dakane	N
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	N
Representative Scott Dyk	N
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Dori Hauck	N
Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Representative Eric James Murphy	N
Representative Kelby Timmons	Y
Representative Scott Wagner	N
Representative Robin Weisz	Y

Motion failed 6-8-0

Representative Murphy moved a Do Pass.

Representative Dakane seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Dan Ruby	Y
Representative Jim Grueneich	N
Representative Karen A. Anderson	Y
Representative Cole Christensen	N
Representative Hamida Dakane	Y
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Representative Scott Dyk	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	N
Representative Dori Hauck	Y
Representative Ben Koppelman	N
Representative Eric James Murphy	Y
Representative Kelby Timmons	N
Representative Scott Wagner	Y
Representative Robin Weisz	N

Motion carried 8-6-0

Representative Murphy is the bill carrier.

Chairman D. Ruby adjourned at 4:19PM.

Mary Brucker, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1417: Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (8 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1417 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2023 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1417

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1417
3/10/2023

Relating to entries against a driving record.

9:45 AM Chairman Clemens opened hearing.

Senators Present: **Clemens, Conley, Larsen, Rummel, Paulson.**

Discussion Topics:

- Driver points access
- Statute purpose
- Driver violations

9:45 AM Representative Nelson introduced bill.

9:47 AM Ryan Joyce, Association of ND Insurers, introduced Rob Hovland

9:48 AM Rob Hovland, Chair for ND association of Insurers, verbally testified in favor.

9:58 AM Dennis Pathroff, American Property and Casualty Insurance Association, verbally testified in favor.

9:59 AM John Arnold, Deputy Insurance Commissioner for ND Insurance Department, verbally testified in favor.

10:01 AM Brad Schafer, Driver License Director for NDDOT, verbally testified neutral.

Additional written testimony:

Ross Lien #23352

10:05 AM Chairman Clemens adjourned hearing.

Nathan Liesen, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1417
3/10/2023

Relating to entries against a driving record.

10:34 AM Chairman Clemens opened hearing.

Senators Present: **Clemens, Conley, Larsen, Rummel, Paulson.**

Discussion Topics:

- Criminal offense
- Amendment language
- Semi-trucks
- Point system

10:35 AM Brad Schafer, Drivers License Director for NDDOT, answers question.

10:51 AM Chairman Clemens adjourns meeting.

Nathan Liesen, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1417
3/16/2023

Relating to entries against a driving record.

9:45 AM Chairman Clemens opened the meeting.

Senators Present: **Clemens, Conley, Larsen, Rummel, Paulson.**

Discussion Topics:

- Driver points
- Minor infractions

3:54 PM Rob Hovland, Chief Executive Officer, Center Mutual Insurance, verbally testified.

4:07 PM Brad Schafer, Drivers License Director for ND Department of Transportation, verbally answered questions.

4:09 PM Chairman Clemens closed the meeting.

Nathan Liesen, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1417
3/17/2023

relating to entries against a driving record.

10:17 AM Chairman Clemens opened the meeting.

Chairman Clemens, Senators Conley, Larsen, Paulson, Rummel were present.

Discussion Topics:

- Committee Action

10:33 AM Senator Rummel moved Do Pass.

10:33 AM Senator Conley seconded.

Roll call vote.

Senators	Vote
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Doug Larsen	N
Senator Bob Paulson	N
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

Passed 3-2-0

Senator Rummel will carry the bill.

10:34 AM Chairman Clemens closed the meeting.

Nathan Liesen, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1417: Transportation Committee (Sen. Clemens, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (3 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1417 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

TESTIMONY

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March 9, 2023

The Honorable David Clemens, Chairman
The Honorable Cole Conley, Vice Chair
Members of the North Dakota Senate Committee on Transportation

RE: Letter in support of HB 1417 – March 10, 2023 Hearing

Dear Chairman Clemens and Members of the Transportation Committee,

The National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC) membership includes more than 1,400 member companies. The association supports regional and local mutual insurance companies on main streets across America and many of the country's largest national insurers. NAMIC member companies write over $1.5 billion in annual premiums in the state. In North Dakota, we have 202 member companies, including 6 domiciled companies, which underwrite 89% of homeowners and 46% of auto insurance coverage.

NAMIC writes to urge the Committee to pass HB 1417, which would allow insurance companies to access full driving records, including violations that result in the loss of two or fewer driving points.

Under North Dakota law, driving violations that result in the deduction of two driving points or less are not recorded on a driver's record, and cannot be viewed by insurance companies who currently or may in the future insure a driver. Not having complete access to driving records and all traffic violations significantly hinders and insurance companies ability to properly rate and underwrite an insurance policy.

Currently, violations such as driving on the wrong side of the road, having an open container, knowingly driving with defective breaks, and disregarding the lawful command of a police officer all require the loss of 2 driving points and are not entered on a driving record. Having access to these types of violations and complete driving records will allow insurance companies to more precisely rate and underwrite auto insurance policies in North Dakota.

For these reasons and others, NAMIC is happy to support HB 1417, We hope the committee will strongly consider supporting the passage of this important legislation. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

NAMIC Regional Vice President, Midwest