

# CARRIAGE

## CHAPTER 91

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1441

(Representatives Mickelson, Grumbo, Dorso)

(Senators Cook, O'Connell)

## CONTRACT CARRIER SAFETY STANDARDS

AN ACT to provide for minimum safety standards for passenger contract carriers.

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

**SECTION 1. Safety standards for passenger contract carriers.** The highway patrol shall establish minimum safety standards for passenger contract carriers transporting fewer than fifteen passengers. The safety standards must include provisions for driver qualifications; motor vehicle inspection, maintenance, and repair; hours of service; drug and alcohol testing; and insurance. In this section, "contract carrier" means a person engaged in the business of carrying passengers for hire and in that business does not operate on a fixed route. The term does not include a person who makes a single daily round trip to commute to and from work, a person transporting only schoolchildren and teachers, a person operating ambulance or funeral services, a person who on occasion and not as a regular business enterprise transports one or more passengers for pay, a person operating stretched sedan-type limousines, nor a person operating a taxicab service using vehicles with a seating capacity of fewer than seven passengers.

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