

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

SENATE BILL NO. 2087
(Transportation Committee)
(At the request of the Highway Patrol)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 39-32-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to intrastate exemptions from federal hours of service provisions for intrastate drivers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 39-32-02 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

39-32-02. Intrastate exemptions from federal hours of service provisions.

1. The following intrastate drivers are not subject to hours of service limitations:
 - a. A driver of an authorized emergency vehicle.
 - b. A driver who operates a motor vehicle that has a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating equal to or less than twenty-six thousand pounds [11793.40 kilograms] and that is not transporting hazardous materials.
 - c. A driver of a tow truck operating at the request of a law enforcement officer.
2. Except for a driver included in subsection 1, a motor carrier may not permit or require any intrastate driver to drive and an intrastate driver may not drive:
 - a. More than twelve hours following eight consecutive hours off duty.
 - b. For any period after having been on duty more than fifteen hours.
 - c. After having been on duty for seventy hours in any period of seven consecutive days.
3. ~~Following twenty four consecutive hours off, an intrastate driver begins a new seven consecutive day period and on duty time is reset to zero.~~
4. Hours of service limitations do not apply to an intrastate driver when transporting property or passengers during a declared emergency. The employer must declare and document that the emergency is necessary to assure the protection of public health and safety or to provide other essential assistance to the public. An employer shall maintain documentation for one year and shall make it available upon request of a law enforcement officer. Under this subsection, an emergency is the result of any natural activities, including a tornado, windstorm, thunderstorm, snowstorm, ice storm, blizzard, drought, mudslide, flood, high water, earthquake, forest fire, explosion, blackout, or other occurrence, natural or manmade, which interrupts delivery of essential services, such as electricity, medical care, sewer, water, telecommunications transmissions, or essential supplies, such as food and fuels, or otherwise threatens human life or public welfare.
5. ~~4.~~ An intrastate driver is exempt from maintaining a record of duty status if:
 - a. The driver operates within a one hundred fifty air-mile radius from the driver's normal work reporting location or from the official worksite of the vehicle;
 - b. At least eight consecutive hours off duty separate each twelve hours on duty;

- c. The driver, except for a driver salesperson, returns to the work reporting location and is released from work within twelve consecutive hours; and
- d. The motor carrier maintains and retains for a period of six months accurate time records showing the time the driver reports for duty and is released from duty each day.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2087.

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 3

House Vote: Yeas 87 Nays 6 Absent 5

Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Governor

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Secretary of State