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2003 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1319

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1319

House Transportation Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 23, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		x	23.0 to 36.9
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Louise L. Felt</i>			

Minutes:

Rep. Weisz opened the hearing on HB 1319, a bill for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-10-57 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to following an emergency vehicle.

Rep. Severson representing District 23 introduced HB 1319 as a safety issue. Many times vehicles will follow or see an emergency vehicle and will want to know what is going on --- so they will stoop at the scene. This law that we are amending is on the books and deals with fire vehicles. We want to amend that to emergency vehicles -- and we have some amendments -- to line 5 we propose at line 11 to change 500 to 200 feet and change fire alarm to '911' emergency. All it really says that we don't want people following to close to emergency vehicles. We don't mean to have this apply to emergency volunteer firemen or extra EMTs but we do need to be able to identify them. We do not want them to be stopping within 200 feet of an accident site.

Rep. Hawken: On the Interstate if you stop over in the other lane -- are far enough away from the site?

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Rep. Severson: We really don't want people stopping -- when they do we want them back far enough so that we can work, load and ambulance, turn a vehicle around or land a helicopter if one is ordered -- so on the Interstate where there is another lane -- we want them to keep moving past the site and on there way.

Rep. Ruby: If you are a family member called to the scene -- would this effect them at all

Rep. Severson: From personal EMS would prefer not to have family there. We usually have law enforcement keep family away. If the family is following us to the hospital we don't want them following to close as we travel fast and we don't want them to get into an accident.

Rep. Price: (33.0) I assume law enforcement and EMs is going to take into account the vehicles which are already there -- assisting if they were the first on the scene.

Rep. Severson: Exactly right -- common sense has to prevail.

Derek Hanson: Appeared in support of HB 1319. His written testimony is attached.

There being no others wishing to appear to testify either for or against HB 1319, Chairman Weisz closed the hearing.

End (36.7) .

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1319b

House Transportation Committee

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Hearing Date February 24, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		x	45.5 to 50.5
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Lauren L. Zink</i>			

Minutes:

Rep. Weisz opened the discussion for action on HB 1319. Copies of proposed amendments were distributed. Rep. Severson has seen the amendments and finds them acceptable. Following discussion of the proposed amendments, on a voice vote the motion by Rep. Delmore carried.

Rep. Hawken moved a 'Do Pass as amended' motion for HB 1319. Rep. Delmore seconded the motion. On a roll call vote the motion carried 11 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent and not voting.

Rep. Dosch was designated to carry HB 1319 on the floor.

End of record (50.5).

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30450.0101
Title.0200

Adopted by the Transportation Committee
January 24, 2003

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HOUSE AMENDMENTS to HB 1319 htrn 1-27-03

Page 1, line 2, after "following" insert "or stopping by"

Page 1, line 7, replace "fire apparatus" with "emergency vehicle"

Page 1, line 11, overstrike "five" and insert immediately thereafter "two", overstrike "152.4" and insert immediately thereafter "60.96", overstrike "fire apparatus" and insert immediately thereafter "emergency vehicle", and overstrike the second "fire"

Page 1, line 12, overstrike "alarm" and insert immediately thereafter "911 emergency"

Renumber accordingly

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Date: 11/24/03
Roll Call Vote #: _____

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1319

House TRANSPORTATION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 30450.0100

Action Taken Do Pass as amended

Motion Made By Rep. Hansen Seconded By Rep. Delmore

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Robin Weisz - Chairman	✓		Lois Delmore	✓	
Kathy Hawken - Vice Chairman	✓		Arlo E. Schmidt	A	
LeRoy G. Bernstein	A		Elwood Thorpe	✓	
Mark A. Dosch	✓		Steven L. Zaiser	✓	
Pat Galvin	✓				
Craig Headland	✓				
Clara Sue Price	✓				
Dan J. Ruby	✓				
Dave Weiler	✓				

Total Yes 11 No 0

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Rep. Dosch

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 27, 2003 8:25 a.m.

Module No: HR-15-1088
Carrier: Dosch
Insert LC: 30450.0101 Title: .0200

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1319: Transportation Committee (Rep. Welsz, Chairman) recommends
AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS**
(11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1319 was placed on the
Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 2, after "following" insert "or stopping by"

Page 1, line 7, replace "~~fire apparatus~~" with "emergency vehicle"

Page 1, line 11, overstrike "five" and insert immediately thereafter "two", overstrike "152.4" and
insert immediately thereafter "80.96", overstrike "fire apparatus" and insert immediately
thereafter "emergency vehicle", and overstrike the second "fire"

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2003 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1319

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. **HB 1319**

Senate Transportation Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 3-07-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	3720-4750
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Mary K Monson</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Senator Thomas Trenbeath opened the hearing on HB 1319 relating to following or stopping by an emergency vehicle.

Representative Dale Severson (District 23) Introduced HB 1319. Stated that the ND EMS Association has had trouble with vehicles following and stopping too close to ambulances. It is a public safety issue. The bill says that vehicles cannot follow closer than 500 feet behind an emergency vehicle and the driver of a vehicle other than one on official business may not stop within 200 feet of that emergency vehicle answering to a 911 emergency.

Keith Sorenson (ND Emergency Medical Services) Handed out testimony from **Derek Hanson**, Past President and Legislative Chair, ND EMS Association. (See attached.) Testified that the EMS Association supports this bill. Pointed out that, although most EMS personnel are seat belted in, as well as the patients, the primary caregiver in the back of the ambulance cannot be

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Hearing Date 3-07-03

restrained while performing his duties. (Meter 4345) Explained the danger of vehicles following too close.

Andy Zachmeler (Fraternal Order of Police) Testified in support of HB 1319. Over the past thirteen years, working as a Police Officer, he has noticed that people drive right up to fire trucks and ambulances at emergency scenes making it difficult for the emergency personnel to do their jobs.

The hearing on HB 1319 was closed.

Senator Nething moved a **Do Pass**. Seconded by **Senator Espegard**. Roll call vote 5-0-1.

Passed. Floor carrier is **Senator Trenbeath**.

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Date: 3-7-03
Roll Call Vote #:

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1319

Senate TRANSPORTATION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken No pass

Motion Made By Senator Nething Seconded By Senator Espegard

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Thomas Trenbeath, Chair	✓		Senator Dennis Bercier		
Senator Duaine Espegard, V. Chair	✓		Senator Ryan Taylor	✓	
Senator Duane Mutch	✓				
Senator Dave Nething	✓				

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Senator Trenbeath

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 7, 2003 2:23 p.m.

Module No: SR-41-4276
Carrier: Trenbeath
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1319, as engrossed: Transportation Committee (Sen. Trenbeath, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
Engrossed HB 1319 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

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2003 TESTIMONY

HB 1319

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Proposed

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Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1319

Introduced by

Representatives Severson, Delmore, Porter

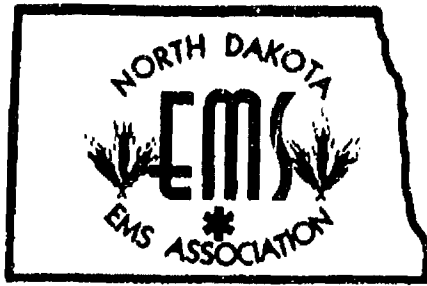
Senators Erbele, Klein, Krebsbach

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-10-57 of the North Dakota Century Code,
- 2 relating to following an emergency vehicle.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-10-57 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **39-10-57. Following fire apparatus emergency vehicle prohibited - Stopping by**
7 **fire apparatus.** The driver of any a vehicle other than one on official business may not follow
8 any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm closer than five hundred feet [152.4
9 meters] or behind an emergency vehicle displaying the appropriate light for that vehicle in an
10 emergency. A driver of a vehicle other than one on official business may not stop such the
11 vehicle within five two hundred feet [152.4 60.96 meters] of any fire apparatus stopped emergency
12 vehicle in answer to a fire alarm a 911 emergency.



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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Testimony in Support of HB 1319

Thursday, January 23, 2003
10:30 AM

By: Derek Hanson, Past President
& Legislative Chair

Even though accidents involving an ambulance being hit from behind are rare, there are many instances where the public follows an ambulance vehicle too close. Often times the public follow behind ambulances at high speeds, or on dangerous road surfaces. Not only could this jeopardize the patients welfare, but could lead to injuries or death for EMS workers as well.

Passing this law would help protect the men and women who serve as volunteers and paid EMS personnel. It would also allow them to clearly mark their ambulances with lettering directing family members and the public from following too close.

We ask for your support on HB 1319, and that you give it a "do pass" recommendation.

Thank you.

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SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Testimony in Support of HB 1319

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10:30 AM

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