

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1241

Introduced by

Representatives Satrom, Ostlie

Senator Conley

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact ~~section~~sections 39-10-03.1 and 39-21-26 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code; relating to class B authorized emergency vehicles and special
3 restrictions on lamps on motor vehicles or equipment.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-10-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **39-10-03.1. Class B authorized emergency vehicles.**

- 8 1. The driver of a class B authorized emergency vehicle may:
- 9 a. Park or stand, irrespective of the provisions of this chapter.
- 10 b. Exceed the speed limit so long as the driver does not endanger life or property
- 11 during the time of a local or national disaster.
- 12 c. Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified
- 13 directions.
- 14 2. The exceptions granted in this section to a class B authorized emergency vehicle
- 15 apply only when the authorized emergency vehicle is displaying an amber and white
- 16 light visible under normal atmospheric conditions for a distance of five hundred feet
- 17 [152.4 meters] in any direction, and:
- 18 a. When it is necessary for the authorized emergency vehicle to use these
- 19 exemptions for the immediate protection of life or property;

- 1 b. When an authorized emergency vehicle is stopped on a highway for the purpose
2 of performing a duty as required of the driver; or
3 c. When traveling at a speed slower than the normal flow of traffic.
- 4 3. A class B authorized emergency vehicle may display a flashing blue light when the
5 vehicle is stopped on a highway. A class B authorized emergency vehicle may not
6 display a flashing blue light when transporting another vehicle or when traveling on a
7 highway.

8 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-21-26 of the North Dakota Century Code is
9 amended and reenacted as follows:

10 **39-21-26. Special restrictions on lamps.**

- 11 1. Any lighted lamp or illuminating device ~~upon~~ on a motor vehicle, other than headlamps,
12 spot lamps, auxiliary lamps, flashing turn signals, emergency vehicle warning lamps
13 and schoolbus warning lamps, which projects a beam of light of an intensity greater
14 than three hundred candlepower must be ~~so~~ directed so that no part of the
15 high-intensity portion of the beam will strike the level of the roadway on which the
16 vehicle stands at a distance of more than seventy-five feet [22.86 meters] from the
17 vehicle.
- 18 2. ~~No~~ A person may not drive or move any vehicle or equipment ~~upon~~ any highway with
19 ~~any~~ a lamp or device ~~thereon~~ displaying a red or green light visible from directly in front
20 of the center ~~thereof~~ of the vehicle or equipment. This section does not apply to ~~any~~
21 vehicle upon which a red light visible from the front is expressly authorized or required
22 by this chapter.
- 23 3. Flashing lights are prohibited except on ~~an~~ authorized:
- 24 a. An authorized emergency vehicle, ~~schoolbus, snow-removal equipment;~~
25 b. A schoolbus;
26 c. Snow-removal equipment;
27 d. A vehicle owned by a funeral home, which may display a flashing purple light only
28 while used for the purpose of escorting a funeral procession; or ~~on any~~
29 e. Any vehicle as a means of indicating a right or left turn, or the presence of a
30 vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in approaching, overtaking, or
31 passing.