



**Highway Patrol
Department No. 504
2025 Senate Bill No. 2011**

**EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION
2025-27 BIENNIUM**

Budget Summary

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Executive budget recommendation	205.00	\$65,586,292	\$26,275,315	\$91,861,607
Base level	205.00	47,657,320	20,428,226	68,085,546
Increase (decrease)	0.00	\$17,928,972	\$5,847,089	\$23,776,061
Percentage increase (decrease)	0.0%	37.6%	28.6%	34.9%

NOTE:

More detailed information on the executive budget recommendation is attached as Appendix A.

A copy of the draft appropriations bill reflecting the executive budget recommendation is attached as Appendix B.

Selected Highlights

- Salary increases of up to 4 percent effective July 1, 2025, and 3 percent effective July 1, 2026
- Health insurance increase of \$250 per month (15.23 percent), from \$1,643 to \$1,893, per employee
- Adds funding to replace 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE pool amounts
- Increases funding for facility leases by \$222,000
- Increases funding for information technology rates and software by \$416,476
- Increases funding for forward looking infrared (FLIR) maintenance by \$88,000
- Increases funding for Capitol security licensing costs by \$218,000
- Adds \$8,009,000, of which \$6,479,000 is from the general fund and \$1,530,000 is from other funds, for State Fleet ongoing (\$1,526,000) and one-time (\$6,483,000) increases
- Provides one-time funding of \$50,000 for preliminary breath tester replacement
- Provides one-time funding of \$184,000 for body armor replacement
- Provides one-time funding of \$870,000 from the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund for conductive electronic weapon (Taser) replacements
- Provides one-time funding of \$260,000 from the strategic investment and improvements (SIIF) fund for a surface replacement at the emergency vehicle operations course

Deficiency Appropriations

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

There are no significant audit findings for this agency.

Agency Fees

As reported to the Legislative Management, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-27, this agency has 4 fees. The agency did not recommend any changes to the fees.

Major Related Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2120 - Highway patrol troopers' retirement system fund - Provides a transfer of \$35.7 million from the SIIF fund to the Highway Patrol Troopers' retirement fund.

NOTE:

Please see the Fiscal Impact Report for additional information regarding bills under consideration which contain either a state revenue impact, an appropriation, or a state fiscal impact.



Highway Patrol - Budget No. 504 Agency Worksheet - Senate Bill No. 2011

	Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	205.00	\$47,657,320	\$20,428,226	\$68,085,546
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes				
Base budget adjustments and reductions		(\$1,547,059)	(\$392,830)	(\$1,939,889)
Cost to continue salary increases		687,000	187,687	874,687
Salary increase		1,812,795	675,641	2,488,436
Health insurance increase		886,517	332,554	1,219,071
Funding to replace 2023-25 new FTE pool		1,705,561	886,353	2,591,914
Funding to replace 2023-25 vacant FTE pool		2,019,207	708,816	2,728,023
Restore trooper costs removed in base budget reductions		4,355,418	331,925	4,687,343
Ongoing state fleet costs		204,000	1,322,000	1,526,000
FLIR maintenance		76,000	12,000	88,000
Capitol security technology costs		218,000		218,000
Lease rate increases		191,000	31,000	222,000
Inflationary increases		318,000	52,000	370,000
Information technology data processing and software		130,000	20,000	150,000
In-car router system		180,000	30,000	210,000
Information technology ongoing costs		186,533	79,943	266,476
Total ongoing funding changes	0.00	\$11,422,972	\$4,277,089	\$15,700,061
One-Time Funding Items				
Fleet services		\$6,275,000	\$208,000	\$6,483,000
Taser replacements			870,000	870,000
Emergency vehicle operations course resurface			260,000	260,000
Preliminary breath test devices		43,000	7,000	50,000
Shooting range ventilation		30,000	5,000	35,000
Body armor		158,000	26,000	184,000
Victims of crime act position			194,000	194,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$6,506,000	\$1,570,000	\$8,076,000
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	0.00	\$17,928,972	\$5,847,089	\$23,776,061
2025-27 Total Funding	205.00	\$65,586,292	\$26,275,315	\$91,861,607

Federal funds included in other funds

\$10,126,739

Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level

0.0%

24.0%

20.9%

23.1%

Total changes - Percentage of base level

0.0%

37.6%

28.6%

34.9%

Other Sections in Highway Patrol - Budget No. 504

Section Description	Executive Budget
Highway tax distribution fund	Section 3 would provide for \$13,119,751 of special funds from the highway tax distribution fund to be used for Highway Patrol operations.
Motor carrier electronic permit fund	Section 4 would provide for \$2,768,825 of special funds from the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund to be used for Highway Patrol operations.

Other Sections in Highway Patrol - Budget No. 504

Section Description	Executive Budget
Highway Patrol officer per diem	Section 5 would provide for Highway Patrol officer per diem of \$200 per month for the 2025-27 biennium, the same as provided during the 2023-25 biennium. The per diem payments are in lieu of reimbursement for meals and other expenses while in travel status within the state.
SIIF	Section 6 would identify \$260,000 from SIIF for the resurfacing of the emergency vehicle operations course.
FTE positions	Section 7 would authorized the Highway Patrol to increase or decrease FTE positions subject to the availability of funds.

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2011
(Governor's Recommendation)

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

A bill for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the highway patrol; to provide an exemption; to provide for a transfer; and to provide for a report to the legislative assembly.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the highway patrol for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the highway patrol, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Field Operations	\$68,085,546	\$23,776,061	\$91,861,607
Total All Funds	\$68,085,546	\$23,776,061	\$91,861,607
Less Estimated Income	<u>20,428,226</u>	<u>5,847,089</u>	<u>26,275,315</u>
Total General Fund	\$47,657,320	\$17,928,972	\$65,586,292
Full-time Equivalent Positions	205.00	0.00	205.00

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly for the 2023-25 biennium and the 2025-27 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2023-25</u>	<u>2025-27</u>
Commercial motor carrier system	\$ 150,000	\$0
New trooper startup costs	636,000	0
Inflationary increases	2,562,000	0
Narcotics tester	60,000	0
Unmanned aerial vehicle program	104,000	0
Motor carrier program	427,000	0
Technology enhancements	283,200	0
Shooting range repairs	200,000	35,000
State fleet increases	0	6,483,000
Victims of crime act crash assistant fund replacement	0	194,000
Alcohol breath scanning device replace	0	50,000
Taser replacement	0	870,000
Emergency vehicle obstacle course pad resurface	<u>0</u>	<u>260,000</u>
Total All Funds	\$4,422,200	\$7,892,000
Total Special Fund	<u>1,589,616</u>	<u>1,544,000</u>
Total General Fund	\$2,832,584	\$6,348,000

The 2025-27 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium. The highway patrol shall report to the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 3. SPECIAL FUNDS TRANSFER – HIGHWAY TAX DISTRIBUTION FUND. The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$13,119,751, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the state highway tax distribution fund which may be transferred at the direction of the superintendent of the highway patrol for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the highway patrol during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 4. MOTOR CARRIER ELECTRONIC PERMIT TRANSACTION FUND. The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes \$2,768,825 from the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund for the purpose of defraying various expenses associated with the issuance of permits and other nonenforcement motor carrier and administrative activities.

SECTION 5. PAYMENTS TO HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS. Each patrol officer of the state highway patrol is entitled to receive from funds appropriated in section 1 of this Act an amount not to exceed \$200 per month for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The payments are in lieu of reimbursement for meals and other expenses, except lodging, while in travel status within the state of North Dakota or while at their respective home stations. The amounts must be paid at the time and in the same manner as salaries are paid to members of the highway patrol and may be paid without the presentation of receipts or other memorandums.

SECTION 6. ESTIMATED INCOME – STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND. The estimated income line in section 1 of this Act includes \$260,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the resurfacing of the emergency vehicle obstacle course pad.

SECTION 7. EXEMPTION - FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION ADJUSTMENTS. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the highway patrol may increase or decrease authorized full-time equivalent positions as needed, subject to availability of funds, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The highway patrol shall report to the office of management and budget and legislative council any adjustments made pursuant to this section.