

**2025 SENATE TRANSPORTATION**

**SB 2075**

# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Transportation Committee Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

SB 2075  
1/9/2025

Relating to exemption from the requirement to maintain a record of duty status for certain intrastate drivers.

2:17 p.m. Chairman Clemens opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman Clemens, Vice Chairwoman Cory, Senator Hogan, Senator Klein, Senator Paulson, Senator Rummel.

### Discussion Topics:

- Federal short haul regulation compared to state regulation

2:17 p.m. Luke Hendrickson, Motor Carrier Operations Commander, testified in favor and submitted testimony #28225.

2:31 p.m. Scott Meske, NDCA, testified in favor.

2:32 p.m. Chairman Clemens closed the hearing.

2:33 p.m. Senator Klein moved a Do Pass on Amendment LC# 25.8076.01001.

2:33 p.m. Senator Hogan seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Claire Cory	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Jerry Klein	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

Motion passed 6-0-0.

2:36 p.m. Senator Klein moved a Do Pass as Amended.

2:36 p.m. Senator Hogan seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Claire Cory	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Jerry Klein	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y

Senator Dean Rummel	Y
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Motion passed 6-0-0.

Senator Paulson will carry the bill.

2:37 p.m. Chairman Clemens adjourned the meeting.

*Chance Anderson, Committee Clerk*

January 9, 2025

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

### SENATE BILL NO. 2075

Introduced by

Transportation Committee

(At the request of the Highway Patrol)

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 39-32-02 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the exemption from the requirement to maintain a record of duty  
3 status for certain intrastate drivers; and to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 5 of section 39-32-02 of the North Dakota Century  
6 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 7 5. An intrastate driver is exempt from maintaining a record of duty status if:
- 8 a. The driver operates within a one hundred fifty air-mile radius from the driver's
  - 9 normal work-reporting location or from the official worksite of the vehicle;
  - 10 b. ~~At least ten consecutive hours off duty separate each twelve hours on duty;~~
  - 11 ~~e.~~ The driver, except for a driver salesperson, returns to the work-reporting location
  - 12 and is released from work within ~~twelve~~fourteen consecutive hours;
  - 13 c. At least ten consecutive hours off duty separate each fourteen hours on duty; and
  - 14 d. The motor carrier maintains and retains for a period of six months accurate time
  - 15 records showing the time the driver reports for duty and is released from duty
  - 16 each day.

17 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
SB 2075**

**Transportation Committee (Sen. Clemens, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.8076.01001](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). This bill does not affect workforce development.

**69<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly**

Testimony in support of

**Senate Bill 2075****Senate Transportation**

January 9, 2025



## TESTIMONY OF

Lieutenant Luke Hendrickson

Chairman Clemens and members of the Committee,

My name is Luke Hendrickson, I am the Motor Carrier Operations Commander for the North Dakota Highway Patrol. I am here to provide testimony in support of SB 2075.

In 2024, the NDHP participated in a National Program Review that was completed by the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration. During the review it was discovered that due to federal regulation changes in 2020, North Dakota's short haul exemption possibly no longer aligned with allowable variances from federal regulations. North Dakota's short haul hours of service exemption only permits a 12-hour duty day, while the federal short haul exemption allows a 14-hour duty day.

The NDHP supports this bill because it would align North Dakota century code with current federal guidelines (49 CFR 350.305). This bill would increase the allowed hours for an intrastate CMV driver in a short haul operation from 12 hours to 14 hours in a shift without being required to complete a logbook.

With this bill, intrastate hours of service rules in North Dakota will also align with all our neighboring states. Currently MT, MN and SD permit a 14-hour duty day for short haul drivers. The motor carrier industry within North Dakota will positively benefit from this bill, allowing for two additional hours of commerce within a workday to complete deliveries and other associated activities. It would also simplify hours of service record keeping for intrastate drivers.

This concludes my testimony. I would be glad to answer any questions you may have.

**2025 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION**

**SB 2075**

# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Transportation Committee Room JW327E, State Capitol

SB 2075

3/7/2025

Relating to the exemption from the requirement to maintain a record of duty status for certain intrastate drivers; and to declare an emergency.

9:02 a.m. Chairman D. Ruby opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman D. Ruby, Vice Chairman Grueneich, Representatives Christianson, Dressler, Frelich, Johnston, Hendrix, Koppelman, Maki, Morton, Osowski, Schatz  
Members Absent: Representatives Finley-DeVille, Kasper

### Discussion Topics:

- Short hall shift hours
- Logbooks

9:02 a.m. Luke Hendrickson, ND Highway Patrol, Motor Carrier Operations Commander, testified in favor and submitted testimony #39319.

9:05 a.m. Scott Meske, ND Motor Carriers Association, testified in favor.

9:06 a.m. Chairman D. Ruby closed the hearing.

9:06 a.m. Representative Maki moved a Do Pass.

9:06 a.m. Representative Frelich seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Dan Ruby	Y
Representative Jim Grueneich	Y
Representative Nels Christianson	Y
Representative Ty Dressler	Y
Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille	AB
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Jared Hendrix	Y
Representative Daniel Johnston	Y
Representative Jim Kasper	AB
Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Representative Roger A. Maki	Y
Representative Desiree Morton	Y
Representative Doug Osowski	Y
Representative Mike Schatz	Y

9:07 a.m. Motion passed 12-0-2.



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9:07 a.m. Representative Maki will carry the bill.

9:08 a.m. Chairman D. Ruby closed the meeting.

*Janae Pinks, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED SB 2075 ([25.8076.02000](#))**

**Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2075 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**69<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly**

Testimony in support of

**Senate Bill 2075****House Transportation**

March 7, 2025

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