

**2025 SENATE TRANSPORTATION**

**SB 2381**

# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Transportation Committee Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

SB 2381  
2/6/2025

Relating to driver's license fees.
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9:33 a.m. Chairman Clemens opened the hearing.

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

### Discussion Topics:

- Proposed amendment regarding dollar amounts and removal of language
- Adjusting fees to inflation
- NDDOT efficiency in issuing IDs and Driver's Licenses
- Method of payment for IDs and Driver's Licenses

9:33 a.m. Senator Dwyer, District 47, introduced SB 2381 and testified in favor.

9:46 a.m. Ron Henke, Director, NDDOT, testified neutral.

9:47 a.m. Chairman Clemens closed the hearing.

9:48 a.m. Vice Chairwoman Cory moved to adopt amendment LC#25.1344.01001.

9:48 a.m. Senator Paulson seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed 5-0-1.

9:49 a.m. Senator Rummel moved a Do Pass as Amended and to be Rereferred to Appropriations.

9:49 a.m. Senator Klein seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Claire Cory	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	AB

Senator Jerry Klein	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

Motion passed 5-0-1.

Senator Klein will carry the bill.

9:50 a.m. Chairman Clemens closed the hearing.

*Chance Anderson, Committee Clerk*

February 6, 2025

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2381**

Introduced by

Senators Dwyer, Erbele, Sickler, Wanzek

Representative Nathe

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-06-49, subsection 1 of section 39-06.2-07,  
2 subsection 2 of section 39-06.2-08, subdivision c of subsection 3 of section 39-06.2-09,  
3 sections 39-06.2-09.1, 39-06.2-13.1, and 39-06.2-19, and subsection 3 of section 39-16-03 of  
4 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to driver's license fees.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-06-49 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **39-06-49. Fees - Deposit in state highway fund** ~~Report to legislative assembly.~~

9 1. All money received under this chapter must be paid monthly into the highway fund in  
10 the state treasury.

11 2. The fee for:

12 a. An application for a nondriver photo identification card is ~~eight~~twenty dollars.

13 b. Written testing for an application for an operator's license is ~~five~~ten dollars.

14 c. Initial, class change, and renewal permits is thirty dollars.

15 d. Online written testing for an application for an operator's license is ten dollars.

16 ~~d-e.~~ Actual ability testing for an application for a noncommercial operator's license  
17 is five~~ten~~ dollars, and a commercial operator's license is ten dollars.

18 ~~e-f.~~ An application for a noncommercial operator's license is fifteen~~thirty~~ dollars  
19 and a commercial operator's license is thirty dollars.

20 ~~f-g.~~ An application for a motorized bicycle operator's permit is ten dollars.

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- 1           g-h    A substitute nondriver identification card or operator's license is ~~eight~~sixteen
- 2                   dollars unless the substitute is for erroneous information due to a change in
- 3                   name or address, then the fee is ~~threesix~~ dollars.
- 4           h-i.    An ~~A noncommercial~~ operator's license renewal is ~~fifteen~~thirty dollars and a
- 5                   commercial operator's license renewal is thirty dollars.
- 6           i-j.    A nonresident commercial driver's license is forty dollars.
- 7           k.     Reinstatement after suspension is ~~fiftyone~~ hundred dollars unless the suspension
- 8                   was the result of a suspension under subsection 3, 4, or 6 of section 39-06-03 or
- 9                   subsection 2 of section 39-06-32, then the fee is twenty-five dollars, or unless the
- 10                  suspension was a result of a violation under section 39-08-01 or chapter 39-20,
- 11                  then the fee is ~~one hundred~~two hundred dollars.
- 12           j-l.    Reinstatement after revocation is ~~fiftyone~~ hundred dollars, unless the revocation
- 13                   was imposed for a violation of subsection 6 of section 39-06-17 or section
- 14                   39-06-31, 39-06-43, or 39-20-04, then the fee is ~~one hundred~~two hundred dollars.
- 15           m.     A commercial license endorsement is six dollars for each endorsement.
- 16           n.     The driving record for an employer of a commercial license holder is ~~five~~six
- 17                   dollars.
- 18           o.     Operating record abstracts, records of clearance, or other record data are
- 19                   six dollars per record.
- 20           ~~p.     An accident report provided with the law enforcement officer's opinion is~~
- 21                   ~~ten dollars and is five dollars without the opinion.~~

22           3.     Any application for which there is a fee must be accompanied by the proper fee.

23           ~~4.     The department shall provide a biennial report to the legislative assembly on the~~

24                   ~~revenues collected, funds expended, and balance of the state highway fund.~~

25           **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 39-06.2-07 of the North Dakota

26           Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 27           1.     An individual may not be issued a commercial driver's license unless that individual is
- 28                   a resident of this state; has passed a knowledge and skills test that may include a
- 29                   skills test or knowledge test administered by another state or skills test or knowledge
- 30                   test results electronically submitted by another state, for driving a commercial motor
- 31                   vehicle which complies with minimum federal standards established by federal



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1 regulations enumerated in 49 CFR part 383, subparts G and H; and has satisfied all  
2 other requirements of state and federal law, including the Commercial Motor Vehicle  
3 Safety Act. The tests must be prescribed and conducted by the director. The applicant  
4 shall pay the fee listed in section ~~39-06.2-19~~39-06-49 for each of the tests.

5 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 39-06.2-08 of the North Dakota  
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 7 2. The application must be accompanied by an application fee listed in section  
8 ~~39-06.2-19~~39-06-49. The application must contain any other information as the  
9 director may require to improve identity security. The director shall require an applicant  
10 for a commercial license or commercial learner's permit to provide documentary  
11 evidence that confirms to the satisfaction of the director the true identity, date of birth,  
12 and legal presence of the applicant and provide a social security card or other  
13 satisfactory evidence of a social security number and proof of residence address, if not  
14 previously provided or if there are changes to the information already on file.

15 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision c of subsection 3 of section 39-06.2-09 of the  
16 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 17 c. Other restrictions may be placed upon a commercial driver's license, under  
18 section 39-06-17. The applicant shall pay a fee listed in section  
19 ~~39-06.2-19~~39-06-49 for each endorsement.

20 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-06.2-09.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22 **39-06.2-09.1. Nondomiciled commercial license.**

- 23 1. The department may issue a nondomiciled commercial driver's license to an applicant  
24 who does not present a social security card as required by section 39-06.2-08 but who  
25 otherwise meets the requirements for a nondomiciled commercial driver's license. A  
26 license issued under this subsection is valid only during the period of time of the  
27 applicant's authorized stay in the United States. The license may be renewed only  
28 upon presentation of valid documentary evidence that the status has been extended.  
29 The department shall renew without a skills or knowledge test a nondomiciled  
30 commercial license that has been expired for a duration not longer than one year.

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- 1        2. The fee for a nondomiciled commercial driver's license is listed in section  
2        ~~39-06.2-19~~39-06-49.

3        **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-06.2-13.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5        **39-06.2-13.1. Driving record information to be provided.**

6        Notwithstanding any other provision of law and upon payment of a fee listed in section  
7 ~~39-06.2-19~~39-06-49, the director shall provide full information regarding the driving record of an  
8 individual who has been issued a commercial driver's license to an employer or to a prospective  
9 employer if the individual has given written consent to the prospective employer for this  
10 information.

11        **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-06.2-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
12 amended and reenacted as follows:

13        **39-06.2-19. Fees - Deposit in highway fund.**

14        ~~1.~~ All money received under this chapter must be paid monthly to the highway fund in the  
15 state treasury.

16        ~~2.~~ The fee for:

- 17            a. ~~A commercial driver's license test is five dollars.~~  
18            b. ~~An application for a commercial driver's license or permit is fifteen dollars.~~  
19            c. ~~Each endorsement is three dollars.~~  
20            d. ~~A nonresident commercial driver's license is twenty dollars.~~  
21            e. ~~The driving record for an employer or prospective employer is three dollars~~ Fees  
22            must be assessed in accordance with section 39-06-49.

23        **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 39-16-03 of the North Dakota Century  
24 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 25        3. ~~A~~The fee of three dollars listed under section 39-06-49 must be paid for each abstract  
26 of any operating record, ~~operating record~~, complete operating record, or record of  
27 clearance. A reasonable fee must be paid for each source document. The director may  
28 not assess a fee to a law enforcement agency, a judicial officer, or another licensing  
29 jurisdiction. The director shall send an additional copy of the abstract, source  
30 document if requested in aggregate form, or record of clearance to the driver whose  
31 record was requested, accompanied by a statement identifying the person making the

1 request, identifying the person for whom or which the request is made, identifying the  
2 intended recipient of the record, and providing the reason for the request. An  
3 additional copy of the abstract or record of clearance may not be sent to a driver if the  
4 request for the record was made by the federal bureau of investigation or the United  
5 States central intelligence agency, or agents, or by any law enforcement agency or  
6 judicial officer.



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## Transportation Committee Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

SB 2381  
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2:04 p.m. Chairman Clemens opened the hearing.

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

### Discussion Topics:

- Reconsideration to correct rereferral to appropriations

2:04 p.m. Senator Hogan moved to reconsider.

2:04 p.m. Senator Klein 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.

2:05 p.m. Senator Klein moved a Do Pass as Amended.

2:05 p.m. Senator Rummel 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.

Senator Klein will carry the bill.

2:06 p.m. Chairman Clemens closed the hearing.

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
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**Transportation Committee (Sen. Clemens, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.1344.01001](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2381 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**2025 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION**

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# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Transportation Committee Room JW327E, State Capitol

SB 2381  
3/13/2025

Relating to driver's license fees.
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11:10 a.m. Chairman D. Ruby opened the hearing.

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

### **Discussion Topics:**

- ND Department of Transportation budget shortages
- Non-driver photo identification
- Non-resident licensing

11:10 a.m. Senator Michael Dwyer, District 47, introduced the bill.

11:18 a.m. Robin Rehborg, Deputy Director Vehicle Safety, ND DOT, stood for questions.

11:20 a.m. Brad Schaffer, Driver and Vehicle Director, ND DOT, stood for questions.

11:23 a.m. Chairman D. Ruby closed the hearing.

*Janae Pinks, Committee Clerk*



# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Transportation Committee Room JW327E, State Capitol

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3/14/2025

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10:09 a.m. Chairman D. Ruby opened the meeting.

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

### Discussion Topics:

- Cost of production
- Subsidized fees

10:14 a.m. Representative Frelich moved a Do Not Pass.

10:14 a.m. Representative Schatz seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Dan Ruby	N
Representative Jim Grueneich	Y
Representative Nels Christianson	Y
Representative Ty Dressler	Y
Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Jared Hendrix	Y
Representative Daniel Johnston	AB
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

10:18 a.m. Motion passed 11-1-2

10:18 a.m. Representative Schatz will carry the bill.

10:18 a.m. Chairman D. Ruby closed the meeting.

*Janae Pinks, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED SB 2381 ([25.1344.02000](#))**

**Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman)** recommends **DO NOT PASS** (11 YEAS, 1 NAY, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2381 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.