

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1262  
(Representatives Mock, DeKrey, Kretschmar, S. Kelsh)  
(Senators Lyson, Nelson)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 12.1-08-11, 39-10-71, and 39-24.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fleeing a law enforcement officer.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 12.1-08-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**12.1-08-11. Refusing to halt.**

Any person, other than the driver of a motor vehicle under section 39-10-71, who willfully fails or refuses to stop or who otherwise flees or attempts to elude, in any manner, a pursuing peace officer, when given a visual or audible signal to stop, is guilty of a class B misdemeanor for a first or second offense and a class A misdemeanor for a subsequent offense. A signal to stop complies with this section if the signal is perceptible to the person and:

1. If given from a vehicle, the signal is given by hand, voice, emergency light, or siren, and the vehicle is appropriately marked showing it to be an official law enforcement vehicle; or
2. If not given from a vehicle, the signal is given by hand, voice, emergency light, or siren, and the officer is in uniform ~~and~~ prominently displays the officer's badge of office.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-10-71 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**39-10-71. Fleeing or attempting to elude a peace officer - Penalty.**

1. Any driver of a motor vehicle who willfully fails or refuses to bring the vehicle to a stop, or who otherwise flees or attempts to elude, in any manner, a pursuing police vehicle or peace officer, when given a visual or audible signal to bring the vehicle to a stop, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor for a first offense and a class C felony for a subsequent offense within three years. An individual who violates this section while fleeing after or in the commission of a felony is guilty of a class C felony.
2. A signal complies with this section if the signal is perceptible to the driver and:
  - a. If given from a vehicle, the signal is given by hand, voice, emergency light, or siren, and the stopping vehicle is appropriately marked showing it to be an official police vehicle; or
  - b. If not given from a vehicle, the signal is given by hand, voice, emergency light, or siren, and the officer is in uniform ~~and~~ prominently displays the officer's badge of office.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-24.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**39-24.1-13. Fleeing or attempting to elude a peace officer.**

1. Any driver of a snowmobile who willfully fails or refuses to bring the snowmobile to a stop, or who otherwise flees or attempts to elude, in any manner, a pursuing police vehicle or peace officer, when given a visual or audible signal to bring the snowmobile to a stop, is guilty of a class B misdemeanor for a first or second offense and a class A misdemeanor for a

subsequent offense. A signal complies with this section if the signal is perceptible to the driver and:

- a. If given from a vehicle, the signal is given by hand, voice, emergency light, or siren, and the stopping vehicle is appropriately marked showing it to be an official police vehicle; or
  - b. If not given from a vehicle, the signal is given by hand, voice, emergency light, or siren, and the officer is in uniform ~~and~~ prominently displays the officer's badge of office.
2. Any sentence imposed under this section must include a minimum fine of at least five hundred dollars.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1262.

House Vote:      Yeas 92              Nays 0              Absent 2

Senate Vote:      Yeas 45              Nays 0              Absent 2

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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Governor

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Secretary of State