

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1320  
(Representatives D. Ruby, B. Anderson, Jones, Steiner)  
(Senators Bekkedahl, Laffen, Rust)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 39-12-02 and 39-12-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a uniform truck permitting system for oversized or overweight vehicles and local authority to limit use of vehicles on highways; and to provide a penalty.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-12-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**39-12-02. Special permits for vehicles of excessive size and weight issued - Contents - Fees.**

1. a. The highway patrol and local authorities in their respective jurisdictions, upon application and payment of the appropriate charges and for good cause shown, may issue a special written permit authorizing the applicant to operate or move a vehicle, mobile home, or modular unit of a size or weight exceeding the maximum specified by this chapter, upon a highway under the jurisdiction of the body granting the permit. ~~Every~~<sup>A</sup> permit may designate the route to be traversed and may contain ~~any~~ other restrictions or conditions deemed necessary by the body granting the permit. Every permit must be carried in the vehicle to which it refers in printed or electronic format and must be opened to inspection by ~~any~~<sup>a</sup> peace officer or agent of the superintendent of the highway patrol unless prior approval is obtained from the highway patrol. It is a violation of this chapter for ~~any~~<sup>a</sup> person to violate ~~any~~ of the terms or conditions of the permit. The highway patrol and local authorities may adopt rules governing the movement of oversize and overweight vehicles.
  - b. Each township in a county that participates in a uniform truck permitting system for authorization of oversized or overweight vehicle movements shall participate in the same system.
  - c. When fee changes are proposed, a uniform permit system shall provide public notice of the date, hour, and place at which the public may comment on the proposed fee changes.
  - d. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a city, county, or township having control of roads may not impose additional fees for the use of roads beyond the fees established under a uniform permit program. A city, county, or township may issue a penalty to a person that violates a posted road restriction. If a permit is denied, a person may receive an additional fee or condition from the city, county, or township in exchange for authorization to move an oversized or overweight vehicle on a road under the jurisdiction of the city, county, or township.
2. Upon ~~any~~<sup>a</sup> application for a permit to move a new manufactured building or modular unit from outside this state to be located anywhere within this state, the manufacturer is deemed to have certified that the new manufactured building or modular unit meets all applicable building codes and all applicable electrical wiring and equipment, plumbing, and fire standards. The state is not liable to ~~any~~<sup>a</sup> person for issuing a permit in violation of this subsection.
  3. An appropriate charge must be made for each permit and all funds collected hereunder by the highway patrol must be deposited in the state highway fund for use in the construction and maintenance of highways and operating expenses of the department. Permit fees generated

by a political subdivision must be deposited in the local authority's general fund for support of the local road system. Publicly owned vehicles that provide service beyond the agency's jurisdiction, official, publicly owned, emergency, or military vehicles are not subject to charges for permits. The minimum fee for selected charges is as follows:

- a. The fee for the ten percent weight exemption, harvest and wintertime, is fifty dollars per month for fees paid on a monthly basis or two hundred fifty dollars per year for fees paid on a yearly basis. Unused fees paid on a monthly basis are refundable. Unused fees paid on a yearly basis are not refundable.
  - b. The fee for a non-self-issuing interstate permit is ten dollars per trip or three hundred dollars per calendar year for unlimited trips.
  - c. The fee for special mobile equipment is twenty-five dollars per trip.
  - d. The fee for engineering is twenty-five dollars per trip.
  - e. The fee for faxing a permit is five dollars.
  - f. The fee for a single trip permit is twenty dollars per trip.
  - g. The fee for a bridge length permit is thirty dollars per trip or one hundred fifty dollars per calendar year.
  - h. The fee for a longer combination vehicle permit is one hundred dollars per month for fees paid on a monthly basis.
  - i. The fee for an overwidth vehicle or load that is fourteen feet six inches [4.42 meters] or less is twenty dollars per trip or one hundred dollars per calendar year unless the vehicle is a noncommercial fishhouse trailer being moved by the owner, then the fee is twenty dollars per calendar year.
  - j. The highway patrol may establish an online electronic permit system. If the highway patrol establishes an online electronic permit system, the highway patrol shall assess an additional fifteen dollar fee for every permit issued under this section to be deposited into the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund.
4. The director of tax equalization of the county of destination must be furnished a copy of the permit for the movement of an overdimensional mobile home.
  5. Permits issued for overdimensional movements of vehicles that do not exceed ten feet [3.05 meters] in total width, including load, are valid for travel during the day and night.
  6. There is created in the state treasury a fund known as the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund. All money in the fund is appropriated on a continuing basis to the highway patrol to defray the costs of establishing and maintaining an online electronic permit system for permitting and routing oversize and overweight vehicles in this state. The highway patrol may contract with a private entity to establish, operate, and maintain an online electronic permit system. The online electronic permit system includes the issuance of permits under this section and an automated routing system. The automated routing system must include integration of department of transportation traveler information system information, all other data required for the automated routing system, and integration of the highway patrol computer-aided dispatch system.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-12-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**39-12-03. Director or local authorities may limit use of vehicles on highways - Exception for inclement weather.**

1. Whenever ~~any~~ highway will be seriously damaged or destroyed by reason of deterioration, rain, snow, or other climatic conditions unless the use of vehicles is prohibited or the weight of the vehicle thereon is limited, the director or employees authorized by the director by an order, and local authorities by ordinance or resolution, may prohibit the operation of vehicles upon such highway or may impose weight restrictions ~~as to the weight of~~ vehicles. The director or employees making ~~such~~ the order and local authorities enacting ~~any such~~ the ordinance or resolution shall erect or cause to be erected and maintained signs designating the provisions of the order, ordinance, or resolution. ~~Such~~ The signs must be erected and maintained at each end of ~~that~~ the portion of any highway affected thereby, and ~~such~~ the order, ordinance, or resolution is not effective until ~~such~~ the signs are erected and maintained. The operation of trucks or other commercial vehicles or limitations as to the weight ~~thereof~~ vehicles on designated highways may be prohibited or limited in the same manner.
2. In instances of inclement weather, as determined by the local authorities, changes may be made to existing posted restrictions on a portion of a highway if the local authority:
  - a. Gives public notice of the change in the posted restrictions on any portion of a highway by publishing the inclement weather restriction on the local authority's website and a uniform county permit system or similar permit system within one hour after the initial determination of inclement weather; and
  - b. Within five days of the first date of inclement weather, erects and maintains a sign at each end of the portion of the highway affected by the inclement weather restriction.

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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-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1320.

House Vote:    Yeas 87            Nays 0            Absent 7

Senate Vote:    Yeas 45            Nays 0            Absent 2

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor

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Secretary of State