

Introduced by

Transportation Committee

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-02-03 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to department of transportation branch office duties.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-02-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **39-02-03. Powers and duties of director and department.**

7 The director may adopt and enforce such administrative rules and, designate such  
8 agencies, and establish such contracted branch offices as may be necessary to carry out the  
9 motor vehicle and driver's license laws applicable to the director's office and department. The  
10 director shall provide suitable ~~forms for applications, registration cards, license number plates,~~  
11 ~~and all other~~ motor vehicle and driver's license forms and equipment requisite for the operation  
12 of the director's office and department, and shall prepay all transportation charges thereon.  
13 Branch office contracts entered under this section may extend five years and may be renewed  
14 in accordance with this section. At least one year before the end of each branch office contract  
15 term, the department shall consider entering contracts with new branch office vendors.  
16 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the director may enter direct negotiations and  
17 contract with qualified vendors to provide branch office services. The director may provide for a  
18 maximum fee schedule for the various services provided by the branch offices, not to exceed  
19 ten dollars for each service provided. Any branch office may establish a different fee schedule if  
20 the schedule does not contain a fee that exceeds a maximum fee established by the director  
21 and is approved by the director. All branch office managers must be bonded. The department  
22 may lease or provide office space or other costs as necessary to independent motor vehicle  
23 branch managers. All rents collected under this section must be deposited in the state highway

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- 1 fund. The department and the officers thereof shall enforce the provisions of all laws pertaining
- 2 to the director and the department.