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Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1203

Introduced by

Representatives Kempenich, Brandenburg, Laning, Oliver, Rohr Senators Cook, Schaible

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 32-03.2-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code,
- 2 relating to the liability exemption of a motor vehicle driver; and to amend and reenact section
- 3 39-10-33 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to pedestrians on roadways.

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

- 5 **SECTION 1.** Section 32-03.2-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and 6 enacted as follows:
- 7 <u>32-03.2-02.2. Liability exemption for motor vehicle driver.</u>
- 8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a driver of a motor vehicle who, while exercising
- 9 reasonable care, causes injury or death to an individual who is intentionally obstructing
- 10 vehicular traffic on a public road, street, or highway may not be held liable for any damages.
- 11 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-10-33 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
- 13 **39-10-33.** Pedestrian on roadway.

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- 1. Where a sidewalk is provided and its use is practicable, it is unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway.
- Where a sidewalk is not available, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall walk only on a shoulder, as far as practicable from the edge of the roadway.
 - 3. Where neither a sidewalk nor a shoulder is available, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall walk as near as practicable to an outside edge of the roadway, and, if on a two-way roadway, shall walk only on the left side of the roadway.
 - 4. Except as otherwise provided for in this chapter, any pedestrian upon a roadway shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

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- 1 <u>5.</u> Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a driver of a motor vehicle who
- 2 <u>unintentionally causes injury or death to an individual who is intentionally obstructing</u>
- 3 <u>vehicular traffic on a public road, street, or highway is not guilty of an offense.</u>