

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

SENATE BILL NO. 2112
(Transportation Committee)
(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 39-02-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to department of transportation branch office duties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2112.

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 1 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 92 Nays 0 Absent 2

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2021.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2021.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2021,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State