

**2013 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION**

**HB 1187**

# 2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## House Transportation Committee Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1187  
01-24-13  
Job # 17696

☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

*Janette Cook*

### Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A bill relating to renewal of operator's licenses.

### Minutes:

Attachment #1

**Vice Chairman Owens** opened the hearing on HB 1187.

**Chairman Ruby** introduced HB 1187. This is clean-up for a bill that we had last session. At that time we had a bill that allowed someone (military) to renew a North Dakota operator's license without having to come back to the state. We neglected to include spouses. We also neglected to include people who are working for governmental entities as well.

**Glen Jackson, Director of Driver's License Division**, spoke in support of HB 1187. He provided written testimony. See attachment # 1.

**Representative Delmore:** Can you tell me about how many requests are made like this?

**Glen Jackson:** I don't have a specific number, but the number of requests that we have had are few in nature.

**Representative Gruchella:** Are snowbirds covered under this or on an extended vacation?

**Glen Jackson:** No, currently someone can renew their driver's license ten months before it expires. So, it isn't necessary. Those people are close by, and we can work with them if there is a problem. This bill is for people who are out of the country, which makes it more difficult to resolve an issue if it arises.

There was no further testimony on HB 1187.  
The hearing was closed on HB 1187.

**Representative Delmore** moved a DO PASS on HB 1187.  
**Vice Chairman Owens** seconded the motion.

**Vice Chairman Owens:** This bill is about driver's licenses not plates. It is not uncommon throughout the states to honor military driver's licenses from other states, sometimes even when they are expired. All this bill does, particularly for the military and the spouse portion, is extend that benefit for North Dakotans that other states are already providing.

**A roll call vote was taken. Aye 13 Nay 0 Absent 1 The motion carried.  
Representative Oversen will carry HB 1187.**

Date: 1-24-13  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1187

House Transportation Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken: ☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Amended ☐ Adopt  
Amendment

☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By Delmore Seconded By Owens

| Representatives          | Yes | No | Representatives       | Yes | No |
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| Chairman Dan Ruby        | ✓   |    | Rep. Lois Delmore     | ✓   |    |
| Vice Chairman Mark Owens | ✓   |    | Rep. Edmund Gruchalla | ✓   |    |
| Rep. Rick Becker         | ✓   |    | Rep. Kylie Oversen    | ✓   |    |
| Rep. David Drovdal       | ✓   |    |                       |     |    |
| Rep. Robert Frantsvog    | ✓   |    |                       |     |    |
| Rep. Brenda Heller       | ✓   |    |                       |     |    |
| Rep. Curtiss Kreun       | ✓   |    |                       |     |    |
| Rep. Mike Schatz         | ✓   |    |                       |     |    |
| Rep. Gary Sukut          | ✓   |    |                       |     |    |
| Rep. Don Vigasaa         | ✓   |    |                       |     |    |
| Rep. Robin Weisz         | ✓   |    |                       |     |    |
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Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 1

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If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1187: Transportation Committee (Rep. Ruby, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS**  
(13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1187 was placed on the  
Eleventh order on the calendar.

**2013 SENATE TRANSPORTATION**

**HB 1187**

## 2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Transportation Committee  
Lewis and Clark Room, State Capitol

HB 1187  
March 8, 2013  
Recording job number 19626

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*Walter E. Perez*

### Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to renewal of operator's licenses for out of state individuals maintaining their North Dakota driver's license.

### Minutes:

Attached testimony: 1

**Chairman Oehlke** opened the hearing on HB 1187

**Representative Dan Ruby**, District 38, sponsor of this bill

Last session we had a bill allowing military personnel who are in another state to renew their North Dakota driver's license without having to come back here. We neglected their spouses. North Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT) brought it to my attention and as I was having the bill drafted they said Senator Judy Lee also has a bill drafted. North Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT) looked at both and included people working out of state for the federal government.

**Glenn Jackson**, Director of the Driver's License Division of the North Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT) in support of this bill

We also looked at someone working out of state for business reasons, and their spouses. Active duty military members are covered under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1941. They are able to maintain their driver's license and never have to renew it as long as they are on active duty and for thirty days beyond that date, so they can travel around the world. Their spouses can't, when they move to a new location they have to get a license. We want to provide the flexibility to be able to renew a driver license for a spouse who is in any jurisdiction out of state, allowing them to maintain their home jurisdiction license while overseas. The renewal is done: we send them an application; they provide us with an optometrist report. We use the current photo and signature we have on file, produce a license and send it to them. Written testimony # 1

**Senator Sitte** Will this bill extend to their children?

**Glenn Jackson** No, dependent children would be required to go thru the learning, training and testing process in the jurisdiction they are in to get their license.

**Senator Campbell** Do we really need legislation to do this, shouldn't the agency be able to do this on their own?

**Chairman Oehlke** said being able to have a license is not just a responsibility but also a duty; there is a certain amount of protocol that has to be covered.

**Glenn Jackson** We need to have clear guidance in issuing licenses.

No additional testimony

Hearing closed

**Vice Chairman Armstrong** moved a **Do Pass**

**Senator Campbell** Seconded

No discussion

Roll call vote:    Yes    7            No    0            Absent    0

Carrier    **Senator Axness**

Date: March 8, 2013  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL NO. 1187**

Senate TRANSPORTATION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken: ☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Amended ☐ Adopt Amendment  
☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By Vice Chairman Armstrong Seconded By Senator Campbell

| Senators                      | Yes | No | Senator               | Yes | No |
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| Chairman Dave Oehlke          | X   |    | Senator Tyler A ness  | X   |    |
| Vice Chairman Kelly Armstrong | X   |    | Senator George Sinner | X   |    |
| Senator Margaret Sitte        | X   |    |                       |     |    |
| Senator Tim Flakoll           | X   |    |                       |     |    |
| Senator Tom Campbell          | X   |    |                       |     |    |
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Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Axness

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1187: Transportation Committee (Sen. Oehlke, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS**  
(7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1187 was placed on the  
Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**2013 TESTIMONY**

**HB 1187**

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**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**January 24 2013, 9:30AM; Fort Totten Room**

**North Dakota Department of Transportation**  
**Glenn Jackson, Director, Driver's License Division**

**HB1187**

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Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I'm Glenn Jackson, Director of the Driver's License Division at the North Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT). Thank you for giving me the opportunity to present information to you today.

HB1187 provides relief for the specific problem of providing a license renewal for an individual who is out of state for an extended period of time for business or employment reasons, or is the spouse of someone working out of state or in the military, and is maintaining their North Dakota license. The DOT supports this bill.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I would be happy to answer any questions.

**SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
March 8 2013, 9:45 AM; Lewis & Clark Room**

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