

HOUSE BILL NO. 1208

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new paragraphs to subdivision a of subsection 3 of
2 section 39-06.1-10 and a new section to chapter 39-08 of the North Dakota Century Code,
3 relating to the use of a wireless communications device and demerit points; to amend and
4 reenact subsection 2 of section 39-06.1-06 and section 39-06.1-09 North Dakota Century Code,
5 relating to fees for a moving violation; and to provide a penalty.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 39-06.1-06 of the North Dakota
8 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 2. For a moving violation as defined in section 39-06.1-09, a fee of twenty dollars,
10 except for:

11 a. A violation of section 39-10-26, 39-10-26.2, 39-10-41, 39-10-42, 39-10-46, or
12 39-10-46.1, a fee of fifty dollars.

13 b. A violation of section 39-10-05 involving failure to yield to a pedestrian or
14 subsection 1 of section 39-10-28, a fee of fifty dollars.

15 c. A violation of section 39-21-41.2, a fee of twenty-five dollars.

16 d. A violation of subsection 1 of section 39-12-02 or section 4 of this Act, a fee of
17 one hundred dollars.

18 e. A violation of subdivision d of subsection 1 of section 39-12-04, a fee of one
19 hundred dollars.

20 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-06.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22 **39-06.1-09. Moving violation defined.** For the purposes of sections 39-06.1-06 and
23 39-06.1-13, a "moving violation" means a violation of section 39-04-22, subsection 1 of section
24 39-04-37, section 39-04-55, 39-06-01, 39-06-14, 39-06-16, section 4 of this Act, 39-09-04.1,

1 39-09-09, subsection 1 of section 39-12-02, sections 39-12-04, 39-12-05, 39-12-06, 39-12-09,
2 39-24-02, or 39-24-09, except subdivisions b and c of subsection 5, or equivalent ordinances;
3 or a violation of the provisions of chapter 39-10, 39-10.2, or 39-21, or equivalent ordinances,
4 except subsection 4 of section 39-10-26, sections 39-21-44 and 39-21-45.1, subsections 2 and
5 3 of section 39-21-46, and those sections within those chapters which are specifically listed in
6 subsection 1 of section 39-06.1-08.

7 **SECTION 3.** Two new paragraphs to subdivision a of subsection 3 of section
8 39-06.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code are created and enacted as follows:

9 Using a wireless 2 points
10 communications device
11 in violation of section 4
12 of this Act

13 For a second offense 4 points
14 or subsequent offense
15 using a wireless
16 communications device in
17 violation of section 4
18 of this Act

19 **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 39-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
20 created and enacted as follows:

21 **Use of a wireless communications device prohibited.**

- 22 1. The operator of a motor vehicle in motion or part of traffic may not use a wireless
23 communications device to compose, read, or send an electronic message.
24 2. Under this section, "electronic message" means a self-contained piece of digital
25 communication that is designed or intended to be transmitted between physical
26 devices. The term includes e-mail, a text message, an instant message, a
27 command or request to access a world wide web page, or other data that uses a
28 commonly recognized electronic communications protocol. The term does not
29 include voice or other data transmitted as a result of making a phone call or data
30 transmitted automatically by a wireless communications device without direct
31 initiation by an individual.

- 1 3. This section does not apply if a wireless communications device is used solely in a
2 voice-activated or other hands-free mode; for making a cellular phone call; for
3 obtaining emergency assistance to report a traffic accident, medical emergency, or
4 serious traffic hazard or to prevent a crime about to be committed, in the
5 reasonable belief that an individual's life or safety is in immediate danger; or in an
6 authorized emergency vehicle while in the performance of official duties.
- 7 4. In addition to any other fee or action against a license, for a third or subsequent
8 violation of this section the department shall suspend the license of the operator for
9 a period of three hundred sixty-five days.