

Introduced by

Transportation Committee

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-06-08 and 39-06-09 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to a minor's application for an operator's license and liability for the  
3 negligence of a minor.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-06-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **39-06-08. Application of minors.**

8 The application of any minor for an operator's license must be signed and verified before an  
9 individual authorized to administer oaths or the director, by the father, mother, or legal guardian,  
10 or if there is not a parent or legal guardian, then by another responsible adult who is willing to  
11 assume the obligation imposed under this chapter upon an individual signing the application of  
12 a minor. If the father, mother, or legal guardian is unable to appear, a father, mother, or legal  
13 guardian may designate, through a notarized document, an individual temporarily authorized to  
14 sign the application.

15 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-06-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
16 amended and reenacted as follows:

17 **39-06-09. Liability for negligence of minor - General.**

18 Any negligence of a minor when driving a motor vehicle upon a highway must be imputed to  
19 the individual who has signed the application of the minor for an operator's license, or upon the  
20 father, mother, or legal guardian if signing authority has been temporarily transferred under  
21 section 39-06-08. This individual is jointly and severally liable with the minor for any damages  
22 caused by the negligence, except as provided in section 39-06-10.