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HB 1245

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1245

House Transportation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 25, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		x	4,065
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Lauren L. Fink</i>			

Minutes: Rep. Weisz - Chairman opened the hearing on HB 1245: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 39-06-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an operator's license.

Rep. Ekre: District 25 - This bill was introduced at the request of a number of people in my district who are young working women, young people, snowbirds and a number of others who are worried about their social security number is so readily available on their driver's license.

When cashing checks many businesses in our area and the snowbirds tell me that they do so in Arizona and Florida, that is they ask for your drivers license and write down the number. On our North Dakota drivers license that number is your social security number. I've told them that they can request another from North Dakota and some of them have. However, they ask why doesn't North Dakota go to a different system. That makes us all less vulnerable and that is what I am here to ask. In today's information age with computer know how you can find a lot about someone with their social security number. I hope that some kind of agreement can come from

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this bill. There is no lobbyist behind this. There is no one paid working on it. There is nobody else working on this because I want learn the system better. I do know that under Federal law you must have the social security number on there somewhere. On the back of your license you will see there is a magnetic strip. I believe the federal law requires the social security number to trace deadbeat dads. It is a privacy type thing.

Kelth Magnusson: Once again I am Director of Drivers and Vehicle services. We are neutral on this bill. It is one that is really hard to figure out what we should do. Because there is a lot of things, especially when things come up on '60 Minutes', or 'Date Line'; --we get calls and people want us to put another number on their drivers license which we allow now. A bit of history, back in the 70's Congress did authorize the states to use the social security numbers. Some states did change their systems to use social security numbers; others did not. We are hoping that Congress will come out with a solution. There are federal mandates that we have to have this (the social security number) on the application. We have to collect it. We do have people tell us they want the social security number on their license. They say don't change it. We want it. Probably 10 - 15% ask for a different number. It is also very convenient like in North Dakota there are a fair number of people who have the same first name, same last name and same middle initial and sometimes the same birth dates. Tickets (traffic) start coming in -- how do you sort that out? There are a couple of sides to this issue. If this bill goes through there is not a great fiscal effect because under this bill we could phase this in over a four year period as we issue new licenses. We would have to go to a new numbering system. Now if someone doesn't want to use their social security number we would have to go to what we call a 999 system. The same number of numbers as in your social security number. But there is a problem with that

because we could have two operators hit the computer buttons at the same time and generate duplicates of the same number. If we had too many duplicates then we have defeated the purpose of trying to identify individuals. Going back a bit you were stating that the social security number is being used for too many things. If you will recall the drivers license was supposed to be used only for determining driving privileges. Now it is being used for an universal identifier.

Rep. Weisz - Chairman (4927) The feds do not require that the social security number appear to appear somewhere on the drivers license, correct?

Keith Magnusson: That is correct.

Rep. Thorpe: (4978) The bar code on the back, is that our social security number?

Keith Magnusson: The bar code has your social security number or the number you selected.

Rep. Ruby: (5122) Are you saying that you are in favor of the bill if, a new number would be used unless the driver asked for their social security number be used?

Keith Magnusson: No because I think that would be chaos. We would have to go to a new numbering system. If I had my druthers, I would rather wait another two years to see if congress will resolve this issue.

There being no other persons wishing to appear either for or against HB 1245, Rep. Weisz - Chairman closed the hearing for receiving any further testimony. (5331).

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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1245 B

House Transportation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 1, 01

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	x		4,054
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Saurabh Jindal</i>			

Minutes: Rep. Weisz - Chairman ,in work session, opened the discussion on HB 1245 and for action.

Following discussion, Rep. Dosch , move a 'Do Not Pass' for HB 1245.

Rep. Price: I second the motion.

On a roll call vote the motion carried: 7 yeas 6 nays 1 absent.

Rep. Carlson was designated to carry HB 1245 on the floor.

Discussion and action ceased. (4905)

Date: 2-01-'01
Roll Call Vote #:

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1245

House Transportation Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Not Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Dosch Seconded By Rep. Price

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Robin Weisz - Chairman	✓		Howard Grumbo		✓
Chet Pollert - Vice Chairman		✓	John Mahoney	✓	
Al Carlson	✓		Arlo E. Schmidt		✓
Mark A. Dosch	✓		Elwood Thorpe		✓
Kathy Hawken		✓			
Roxanne Jensen	✓				
RaeAnn G. Kelsch	✓				
Clara Sue Price	✓				
Dan Ruby		✓			
Laurel Thoreson	A				

Total (Yes) 7 No 6

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Carlson

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 2, 2001 7:33 a.m.

Module No: HR-19-2172
Carrier: Carlson
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1245: Transportation Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS
(7 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1245 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

2001 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1245

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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1245

Senate Transportation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 3-15-01;3-16-01

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1		x	18.6-32.6
2	x		15.5-18.6
3-16	x		53.1- End
3-16		x	0.0-1.0

Committee Clerk Signature

Suzette Schaefer

Minutes: **HB 1245** relates to an operator's license number.

Rep. Bruce Eckre: (District 25; Supports) See attached testimony.

Senator Stenehjem: Do you have a problem with having an "opt-in"?

Bruce Eckre: No problem. If the committee would like an "opt-in" feature, that would be fine.

Keith Magnusson: (Director of Driver and Vehicle Services; Neutral) I think something is going to happen nationally. Congress is going to prohibit the use of Social Security number on the face of the license. We are trying to look at the whole issue of privacy. Unfortunately most of the information does not come from drivers licenses. Relating to Senator Stenehjem's question about the opt-in feature; I think Congress is going to mandate this by the end of the year anyway. I do have an amendment drafted for that if you want it. There is no fiscal note. If we were to do this, it would be a 999 number. This would cost an estimated \$5,000-\$15,000. If we would give them a choice of the social security number or 999 number, it would triple the effect. Our Drivers License Division has asked if they would wait until January 1, 2002 so as to not clash with the

busy season. The commercial driver's licenses are separate and mandates (though not a federal mandate) for social security numbers to be on the front of licenses. We can do this but we would have to change the law. We have a problem though. Our whole federal system is set up to key off social security number. Until we could rewrite the system, the social security system would have to still be used. We could amend the law for this. Not many states have social security number on front of licenses anymore. But many of the states are still using the social security number on the front of commercial licenses because of the federal system.

Senator O'Connell: I thought there was a federal law for the magnetic strip on license requiring social security number for deadbeat dads.

Keith Magnusson: We collect the social security number for child support. We do not have to put it on the license though.

Senator O'Connell: When cross-checking, how long would it take before social security numbers are complete? Are you going back into all files to put on the new numbers?

Keith Magnusson: I hope not. The bill says if we "issue", that means if we renew or give out new licenses. Over 4 years it would take care of all that. It's not a big fiscal impact at all.

Senator O'Connell: The Highway Patrol is gearing up with computers in the car. Would this enable them to issue tickets in their car?

Keith Magnusson: That is what the bar code is for on the back of license. It would allow them to pull up information on the screen without having to call in. Also to generate tickets, crash reports, etc.

Hearing closed.

Committee reopened on 3-15-01.

Discussion held. Amendment is going to be drafted.

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Committee closed.

Committee reopened on 3-16-01.

Senator Trenbeath moves to adopt the amendment. Seconded by Senator Espegard. Voice vote shows all present are in favor. Senator Trenbeath motions to Do Pass as amended. Seconded by Senator Mutch. Roll call taken. 5-0-1. Floor carrier is Senator Trenbeath.

Committee closed.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1245

Page 1, line 2, after "number" insert "; and to provide an effective date"

Page 1, line 14, after "number" insert "unless specifically requested by an applicant"

Page 2, after line 5, insert:

"SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE - IMPLEMENTATION. This Act becomes effective on January 1, 2002, and the director of the department of transportation shall implement this Act through regular license issuance, renewal, and replacement procedures."

Renumber accordingly

Date: 3-15
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

Senate Transportation 1245 Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 10416.0102

Action Taken Mass Adoption

Motion Made By Trenbeath Seconded By Espgaard

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Stenejem, Chairman			Senator O'Connell		
Senator Trenbeath, Vice-Chair			Senator Bercier		
Senator Mutch					
Senator Espgaard					

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent Voice vote all yes

Floor Assignment _____

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

