

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1441  
(Representatives Mickelson, Grumbo, Dorso)  
(Senators Cook, O'Connell)

AN ACT to provide for minimum safety standards for passenger contract carriers.

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

**SECTION 1. Safety standards for passenger contract carriers.** The highway patrol shall establish minimum safety standards for passenger contract carriers transporting fewer than fifteen passengers. The safety standards must include provisions for driver qualifications; motor vehicle inspection, maintenance, and repair; hours of service; drug and alcohol testing; and insurance. In this section, "contract carrier" means a person engaged in the business of carrying passengers for hire and in that business does not operate on a fixed route. The term does not include a person who makes a single daily round trip to commute to and from work, a person transporting only schoolchildren and teachers, a person operating ambulance or funeral services, a person who on occasion and not as a regular business enterprise transports one or more passengers for pay, a person operating stretched sedan-type limousines, nor a person operating a taxicab service using vehicles with a seating capacity of fewer than seven passengers.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1441.

House Vote:      Yeas    87      Nays    8      Absent    3

Senate Vote:    Yeas    46      Nays    0      Absent    3

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State