

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1220**

Introduced by

Representatives Delmore, Hawken, Jensen, Mahoney, Pollert

Senator Stenehjem

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 39-06-17 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to restricted operators' licenses for minors.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 39-06-17 of the 1999 Supplement  
5 to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 3. A restricted operator's license or permit to operate the parent's or guardian's  
7 automobile, or an automobile ~~which~~ that is equipped with dual controls and while  
8 accompanied by a qualified instructor, may be issued to any child, who is at least  
9 fourteen years of age, and otherwise qualified, upon the written recommendation of  
10 the parent or guardian. No operator's license may be issued until the child,  
11 accompanied by the parent or guardian, appears in person and satisfies the  
12 director that:

- 13 a. The child is at least fourteen years of age.  
14 b. The child is qualified to operate an automobile safely.  
15 c. It is necessary for the child to drive the parent's or guardian's automobile  
16 without being accompanied by an adult.  
17 d. The child has:  
18 (1) ~~Completed~~ completed a course of classroom instruction and a course  
19 of behind-the-wheel instruction acceptable to the director; ~~or~~  
20 (2) ~~Successfully completed a course at.~~ The classroom instruction and  
21 course of behind-the-wheel instruction may be taken through an  
22 approved commercial driver training school or a high school program,  
23 or both.

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1           The parent or guardian at all times is responsible for any and all damages growing  
2           out of the negligent operation of a motor vehicle by any such child. The provisions  
3           of this subsection do not authorize the child to drive a commercial truck, motorbus,  
4           or taxicab except the holder of a class D license, fourteen or fifteen years of age,  
5           may drive a farm motor vehicle having a gross weight of fifty thousand pounds  
6           [22679.62 kilograms] when used to transport agricultural products, farm machinery,  
7           or farm supplies to or from a farm when so operated within one hundred fifty miles  
8           [241.40 kilometers] of the driver's farm.