

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1245**

Introduced by

Representatives Ruby, Keiser, Nathe

Senators Dever, Hogue, Miller

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 26.1-41-03 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to eliminating the need for a written request to suspend automobile coverage.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 26.1-41-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **26.1-41-03. Suspension of coverage - ~~Written request~~ Request by owner.** Upon  
7 ~~receipt~~ notice from the owner of a secured motor vehicle ~~of a signed written request for~~  
8 ~~suspension~~ stating that the secured motor vehicle will not be operated on public roads or  
9 highways during a period of not less than thirty consecutive days, the basic no-fault insurer of  
10 the vehicle shall suspend on a pro rata basis or shall offer a similar credit, to the extent  
11 requested by the owner, insurance coverage afforded under the policy providing the security for  
12 payment of basic no-fault benefits and the liabilities covered under the motor vehicle liability  
13 insurance for the secured motor vehicle until notified ~~in writing~~ by the owner that the coverage  
14 should be reinstated. The owner may not be required to surrender the number plates during  
15 the policy suspension period. During the period of suspension, subsections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7  
16 of section 26.1-41-02 do not apply with respect to the secured motor vehicle, but if the secured  
17 motor vehicle is operated by or with the permission of the owner during the period of  
18 suspension, subsections 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 of section 26.1-41-02 become applicable. This  
19 section does not apply to an owner of a secured motor vehicle for which proof of financial  
20 responsibility is required under the financial responsibility laws of this state.