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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1302

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Representatives K. Koppelman, Keiser, Kiefert, Klemin, Ruby, Delmore Senators Hogue, Luick, Lyson, Dotzenrod, O'Connell

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 27-20-10 and section
- 2 27-20-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to juveniles driving under the influence; to
- 3 amend and reenact subsection 7 of section 39-06.1-10, sections 39-06.1-11, 39-08-01,
- 4 39-08-01.2, 39-20-01, 39-20-03.1, 39-20-04, 39-20-04.1, and 39-20-05, subsection 6 of section
- 5 39-20-07, and section 39-20-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to chemical tests for
- 6 driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs; to provide for a legislative management study; to
- 7 provide a penalty; to provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 27-20-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

11 If a child is subject to informal adjustment for a violation of section 39-08-01 or
12 equivalent ordinance, or if a child is found to have an alcohol concentration of at least
13 two one-hundredths of one percent by weight at the time of performance of a test
14 within two hours after driving or being in physical control of a motor vehicle, the
15 juvenile court may require the child to participate in the twenty-four seven sobriety
16 program under chapter 54-12 for up to nine months.

SECTION 2. A new subsection to section 27-20-31 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

If a child is adjudicated delinquent for a violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance, or if a child is found to have an alcohol concentration of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight at the time of performance of a test within two hours after driving or being in physical control of a motor vehicle, the juvenile court may require the child to participate in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under chapter 54-12.

amended and reenacted as follows:

1	SECTION	N 3. AMENDMENT. Subsection 7 of section 39-06.1-10 of the North Dakota
2	Century Code	e is amended and reenacted as follows:
3	7. The	period of suspension imposed for a violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent
4	ordi	nance is:
5	a.	Ninety-one days if the operator's record shows the person has not violated
6		section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance within the fiveten years preceding the
7		last violation.
8	b.	One hundred eighty days if the operator's record shows the person has not
9		violated section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance within fiveten years preceding
0		the last violation and the violation was for an alcohol concentration of at least
11		eighteen one-hundredths of one percent by weight.
2	C.	Three hundred sixty-five days if the operator's record shows the person has once
3		violated section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance within the fiveten years
4		preceding the last violation.
5	d.	Two years if the operator's record shows the person has at least once violated
6		section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance within the fiveten years preceding the
7		last violation and the violation was for an alcohol concentration of at least
8		eighteen one-hundredths of one percent by weight.
9	e.	Two years if the operator's record shows the person has at least twice violated
20		section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance within the fiveten years preceding the
21		last violation.
22	f.	Three years if the operator's record shows the person has at least twice violated
23		section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance within the fiveten years preceding the
24		last violation and the violation is for an alcohol concentration of at least eighteen
25		one-hundredths of one percent by weight.
26	<u>g.</u>	An individual who has a temporary restricted driver's license with the restriction
27		the individual participates in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under
28		chapter 54-12 is not subject to the suspension periods under this subsection.
29	SECTION	4. AMENDMENT. Section 39-06.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is

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1 39-06.1-11. Temporary restricted license - Ignition interlock device.

- Except as provided under subsection 2, if the director has suspended a license under section 39-06.1-10 or has extended a suspension or revocation under section 39-06-43, upon receiving written application from the offender affected, the director may for good cause issue a temporary restricted operator's license valid for the remainder of the suspension period after seven days of the suspension period have passed.
 - If the director has suspended a license under chapter 39-20, or after a violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance, upon written application of the offender the director may issue for good cause a temporary restricted license that takes effect after thirty days of the suspension have been served after a first offense under section 39-08-01 or chapter 39-20, but if the offender is participating in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under chapter 54-12, the director may issue a temporary restricted license that takes effect after fifteen days of the suspension have been served. The director may not issue a temporary restricted license to any offender whose operator's license has been revoked under section 39-20-04 or suspended upon a second or subsequent offense under section 39-08-01 or chapter 39-20, except that a temporary restricted license may be issued in accordance with subsection 5 of this section if the offender is participating in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under chapter 54-12, or for good cause if the offender has not committed an offense for a period of two years before the date of the filing of a written application that must be accompanied by a report from an appropriate licensed addiction treatment program or if the offender is participating in the drug court program and has not committed an offense for a period of three hundred sixty-five days before the date of the filing of a written application that must be accompanied by a recommendation from the district court. The director may conduct a hearing for the purposes of obtaining information, reports, and evaluations from courts, law enforcement, and citizens to determine the offender's conduct and driving behavior during the prerequisite period of time. The director may also require that an ignition interlock device be installed in the offender's vehicle.

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- The director may not issue a temporary restricted license for a period of license revocation or suspension imposed under subsection 5 of section 39-06-17 or section 39-06-31. A temporary restricted license may be issued for suspensions ordered under subsection 7 of section 39-06-32 if it could have been issued had the suspension resulted from in-state conduct.
 - 4. A restricted license issued under this section is solely for the use of a motor vehicle during the licensee's normal working hours, or as provided under subsection 5 of this section, and may contain any other restrictions authorized by section 39-06-17. Violation of a restriction imposed according to this section is deemed a violation of section 39-06-17.
 - If an offender has been charged with, or convicted of, a second or subsequent violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance, or if the offender's license is subject to suspension under chapter 39-20 and the offender's driver's license is not subject to an unrelated suspension or revocation, the director shall issue a temporary restricted driver's permitlicense to the offender only for the purpose of participationupon the restriction the offender participate in the twenty-four seven sobriety program uponunder chapter 54-12. The offender shall submit an application to the director for a temporary restricted license along with submission of proof of financial responsibility and proof of participation in the twenty-four seven sobriety program by the offender, in order to receive a temporary restricted license. If a court or the parole board finds that an offender has violated a condition of the twenty fourseven sobriety program, the court or parole board may order the temporary restricteddriver's permit be revoked and take possession of the temporary restricted driver's permit. The court or the parole board shall send a copy of the order to the director whoshall record the revocation of the temporary restricted driver's permit. Revocation of a temporary restricted driver's permit for violation of a condition of the twenty-four sevensobriety program does not preclude the offender's eligibility for a temporary restricteddriver's license under any other provisions of this section.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 39-08-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

39-08-01. Persons under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any other drugs or substances not to operate vehicle - Penalty.

- 1. A person may not drive or be in actual physical control of any vehicle upon a highway or upon public or private areas to which the public has a right of access for vehicular use in this state if any of the following apply:
 - a. That person has an alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths of one percent by weight at the time of the performance of a chemical test within two hours after the driving or being in actual physical control of a vehicle.
 - b. That person is under the influence of intoxicating liquor.
 - c. That person is under the influence of any drug or substance or combination of drugs or substances to a degree which renders that person incapable of safely driving.
 - d. That person is under the combined influence of alcohol and any other drugs or substances to a degree which renders that person incapable of safely driving.

The fact that any person charged with violating this section is or has been legally entitled to use alcohol or other drugs or substances is not a defense against any charge for violating this section, unless a drug which predominately caused impairment was used only as directed or cautioned by a practitioner who legally prescribed or dispensed the drug to that person.

2. Unless as otherwise provided in section 39-08-01.2, an individual violating this section or equivalent ordinance is guilty of a class B misdemeanor for the first or second-offense in a five-year period, of a class A misdemeanor for a thirdsecond offense in a five-yearten-year period, of a class A misdemeanor for the fourth offense in a seven-year period, and of a class C felony for a fifth or subsequentthird offense in a seven-yearten-year period, and a class C felony for any fourth or subsequent offense, regardless how long it has been since the previous offense. The minimum penalty for violating this section is as provided in subsection 4. The court shall take judicial notice of the fact that an offense would be a subsequent offense if indicated by the records of the director or may make a subsequent offense finding based on other evidence. If an individual has spent time in custody for any offense, the time spent in custody may not be included as part of any period of time under this section.

- 3. Upon conviction of a second or subsequent offense within fiveten years under this section or equivalent ordinance, the court mustshall order the motor vehicle number plates of all of the motor vehicles owned and operated by the offender at the time of the offense to be impounded for the duration of the period of suspension or revocation of the offender's driving privilege by the licensing authority. The impounded number plates must be sent to the director who must retain them for the period of suspension or revocation, subject to their disposition by the court. The court may make an exception to this subsection, on an individual basis, to avoid undue hardship to an individual who is completely dependent on the motor vehicle for the necessities of life, including a family member of the convicted individual and a coowner of the motor vehicle, but not includingor if the offender is participating in the twenty-four seven sobriety program.
 - 4. A person convicted of violating this section, or an equivalent ordinance, must be sentenced in accordance with this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, unless the context otherwise requires, "drug court program" means a district court-supervised treatment program approved by the supreme court which combines judicial supervision with alcohol and drug testing and chemical addiction treatment in a licensed treatment program. The supreme court may adopt rules, including rules of procedure, for drug courts and the drug court program.
 - a. For a first offense, if the alcohol concentration is at least eight-hundredths of one percent by weight but less than fifteen-hundredths of one percent by weight, the sentence must include a fine of at least five hundred dollars and an order for an addiction evaluation by an appropriate licensed addiction treatment program. If the alcohol concentration is at least fifteen-hundredths of one percent by weight, or if the individual refused to submit to a chemical test, or a test required under section 39-06.2-10.2, 39-20-01, or 39-20-14, the sentence must include bothat least ten days' imprisonment, of which forty-eight hours must be served consecutively; a fine of at least twoseven hundred fifty dollars and; an order for addiction evaluation by an appropriate licensed addiction treatment program; at least six months' probation; and participation in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under chapter 54-12 as a mandatory condition of probation.

- b. For a second offense within fiveten years, the sentence must include at least fivesixty days' imprisonment or placement in a minimum security facility, of which forty-eight hours must be served consecutively, or thirty days' community service; a fine of at least one thousand five hundred dollars; and an order for addiction evaluation by an appropriate licensed addiction treatment program; and at least twelve months' probation; and participation in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under chapter 54-12 as a mandatory condition of probation.
 - c. For a third offense within fiveten years, the sentence must include at least sixtyone hundred eighty days' imprisonment or placement in a minimum security facility, of which forty eight hours must be served consecutively; a fine of oneat least two thousand dollars; and an order for addiction evaluation by an appropriate licensed addiction treatment program; and at least twelve months' probation; and participation in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under chapter 54-12 as a mandatory condition of probation.
 - d. For a fourth or subsequent offense within seven years, the sentence must include at least one hundred eightyyear and one days' imprisonment or placement in a minimum security facility, of which forty-eight hours must be served consecutively; a fine of oneat least three thousand dollars; and an order for addiction evaluation by an appropriate licensed treatment program; at least two years' probation; and participation in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under chapter 54-12 as a mandatory condition of probation.
 - e. The execution or imposition of sentence under this section may not be suspended or deferred under subsection 3 or 4 of section 12.1-32-02 for an offense subject to this section.
 - f. If the offense is subject to subdivision a or bof this subsection, a municipal court or district court may suspend a sentence under subsection 3 of section 12.1-32-02 if the alcohol concentration is at least eight-hundredths of one percent by weight but less than fifteen-hundredths of one percent by weight. If the alcohol concentration is at least fifteen-hundredths of one percent by weight, or if the individual refused to submit to a chemical test, or a test required under section 39-06.2-10.2, 39-20-01, or 39-20-14, a municipal court or district court may

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suspend a sentence, except for four days' imprisonment, under subsection 3 of section 12.1-32-02 on the condition that the defendant first undergo and complete an evaluation for alcohol and substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation. If the offense is subject to subdivision e or db of this subsection, the district court may suspend a sentence, except for ten days' imprisonment, under subsection 3 or 4 of section 12.1-32-02 on the condition that the defendant first undergo and complete an evaluation for alcohol and substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation. If the offense is subject to subdivision c of this subsection, the district court may suspend a sentence, except for sixty days' imprisonment, under subsection 3 of section 12.1-32-02 on the condition that the defendant first undergo and complete an evaluation for alcohol and substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation. If the offense is subject to subdivision d of this subsection, the district court may suspend a sentence, except for one year's imprisonment, under subsection 3 of section 12.1-32-02 on the condition that the defendant first undergo and complete an evaluation for alcohol and substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation. If the defendant is found to be in need of alcohol and substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation, the district court may order the defendant placed under the supervision and management of the department of corrections and rehabilitation and is subject to the conditions of probation under section 12.1-32-07. The district court shall require the defendant to complete alcohol and substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation under the direction of the drug court program as a condition of probation in accordance with rules adopted by the supreme court. If the district court finds that a defendant has failed to undergo an evaluation or complete treatment or has violated any condition of probation, the district court shall revoke the defendant's probation and shall sentence the defendant in accordance with this subsection. If the court sentences an individual to the legal and physical custody of the department of corrections and rehabilitation, the department may place the defendant in an alcohol treatment program designated by the department. Upon the individual's successful completion of the alcohol treatment program, the

department shall release the individual from imprisonment to serve the remainder

1 of the sentence of imprisonment on probation, which may include placement in 2 another facility or treatment program. If an individual is placed in another facility 3 or treatment program after release from imprisonment, the remainder of the 4 individual's sentence of imprisonment must be considered time spent in custody. 5 A court may not order the department to be responsible for the costs of treatment 6 in a private treatment facility. 7 For purposes of this section, conviction of an offense under a law or ordinance of h. 8 another state which is equivalent to this section must be considered a prior 9 offense if such offense was committed within the time limitations specified in this 10 subsectionsection. 11 An individual who operates a motor vehicle on a highway or on public or private 12 areas to which the public has a right of access for vehicular use in this state who 13 refuses to submit to a chemical test, or a test required under sections 14 39-06.2-10.2, 39-20-01, or 39-20-14, is quilty of an offense under this section. 15 g.j. If the penalty mandated by this section includes imprisonment or placement upon 16 conviction of a violation of this section or equivalent ordinance, and if an 17 addiction evaluation has indicated that the defendant needs treatment, the court 18 may order the defendant to undergo treatment at an appropriate licensed 19 addiction treatment program and the time spent by the defendant in the treatment 20 must be credited as a portion of a sentence of imprisonment or placement under 21 this section. 22 As used in subdivision b of subsection 4, the term "imprisonment" includes may include 5. 23 house arrest. As a condition of house arrest, a defendant may not consume alcoholic 24 beverages. The house arrest must include a program of electronic home detention in-25 which and the defendant is tested at least twice daily for the consumption of 26 alcoholshall participate in the twenty-four seven sobriety program as a condition of 27 house arrest. The defendant shall defraypay all costs associated with the electronic 28 home detention and participation in the twenty-four seven sobriety program. This-29 subsection does not apply to individuals committed to or under the supervision and

management of the department of corrections and rehabilitation.

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- 6. As used in this title, participation in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under chapter 12-54 means compliance with sections 54-12-27 through 54-12-31, and requires sobriety breath testing twice per day seven days per week or electronic alcohol monitoring, urine testing, or drug patch testing. The offender is responsible for all twenty-four seven sobriety program fees and the court may not waive the fees.
 - **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-08-01.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

39-08-01.2. Special punishment for causing injury or death while operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

- If an individual is convicted of an offense under chapter 12.1-16 and the conviction is based in part on the evidence of the individual's operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the sentence imposed must include at least one year's two years' imprisonment if the individual was an adult at the time of the offense.
- 2. If an individual is convicted of <u>a first offense</u> violating section 39-08-01, or section 39-08-03 based in part on the evidence of the individual's operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and the violation caused serious bodily injury, as defined in section 12.1-01-04, to another individual, that individual is guilty of a class A misdemeanor and the sentence must include at least ninety days' imprisonment if the individual was an adult at the time of the offense.
- 3. If an individual is convicted of a second or subsequent offense in ten years of violating section 39-08-01, or section 39-08-03 based in part on the evidence of the individual's operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and the violation caused serious bodily injury, as defined in section 12.1-01-04, to another individual, that individual is guilty of a class C felony and the sentence must include at least one year and one day's imprisonment if the individual was an adult at the time of the offense.
- 4. The imposition of sentence may not be deferred under subsection 4 of section 12.1-32-02 for an offense subject to this section.
- 30 <u>5.</u> The sentence under this section may not be suspended unless the court finds that manifest injustice would result from imposition of the sentence, except for ninety days

- for a first offense, and one year for a second or subsequent offense in ten years. The court shall impose not less than one year of supervised probation and shall require participation in the twenty-four seven sobriety program for at least twelve months as a mandatory condition of probation. Before a sentence under this section applies, a defendant must be notified of the minimum mandatory sentence. If the finding of guilt is by jury verdict, the verdict form must indicate that the jury found the elements that create the minimum sentence.
- 6. An individual who is convicted under this section shall serve the sentence imposed by the court without benefit of parole.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENT. Section 39-20-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

39-20-01. Implied consent to determine alcohol concentration and presence of drugs.

- 1. Any individual who operates a motor vehicle on a highway or on public or private areas to which the public has a right of access for vehicular use in this state is deemed to have given consent, and shall consent, subject to the provisions of this chapter, to a chemical test, or tests, of the blood, breath, or urine for the purpose of determining the alcohol concentration or presence of other drugs, or combination thereof, in the individual's blood, breath, or urine. As used in this chapter, the word "drug" means any drug or substance or combination of drugs or substances which renders an individual incapable of safely driving, and the words "chemical test" or "chemical analysis" mean any test to determine the alcohol concentration or presence of other drugs, or combination thereof, in the individual's blood, breath, or urine, approved by the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee under this chapter.
- 2. The test or tests must be administered at the direction of a law enforcement officer only after placing the individual, except individuals mentioned in section 39-20-03, under arrest and informing that individual that the individual is or will be charged with the offense of driving or being in actual physical control of a vehicle upon the public highways while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, drugs, or a combination thereof. For the purposes of this chapter, the taking into custody of a child under section 27-20-13 or an individual under twenty-one years of age satisfies the requirement of an arrest.

- 3. The law enforcement officer also shall also inform the individual charged that North

 Dakota law requires the individual to take the test to determine whether the individual is under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a combination of alcohol and drugs, that refusal to take the test directed by the law enforcement officer is a crime, and that refusal of the individual to submit to the test determined appropriate will directed by the law enforcement officer may result in a revocation for up to four years of the individual's driving privileges. The law enforcement officer shall determine which of the tests is to be used.
 - 4. When an individual under the age of eighteen years is taken into custody for violating section 39-08-01 or an equivalent ordinance, the law enforcement officer shall attempt to contact the individual's parent or legal guardian to explain the cause for the custody. Neither the law enforcement officer's efforts to contact, nor any consultation with, a parent or legal guardian may be permitted to interfere with the administration of chemical testing requirements under this chapter. The law enforcement officer shall mail a notice to the parent or legal guardian of the minor within ten days after the test results are received or within ten days after the minor is taken into custody if the minor refuses to submit to testing. The notice must contain a statement of the test performed and the results of that test; or if the minor refuses to submit to the testing, a statement notifying of that fact. The attempt to contact or the contacting or notification of a parent or legal guardian is not a precondition to the admissibility of chemical test results or the finding of a consent to, or refusal of, chemical testing by the individual in custody.

SECTION 8. AMENDMENT. Section 39-20-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

39-20-03.1. Action following test result for a resident operator.

If a person submits to a test under section 39-20-01, 39-20-02, or 39-20-03 and the test shows that person to have an alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths of one percent by weight or, with respect to a person under twenty-one years of age, an alcohol concentration of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight at the time of the performance of a chemical test within two hours after the driving or being in actual physical control of a vehicle, the following procedures apply:

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- 1. The law enforcement officer shall immediately issue to that person a temporary operator's permit if the person then has valid operating privileges, extending driving privileges for the next twenty-five days, or until earlier terminated by the decision of a hearing officer under section 39-20-05, or unless terminated by participation in the twenty-four seven sobriety program as provided under subsection 5 of this section. The law enforcement officer shall sign and note the date on the temporary operator's permit. The temporary operator's permit serves as the director's official notification to the person of the director's intent to revoke, suspend, or deny driving privileges in this state.
 - 2. If a test administered under section 39-20-01 or 39-20-03 was by urine sample or by drawing blood as provided in section 39-20-02 and the individual tested is not a resident of an area in which the law enforcement officer has jurisdiction, the law enforcement officer shall, on receiving the analysis of the urine or blood from the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee and if the analysis shows that individual had an alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths of one percent by weight or, with respect to an individual under twenty-one years of age, an alcohol concentration of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight, either proceed in accordance with subsection 1 during that individual's reappearance within the officer's jurisdiction, proceed in accordance with subsection 3, or notify a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the individual lives. On that notification, that law enforcement agency shall, within twenty-four hours, forward a copy of the temporary operator's permit to the law enforcement agency making the arrest or to the director. The law enforcement agency shall issue to that individual a temporary operator's permit as provided in this section, and shall sign and date the permit as provided in subsection 1.
 - 3. If the test results indicate an alcohol concentration at or above the legal limit, the law enforcement agency making the arrest may mail a temporary operator's permit to the individual who submitted to the blood or urine test, whether or not the individual is a resident of the area in which the law enforcement officer has jurisdiction. The third day after the mailing of the temporary operator's permit is considered the date of issuance. Actual notice of the opportunity for a hearing under this section is deemed to have

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- occurred seventy-two hours after the notice is mailed by regular mail to the address submitted by the individual to the law enforcement officer. The temporary operator's permit serves as the director's official notification to the individual of the director's intent to revoke, suspend, or deny driving privileges in this state.
 - 4. The law enforcement officer, within five days of the issuance of the temporary operator's permit, shall forward to the director a certified written report in the form required by the director. If the individual was issued a temporary operator's permit because of the results of a test, the report must show that the officer had reasonable grounds to believe the individual had been driving or was in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while in violation of section 39-08-01, or equivalent ordinance, that the individual was lawfully arrested, that the individual was tested for alcohol concentration under this chapter, and that the results of the test show that the individual had an alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths of one percent by weight or, with respect to an individual under twenty-one years of age, an alcohol concentration of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight. In addition to the operator's license and report, the law enforcement officer shall forward to the director a certified copy of the operational checklist and test records of a breath test and a copy of the certified copy of the analytical report for a blood or urine test for all tests administered at the direction of the officer.
 - 5. An individual charged with a violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance may elect to participate in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under chapter 54-12 in lieu of the administrative hearing under this chapter if the individual's driver's license is not subject to an unrelated suspension or revocation. The director shall issue a temporary restricted driver's license with the restriction the individual participate in the twenty-four seven sobriety program upon application by the individual with submission of proof of financial responsibility and proof of participation in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under chapter 54-12.

SECTION 9. AMENDMENT. Section 39-20-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

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39-20-04. Revocation of privilege to drive motor vehicle upon refusal to submit to testing.

If a person refuses to submit to testing under section 39-20-01 or 39-20-14, none may be given, but the law enforcement officer shall immediately take possession of the person's operator's license if it is then available and shall immediately issue to that person a temporary operator's permit, if the person then has valid operating privileges, extending driving privileges for the next twenty-five days or until earlier terminated by a decision of a hearing officer under section 39-20-05. The law enforcement officer shall sign and note the date on the temporary operator's permit. The temporary operator's permit serves as the director's official notification to the person of the director's intent to revoke driving privileges in this state and of the hearing procedures under this chapter. The director, upon the receipt of that person's operator's license and a certified written report of the law enforcement officer in the form required by the director, forwarded by the officer within five days after issuing the temporary operator's permit, showing that the officer had reasonable grounds to believe the person had been driving or was in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while in violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance or, for purposes of section 39-20-14, had reason to believe that the person committed a moving traffic violation or was involved in a traffic accident as a driver, and in conjunction with the violation or accident the officer has, through the officer's observations, formulated an opinion that the person's body contains alcohol, that the person was lawfully arrested if applicable, and that the person had refused to submit to the test or tests under section 39-20-01 or 39-20-14, shall revoke that person's license or permit to drive and any nonresident operating privilege for the appropriate period under this section, or if the person is a resident without a license or a permit to operate a motor vehicle in this state, the director shall deny to the person the issuance of a license or permit for the appropriate period under this section after the date of the alleged violation, subject to the opportunity for a prerevocation hearing and postrevocation review as provided in this chapter. In the revocation of the person's operator's license the director shall give credit for time in which the person was without an operator's license after the day of the person's refusal to submit to the test except that the director may not give credit for time in

1 which the person retained driving privileges through a temporary operator's permit 2 issued under this section or section 39-20-03.2. The period of revocation or denial of 3 issuance of a license or permit under this section is: 4 One year if the person's driving record shows that within the fiveten years 5 preceding the most recent violation of this section, the person's operator's license 6 has not previously been suspended, revoked, or issuance denied for a violation 7 of this chapter or section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance. 8 Three years if the person's driving record shows that within the fiveten years b. 9 preceding the most recent violation of this section, the person's operator's license 10 has been once previously suspended, revoked, or issuance denied for a violation 11 of this chapter or section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance. 12 Four years if the person's driving record shows that within the fiveten years C. 13 preceding the most recent violation of this section, the person's operator's license 14 has at least twice previously been suspended, revoked, or issuance denied under 15 this chapter, or for a violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance, or any 16 combination of the same, and the suspensions, revocations, or denials resulted 17 from at least two separate arrests. 18 2. A person's driving privileges are not subject to revocation under subdivision a of 19 subsection 1 if all of the following criteria are met: 20 An administrative hearing is not held under section 39-20-05; a. 21 b. The person mails an affidavit to the director within twenty-five days after the 22 temporary operator's permit is issued. The affidavit must state that the person: 23 Intends to voluntarily plead guilty to violating section 39-08-01 or equivalent (1) 24 ordinance within twenty-five days after the temporary operator's permit is 25 issued; 26 Agrees that the person's driving privileges must be suspended as provided (2) 27 under section 39-06.1-10; 28 Acknowledges the right to a section 39-20-05 administrative hearing and 29 section 39-20-06 judicial review and voluntarily and knowingly waives these 30 rights; and

- Sixty-third Legislative Assembly 1 (4) Agrees that the person's driving privileges must be revoked as provided 2 under this section without an administrative hearing or judicial review, if the 3 person does not plead guilty within twenty-five days after the temporary 4 operator's permit is issued, or the court does not accept the guilty plea, or 5 the guilty plea is withdrawn; 6 The person pleads guilty to violating section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance C. 7 within twenty-five days after the temporary operator's permit is issued; 8 The court accepts the person's guilty plea and a notice of that fact is mailed to d. 9 the director within twenty-five days after the temporary operator's permit is 10 issued; and 11 A copy of the final order or judgment of conviction evidencing the acceptance of 12 the person's guilty plea is received by the director prior to the return or 13 reinstatement of the person's driving privileges; and 14 The person has never been convicted under section 39-08-01 or equivalent 15 ordinance. 16 The court must mail a copy of an order granting a withdrawal of a guilty plea to 17 violating section 39-08-01, or equivalent ordinance, to the director within ten days after 18 it is ordered. Upon receipt of the order, the director shall immediately revoke the 19 person's driving privileges as provided under this section without providing an 20 administrative hearing.
 - **SECTION 10. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-20-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

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- 39-20-04.1. Administrative sanction for driving or being in physical control of a vehicle while having certain alcohol concentration.
 - 1. After the receipt of the certified report of a law enforcement officer and if no written request for hearing has been received from the arrested person under section 39-20-05, or if that hearing is requested and the findings, conclusion, and decision from the hearing confirm that the law enforcement officer had reasonable grounds to arrest the person and test results show that the arrested person was driving or in physical control of a vehicle while having an alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths of one percent by weight or, with respect to a person under

- twenty-one years of age, an alcohol concentration of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight at the time of the performance of a test within two hours after driving or being in physical control of a motor vehicle, the director shall suspend the person's driving privileges as follows:
- a. For ninety-one days if the person's driving record shows that, within the fiveten years preceding the date of the arrest, the person has not previously violated section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance or the person's operator's license has not previously been suspended or revoked under this chapter and the violation was for an alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths of one percent by weight or, with respect to a person under twenty-one years of age, an alcohol concentration of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight, and under eighteen one-hundredths of one percent by weight.
- b. For one hundred eighty days if the operator's record shows the person has not violated section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance within fiveten years preceding the last violation and the last violation was for an alcohol concentration of at least eighteen one-hundredths of one percent by weight.
- c. For three hundred sixty-five days if the person's driving record shows that, within the <u>fiveten</u> years preceding the date of the arrest, the person has once previously violated section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance or the person's operator's license has once previously been suspended or revoked under this chapter with the last violation or suspension for an alcohol concentration under eighteen one-hundredths of one percent by weight.
- d. For two years if the person's driving record shows that within the fiveten years preceding the date of the arrest, the person's operator's license has once been suspended, revoked, or issuance denied under this chapter, or for a violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance, with the last violation or suspension for an alcohol concentration of at least eighteen one-hundredths of one percent by weight or if the person's driving record shows that within the five years preceding the date of arrest, the person's operator's license has at least twice previously been suspended, revoked, or issuance denied under this chapter, or for a violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance, or any combination thereof,

- and the suspensions, revocations, or denials resulted from at least two separate arrests with the last violation or suspension for an alcohol concentration of under eighteen one-hundredths of one percent by weight.
 - e. For three years if the operator's record shows that within fiveten years preceding the date of the arrest, the person's operator's license has at least twice previously been suspended, revoked, or issuance denied under this chapter, or for a violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance, or any combination thereof, and the suspensions, revocations, or denials resulted from at least two separate arrests and the last violation or suspension was for an alcohol concentration of at least eighteen one-hundredths of one percent by weight.
 - 2. In the suspension of the person's operator's license the director shall give credit for the time the person was without an operator's license after the day of the offense, except that the director may not give credit for the time the person retained driving privileges through a temporary operator's permit issued under section 39-20-03.1 or 39-20-03.2.

SECTION 11. AMENDMENT. Section 39-20-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

39-20-05. Administrative hearing on request <u>- Election to participate in the twenty-four seven sobriety program</u>.

Before issuing an order of suspension, revocation, or denial under section 39-20-04 or 39-20-04.1, the director shall afford that person an opportunity for a hearing if the person mails or communicates by other means authorized by the director a request for the hearing to the director within ten days after the date of issuance of the temporary operator's permit. Before the hearing, an individual may elect to participate in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under chapter 54-12. The hearing must be held within thirty days after the date of issuance of the temporary operator's permit. If no hearing is requested within the time limits in this section, and no affidavit is submitted within the time limits under subsection 2 of section 39-20-04, and if the individual has not provided the director with written notice of election to participate in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under chapter 54-12, the expiration of the temporary operator's permit serves as the director's official notification to the person of the revocation, suspension, or denial of driving privileges in this state.

1 If the issue to be determined by the hearing concerns license suspension for operating 2 a motor vehicle while having an alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths 3 of one percent by weight or, with respect to an individual under twenty-one years of 4 age, an alcohol concentration of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight, 5 the hearing must be before a hearing officer assigned by the director and at a time and 6 place designated by the director. The hearing must be recorded and its scope may 7 cover only the issues of whether the arresting officer had reasonable grounds to 8 believe the individual had been driving or was in actual physical control of a vehicle in 9 violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance or, with respect to an individual 10 under twenty-one years of age, the individual had been driving or was in actual 11 physical control of a vehicle while having an alcohol concentration of at least two 12 one-hundredths of one percent by weight; whether the individual was placed under 13 arrest, unless the individual was under twenty-one years of age and the alcohol 14 concentration was less than eight one-hundredths of one percent by weight, then 15 arrest is not required and is not an issue under any provision of this chapter; whether 16 the individual was tested in accordance with section 39-20-01 or 39-20-03 and, if 17 applicable, section 39-20-02; and whether the test results show the individual had an 18 alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths of one percent by weight or, 19 with respect to an individual under twenty-one years of age, an alcohol concentration 20 of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight. For purposes of this section, 21 a copy of a certified copy of an analytical report of a blood or urine sample from the 22 director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee, or electronically posted 23 by the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee on the crime 24 laboratory information management system and certified by a law enforcement officer 25 or individual who has authorized access to the crime laboratory management system 26 through the criminal justice data information sharing system, or a certified copy of the 27 checklist and test records from a certified breath test operator, and a copy of a certified 28 copy of a certificate of the director of the state crime laboratory designating the 29 director's designee, establish prima facie the alcohol concentration or the presence of 30 drugs, or a combination thereof, shown therein. Whether the individual was informed

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- that the privilege to drive might be suspended based on the results of the test is not an issue.
 - If the issue to be determined by the hearing concerns license revocation for refusing to submit to a test under section 39-20-01 or 39-20-14, the hearing must be before a hearing officer assigned by the director at a time and place designated by the director. The hearing must be recorded. The scope of a hearing for refusing to submit to a test under section 39-20-01 may cover only the issues of whether a law enforcement officer had reasonable grounds to believe the person had been driving or was in actual physical control of a vehicle in violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance or, with respect to a person under twenty-one years of age, the person had been driving or was in actual physical control of a vehicle while having an alcohol concentration of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight; whether the person was placed under arrest; and whether that person refused to submit to the test or tests. The scope of a hearing for refusing to submit to a test under section 39-20-14 may cover only the issues of whether the law enforcement officer had reason to believe the person committed a moving traffic violation or was involved in a traffic accident as a driver, whether in conjunction with the violation or the accident the officer has, through the officer's observations, formulated an opinion that the person's body contains alcohol and, whether the person refused to submit to the onsite screening test. Whether the person was informed that the privilege to drive would be revoked or denied for refusal to submit to the test or tests is not an issue.
 - 4. At a hearing under this section, the regularly kept records of the director and state crime laboratory may be introduced. Those records establish prima facie their contents without further foundation. For purposes of this chapter, the following are deemed regularly kept records of the director and state crime laboratory:
 - a. Any copy of a certified copy of an analytical report of a blood or urine sample received by the director from the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee or electronically posted by the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee on the crime laboratory information management system and certified by, and received from, a law enforcement officer or individual who has authorized access to the crime laboratory

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 - b. Any copy of a certified copy of a certificate of the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee relating to approved methods, devices, operators, materials, and checklists used for testing for alcohol concentration or the presence of drugs received by the director from the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee, or that have been electronically posted with the state crime laboratory division of the attorney general at the attorney general website; and
 - c. Any copy of a certified copy of a certificate of the director of the state crime laboratory designating the director's designees.
 - At the close of the hearing, the hearing officer shall notify the person of the hearing officer's findings of fact, conclusions of law, and decision based on the findings and conclusions and shall immediately deliver to the person a copy of the decision. If the hearing officer does not find in favor of the person, the copy of the decision serves as the director's official notification to the person of the revocation, suspension, or denial of driving privileges in this state. If the hearing officer finds, based on a preponderance of the evidence, that the person refused a test under section 39-20-01 or 39-20-14 or that the person had an alcohol concentration of at least eight one-hundredths of one percent by weight or, with respect to a person under twenty-one years of age, an alcohol concentration of at least two one-hundredths of one percent by weight, the hearing officer shall immediately take possession of the person's temporary operator's permit issued under this chapter. If the hearing officer does not find against the person, the hearing officer shall sign, date, and mark on the person's permit an extension of driving privileges for the next twenty days and shall return the permit to the person. The hearing officer shall report the findings, conclusions, and decisions to the director within ten days of the conclusion of the hearing. If the hearing officer has determined in favor of the person, the director shall return the person's operator's license by regular mail to the address on file with the director under section 39-06-20.

- 6. If the person who requested a hearing under this section fails to appear at the hearing without justification, the right to the hearing is waived, and the hearing officer's determination on license revocation, suspension, or denial will be based on the written request for hearing, law enforcement officer's report, and other evidence as may be available. The hearing officer shall, on the date for which the hearing is scheduled, mail to the person, by regular mail, at the address on file with the director under section 39-06-20, or at any other address for the person or the person's legal representative supplied in the request for hearing, a copy of the decision which serves as the director's official notification to the person of the revocation, suspension, or denial of driving privileges in this state. Even if the person for whom the hearing is scheduled fails to appear at the hearing, the hearing is deemed to have been held on the date for which it is scheduled for purposes of appeal under section 39-20-06.
 - 7. An individual charged with a violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance may elect to participate in the twenty-four seven sobriety program under chapter 54-12 in lieu of the administrative hearing under this chapter if the individual's driver's license is not subject to an unrelated suspension or revocation. The director shall issue a temporary restricted driver's license with the restriction the individual participate in the twenty-four seven program upon application by the individual with submission of proof of financial responsibility and proof of participation in the twenty-four seven sobriety program.

SECTION 12. AMENDMENT. Subsection 6 of section 39-20-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6. The director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee may appoint, train, certify, and supervise field inspectors of breath testing equipment and its operation, and the inspectors shall report the findings of any inspection to the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee for appropriate action. Upon approval of the methods or devices, or both, required to perform the tests and the individuals qualified to administer them, the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee shall prepare, certify, and electronically post a written record of the approval with the state crime laboratory division of the attorney general at the attorney general website, and shall include in the record:

- 1 An annual register of the specific testing devices currently approved, including 2 serial number, location, and the date and results of last inspection. 3 b. An annual register of currently qualified and certified operators of the devices, 4 stating the date of certification and its expiration. 5 The operational checklist and forms prescribing the methods currently approved C. 6 by the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee in using the 7 devices during the administration of the tests. 8 d. The certificate of the director of the state crime laboratory designating the 9 director's designees. 10 The certified records electronically posted under this section may be <u>e.</u> 11 supplemented when the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's 12 designee determines it to be necessary, and any certified supplemental records 13 have the same force and effect as the records that are supplemented. 14 The state crime laboratory shall make the certified records required by this e.f. 15 section available for download in a printable format on the attorney general 16 website. 17 SECTION 13. AMENDMENT. Section 39-20-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is 18 amended and reenacted as follows: 19 39-20-14. Screening tests. 20 Any individual who operates a motor vehicle upon the public highways of this state is 21 deemed to have given consent to submit to an onsite screening test or tests of the 22 individual's breath for the purpose of estimating the alcohol concentration in the 23 individual's breath upon the request of a law enforcement officer who has reason to 24 believe that the individual committed a moving traffic violation or was involved in a 25 traffic accident as a driver, and in conjunction with the violation or the accident the 26 officer has, through the officer's observations, formulated an opinion that the 27 individual's body contains alcohol. 28 An individual may not be required to submit to a screening test or tests of breath while
 - at a hospital as a patient if the medical practitioner in immediate charge of the individual's case is not first notified of the proposal to make the requirement, or objects

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- to the test or tests on the ground that such would be prejudicial to the proper care or treatment of the patient.
 - <u>3.</u> The screening test or tests must be performed by an enforcement officer certified as a chemical test operator by the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee and according to methods and with devices approved by the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee. The results of such screening test must be used only for determining whether or not a further test shall be given under the provisions of section 39-20-01. The officer shall inform the individual that North Dakota law requires the individual to take the screening test to determine whether the individual is under the influence of alcohol, that refusal to take the screening test is a crime, and that refusal of the individual to submit to a screening test willmay result in a revocation for up to four years of that individual's driving privileges. If such individual refuses to submit to such screening test or tests, none may be given, but such refusal is sufficient cause to revoke such individual's license or permit to drive in the same manner as provided in section 39-20-04, and a hearing as provided in section 39-20-05 and a judicial review as provided in section 39-20-06 must be available. However, the
 - 4. The director must not revoke an individual's driving privileges for refusing to submit to a screening test requested under this section if the individual provides a sufficient breath, blood, or urine sample for a chemical test requested under section 39-20-01 for the same incident.
 - <u>5.</u> No provisions of this section may supersede any provisions of chapter 39-20, nor may any provision of chapter 39-20 be construed to supersede this section except as provided herein.
 - 6. For the purposes of this section, "chemical test operator" means an individual certified by the director of the state crime laboratory or the director's designee as qualified to perform analysis for alcohol in an individual's blood, breath, or urine.

SECTION 14. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE. During the 2013-14 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility and desirability of North Dakota Century Code provisions that relate to administrative hearings and administrative sanctions for driving while under the influence of

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- 1 alcohol or drugs. With the assistance of the department of corrections and rehabilitation and the
- 2 department of human services, the study must include the need for supervision, methods of
- 3 treatment, and penalties for repeat driving while under the influence of alcohol or drug
- 4 offenders. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together
- 5 with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fourth legislative
- 6 assembly.
- 7 **SECTION 15. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective May 1, 2013.
- 8 **SECTION 16. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.