

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

SENATE BILL NO. 2045  
(Legislative Management)  
(Transportation Committee)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 39-12-14.1 and 39-12-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to voluntary settlement of extraordinary road use fee charges and proceeds of sale deposited with the state treasurer; to provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-12-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**39-12-14.1. ~~(Effective through June 30, 2017)~~ Voluntary settlement of extraordinary road use fee charges.**

Before the complaint is issued under section 39-12-14, the owner, or the owner's driver or agent, may voluntarily pay the amount of the extraordinary road use fee, or may provide proof of surety coverage to ensure payment of the extraordinary road use fee, provided under section 39-12-17, plus any towing or storage costs. Any settlement, whether made by the owner, or the owner's driver or agent, is presumed to be voluntary. A peace officer or a peace officer's designee is authorized to receive the settlement payment on behalf of the authority having jurisdiction over the road on which the violation occurred. The extraordinary road use fees for a violation on an interstate or on a state highway must be deposited with the state treasurer to be credited to the state highway fund. Extraordinary road use fees for a violation that did not occur on an interstate or a state highway must be deposited in the general fund of the jurisdiction having authority over the road on which the violation occurred and must be used for the support of the road system of that jurisdiction.

~~**(Effective after June 30, 2017) Voluntary settlement of extraordinary road use fee charges.** Before the complaint is issued pursuant to section 39-12-14, the owner, or the owner's driver or agent, may voluntarily pay the amount of the extraordinary road use fee, or may provide proof of surety coverage to ensure payment of the extraordinary road use fee, provided under section 39-12-17, plus any towing or storage costs. Any settlement, whether made by the owner, or the owner's driver or agent, must be presumed to be of a voluntary nature. A peace officer or a peace officer's designee is authorized to receive the settlement payment on behalf of the authority having jurisdiction of the road whereon the violation occurred. The extraordinary road use fees must be deposited with the state treasurer to be credited to the highway fund.~~

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-12-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**39-12-20. ~~(Effective through June 30, 2017)~~ Proceeds of sale - Continuing appropriation.**

The proceeds of sale must be deposited with the state treasurer. For a violation on an interstate or a state highway, the state treasurer shall deposit in the state highway fund an amount equal to the amount of the charges assessed under section 39-12-17 after paying the costs to the county. For any violation, an amount equal to the costs of the proceedings, including attorney's and witness fees and costs, is appropriated on a continuing basis out of the funds collected to the county of prosecution for the purpose of defraying the costs of prosecution. From the proceeds of sale for a violation that did not occur on an interstate or a state highway, the amount of charges assessed under section 39-12-17 is appropriated on a continuing basis and must be deposited in the general fund in the jurisdiction in which the violation occurred and must be used for the support of the road system of that jurisdiction. The balance of the proceeds of any sale after the payment of costs and charges is appropriated on a

continuing basis out of the funds collected to be paid to the person entitled to the proceeds as determined by the court or must be deposited with the clerk of court for payment to that person.

~~(Effective after June 30, 2017) Proceeds of sale – Continuing appropriation.~~ The proceeds of sale must be deposited with the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall deposit in the highway fund an amount equal to the amount of the charges assessed pursuant to section 39-12-17 after paying the costs to the county. An amount equal to the costs of the proceedings, including attorney's and witness fees and costs, is appropriated on a continuing basis out of the funds collected to the county in which the prosecution took place for the purpose of defraying the costs of prosecution. The balance of the proceeds of any sale after the payment of costs and charges is appropriated on a continuing basis out of the funds collected to be paid to the person entitled thereto as determined by the court or must be deposited with the clerk of court for such payment.

**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

**SECTION 4. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2045 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 45                      Nays 0                      Absent 2

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 72                      Nays 17                      Absent 5

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Speaker of the House

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017,

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

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Secretary of State