

Introduced by

Political Subdivisions Committee

(At the request of the Adjutant General)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 39-01-01 and subsection 2 of
2 section 39-10-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to definitions of and lights used by
3 authorized emergency vehicles.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 39-01-01 of the North Dakota Century
6 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 2. "Authorized emergency vehicles":

8 a. "Class A" authorized emergency vehicles means:

- 9 (1) Vehicles of a governmentally owned fire department.
- 10 (2) Vehicles when operated by or under the control of a police officer having
11 authority to enforce the provisions of this title or by a salaried employee of a
12 municipal police department within the municipality or by a sheriff or deputy
13 sheriff not including special deputy sheriffs, or by the director of the
14 department of corrections and rehabilitation and the director's authorized
15 agents who have successfully completed training in the operation of class A
16 authorized emergency vehicles.
- 17 (3) Vehicles clearly identifiable as property of the department of corrections and
18 rehabilitation when operated or under the control of the director of the
19 department of corrections and rehabilitation.
- 20 (4) Ambulances.
- 21 (5) Vehicles operated by or under the control of the director, district deputy
22 director, or a district deputy game warden of the game and fish department.
- 23 (6) Vehicles owned or leased by the United States and used for law
24 enforcement purposes.

- 1 (7) Vehicles designated for the use of the adjutant general or assistant adjutant
2 general in cases of emergency.
- 3 (8) Vehicles operated by or under the control of the director of the parks and
4 recreation department.
- 5 (9) Vehicles operated by or under the control of a licensed railroad police officer
6 and used for law enforcement purposes.
- 7 (10) Vehicles operated by or under the control of the state forester.
- 8 (11) Vehicles operated by or under the control of the bureau of criminal
9 investigation and used for law enforcement purposes.
- 10 b. "Class B" authorized emergency vehicles means wreckers and such other
11 emergency vehicles as are authorized by the local authorities.
- 12 c. "Class C" authorized emergency vehicles means:
- 13 (1) Vehicles ~~authorized~~used by the state division of homeland security or local
14 division of emergency management organizations.
- 15 (2) Vehicles used by volunteer firefighters while performing their assigned
16 disaster and emergency responsibilities.
- 17 (3) Vehicles, other than ambulances, used by emergency medical services
18 personnel.

19 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 39-10-03 of the North Dakota Century
20 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 21 2. The exceptions herein granted to a class A authorized emergency vehicle apply only:
- 22 a. When the authorized emergency vehicle is in pursuit of or apprehension of a
23 violator or a suspected violator requiring the use of these exemptions.
- 24 b. When the class A authorized emergency vehicle is being operated in response to
25 a reported emergency involving a possible personal injury, death, or damage to
26 property, and when giving adequate warning by use of a flashing red or
27 combination red and white lights that are visible under normal atmospheric
28 conditions for at least five hundred feet [152.4 meters] and if appropriate, giving
29 audible signal by siren or airhorn. A fire truck, ambulance, or law enforcement
30 vehicle that is otherwise a class A authorized emergency vehicle may display a

- 1 flashing blue light in addition to and under the same conditions as the other
2 colors allowed in this subdivision.
- 3 c. In any instance when the head of a law enforcement agency deems advisable
4 within the area of that person's jurisdiction for the protection of person and
5 property and when giving audible signal by siren or when giving adequate
6 warning by use of a flashing red or combination red and white lights which are
7 visible under normal atmospheric conditions for at least five hundred feet [152.4
8 meters]. A fire truck, ambulance, or law enforcement vehicle that is otherwise a
9 class A authorized emergency vehicle may display a flashing blue light in addition
10 to and under the same conditions as the other colors allowed in this subdivision.