

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1080  
(Transportation Committee)  
(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 39-04-55 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to allowing electronic proof of motor vehicle registration.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-55 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**39-04-55. Registration card to be carried in or on vehicle - Inspection of card - Penalty.**

The registration card issued for a vehicle must be carried in the driver's compartment of the vehicle or on an electronic device in the possession of the driver or, in the case of a housetrailer or mobile home or a trailer or semitrailer, regardless of when such vehicle was acquired, inside or on the vehicle, at all times while the vehicle is being operated upon a highway in this state. The card registration is subject to inspection by any peace officer or highway patrol officer. Upon request of an inspection by any peace officer or highway patrol officer, a driver may produce either a registration card or electronic registration as provided by the department. An electronic registration must be designed so that there is no need for the registration holder to relinquish possession of the device, in which the electronic registration is installed, to present the registration, or for the individual to whom the registration is presented to access the verification system to confirm the validity of the registration. Any person violating this section must be assessed a fee of twenty dollars. However, a person cited for violation of this section may not be found to have committed the violation if the person, within fourteen days after being cited produces and displays to the office of the prosecutor where the matter is pending, a registration card valid at the time the person was cited. A peace officer or highway patrol officer, upon citing a person for violating this section, shall inform the person that a violation will be considered as not having occurred if the person produces and displays a valid registration card in the manner provided in this section.

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Speaker of the House

Orville Schulz  
President of the Senate

Bull J. Reisch  
Chief Clerk of the House

Orlando Morgan  
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1080.

House Vote:      Yeas 86              Nays 6              Absent 2

Senate Vote:      Yeas 45              Nays 0              Absent 2

Bull J. Reisch  
Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at 10:55 A.M. on March 14, 2023.

Approved at 6:15 P.M. on March 14, 2023.

Doug Byrum  
Governor

Filed in this office this 15th day of March, 2023,  
at 2:58 o'clock P. M.

Michael Howe  
Secretary of State