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## **Amendment to Move Over Law goes into effect Aug. 1**

An amendment to an existing Move Over Law now authorizes North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) vehicles the same rights as emergency vehicles on the roadway. This includes any NDDOT vehicle displaying a flashing, revolving, or rotating amber or white light. The amended "Move Over Law" Senate Bill 2112, goes into effect August 1.

This law is aimed at reducing the number of crashes on our roadways. "Safety is our number one concern. The amendment to the law requires drivers to slow down and move over to help protect motorists and our maintenance personnel from injury or loss of life," said Director of Transportation Francis Ziegler.

When vehicles approach an authorized emergency vehicle on a multi-lane highway outside city limits, motorists will be required to move to a lane not adjacent to the authorized emergency vehicle. This maneuver must be made with due regard to safety and other traffic. If it cannot be done, the driver must proceed with due caution, reduce the speed of the vehicle, and maintain a safe speed for existing road conditions.

Failure to comply with the "Move Over Law" may result in a \$50 fine and if the motorist causes a crash with a snow plow or other road maintenance vehicle, two points will be assessed to their drivers license.