

HOUSE BILL NO. 1061

Introduced by

Representatives Koppang, Grumbo, Porter

Senators Cook, Espegard, Solberg

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-04-36 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the transfer of registration credits.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-36 of the 1999 Supplement to the North
5 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **39-04-36. Transfer of registered vehicle - Removal of number plates - Transfer of**
7 **number plates.**

- 8 1. Whenever the ownership of a vehicle registered under the provisions of this
9 chapter or chapter 39-18 is transferred or assigned, the registration of the vehicle
10 expires and the transferor shall remove the number plates.
- 11 2. Upon applying for the transfer of the registration and paying a five dollar fee, a
12 person who transfers or assigns to another person the ownership of a registered
13 vehicle may receive credit for the unused portion of the fees paid for the
14 transferred vehicle. The department may establish procedures that permit the
15 transferor to assign the credit to the transferee if the transferor is the lessor of the
16 transferred vehicle or if the transferor is the spouse, a sibling, or a lineal ancestor
17 or descendant of the transferee. One-twelfth of the annual fee must be credited for
18 each month of the registration period remaining after the month in which the
19 transfer is made. The credit may not extend beyond the original expiration of the
20 registration. Except as provided in section 39-04-44, the credit must be applied to
21 the registration fees for a replacement vehicle. The transferor shall apply for the
22 transfer of registration within thirty days of the purchase of the replacement vehicle.
- 23 3. Except as otherwise permitted in this chapter, before the transferee of a registered
24 vehicle may operate the vehicle on a highway, the transferee must apply for and

1 obtain a new registration of the vehicle, as on an original registration. To provide
2 the transferee adequate time to obtain a new registration, the director may provide
3 for the issuance of a temporary registration certificate to permit the transferee to
4 operate the vehicle for thirty days after the date of acquisition. The certificate must
5 be available to the transferee from licensed vehicle dealers, law enforcement
6 agencies, and motor vehicle branch offices. The vehicle may be operated for five
7 days from date of purchase without a plate or certificate of ownership if dated
8 evidence of ownership is carried in the vehicle. The evidence of ownership must
9 be in a form as prescribed by the department.