

Fifty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2411**

Introduced by

Senators Espegard, Kringstad, Trenbeath

Representative Tieman

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-04-08, 39-04-10.4, and 39-04-11 of the  
2 North Dakota Century Code, relating to number plates.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **39-04-08. Number plates furnished by the department.** The department shall  
7 furnish to every motor vehicle owner ~~two number plates for each registered motor vehicle, and~~  
8 one number plate for each registered motor vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or housetrailer. The  
9 department ~~may, in its discretion,~~ shall furnish ~~only~~ one number plate for each registered  
10 apportioned vehicle licensed under the international registration plan as authorized in section  
11 39-19-04, truck tractor, or semitrailer.

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-10.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **39-04-10.4. Antique motor vehicles - License and fee - Use.**

15 1. Any motor vehicle which is at least forty years old may be permanently licensed by  
16 the department upon the payment of a registration fee of ten dollars. The  
17 department shall design and issue a distinctive number plate for this purpose. In  
18 lieu of the distinctive number plate, the owner of the motor vehicle may, at the  
19 discretion of the director, display on the motor vehicle a number plate from the year  
20 in which the motor vehicle was manufactured. The number plate from the year of  
21 manufacture may not be used in lieu of a distinctive number plate when it would  
22 create a duplication of a number in the recordkeeping system of the department. A  
23 number plate from the year of manufacture must be legible and must be restored to  
24 the satisfaction of the department. ~~Notwithstanding section 39-04-11, only one~~

~~number plate needs to be displayed on a motor vehicle licensed under this~~

~~subsection.~~ Motor vehicles registered under the provisions of this section may not be used in the routine functions of a business or farming operation.

2. Any motor vehicle which is at least forty years old may, if not licensed under subsection 1, be permanently licensed using a personalized plate issued under section 39-04-10.3, in which case a one-time fee of one hundred dollars is due.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-11 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**39-04-11. Display of number plates and tabs.** Except as otherwise specifically provided, a person may not operate or drive a vehicle on the public highways of this state unless the vehicle has a distinctive number assigned to it by the department, and ~~two one~~ one number ~~plates~~ plate, bearing the distinctive number conspicuously displayed, horizontally and in an upright position, ~~one on the front and one on the rear of the vehicle, each and~~ and securely fastened, ~~except number plates assigned to a motorcycle, trailer, or house trailer must be attached to the rear thereof.~~ When ~~only~~ one number plate is furnished for an apportioned vehicle licensed under the international registration plan as authorized in section 39-19-04, truck tractor, or semitrailer, the plate must be attached to the front of the apportioned vehicle or truck tractor and the rear of the semitrailer. The bottom of ~~each~~ a number plate must be at a height of not less than twelve inches [30.48 centimeters] above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands. ~~Each~~ A plate must be mounted in a manner that does not cover any words, letter, or number on the plate. As far as is reasonably possible, the ~~plates~~ plate must at all times be kept free and clear of mud, ice, or snow so as to be clearly visible and ~~all~~ any number ~~plates~~ plate, ~~markers~~ marker, or evidence of registration or licensing except for the current year must be removed from the vehicle. ~~All~~ A vehicle license ~~plates~~ plate issued by the department ~~continue~~ continues to be the property of the state of North Dakota for the period for which the ~~plates are~~ plate is valid. An annual registration tab or sticker for the current registration year must be displayed on each number plate, in the area designated by the department for the tab or sticker, in those years for which tabs or stickers are issued in lieu of a number ~~plates~~ plate.