

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT**  
**with Conference Committee Amendments**  
**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1184**

Introduced by

Transportation Committee

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 2 and 3 of section 39-04-36 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to license fee credits; and to provide an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 2 and 3 of section 39-04-36 of the 1999  
5 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

6 2. Upon applying for the transfer of the registration and paying a five dollar fee, a  
7 person who transfers or assigns to another person the ownership of a registered  
8 vehicle may receive credit for the unused portion of the fees paid for the  
9 transferred vehicle. The department may establish procedures that permit the  
10 transferor to assign the credit to the transferee if the transferor is the spouse, a  
11 sibling, or a lineal ancestor or descendant of the transferee. Any remaining credit  
12 on a vehicle owned by a leasing company must be credited to the lessee.

13 One-twelfth of the annual fee must be credited for each month of the registration  
14 period remaining after the month in which the transfer is made. The credit may not  
15 extend beyond the original expiration of the registration. Except as provided in  
16 section 39-04-44, the credit must be applied to the registration fees for a  
17 replacement vehicle. The transferor shall apply for the transfer of registration  
18 within thirty days of the purchase of the replacement vehicle.

19 3. Except as otherwise permitted in this chapter, before the transferee of a registered  
20 vehicle may operate the vehicle on a highway, the transferee must apply for and  
21 obtain a new registration of the vehicle, as on an original registration. To provide  
22 the transferee adequate time to obtain a new registration, the director may provide  
23 for the issuance of a temporary registration certificate to permit the transferee to  
24 operate the vehicle for thirty days after the date of acquisition. The certificate must

1                    be printed on the reverse side of each vehicle registration card and must be  
2                    available to the transferee from licensed vehicle dealers, law enforcement  
3                    agencies, and motor vehicle branch offices. The vehicle may be operated for five  
4                    days from date of purchase without a plate or certificate of ownership if dated  
5                    evidence of ownership is carried in the vehicle. The evidence of ownership must  
6                    be in a form as prescribed by the department.

7                    **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on April 1, 2002.