

Fifty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1256

Introduced by

Representatives Belter, Weisz

Senators Espegard, Trenbeath

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~~ a motor vehicle owner ~~two number plates for each registered motor vehicle,~~  
8 ~~and one number plate for each registered~~ motor vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or housetrailer.  
9 ~~The department may, in its discretion, 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~~ A motor vehicle ~~which~~ that is at least forty years old may be permanently  
16 ~~licensed~~ registered by the department upon the payment of a registration fee of ten  
17 dollars. The department shall design and issue a distinctive number plate for this  
18 purpose. In lieu of the distinctive number plate, the owner of the motor vehicle  
19 may, at the discretion of the director, display on the motor vehicle a number plate  
20 from the year in which the motor vehicle was manufactured. The number plate  
21 from the year of manufacture may not be used in lieu of a distinctive number plate  
22 ~~when it~~ if the plate would create a duplication of a number in the recordkeeping  
23 system of the department. A number plate from the year of manufacture must be  
24 legible and must be restored to 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~~ A motor vehicle registered under the provisions of this section may not be used in the routine functions of a business or farming operation.

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

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

**39-04-11. Display of number plates and tabs.** ~~Except as~~ Unless otherwise specifically provided by law, 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~~ the vehicle by the department; and ~~two~~ a 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 securely fastened, ~~except number plates assigned to a motorcycle, trailer, or housetrailer must be attached to the rear thereof. When only.~~ However, when one number plate is furnished for an apportioned vehicle ~~licensed~~ registered under the international registration plan as authorized in section 39-19-04; or a 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~~ a 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~~ a 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 to be~~ is the property of the ~~state of North Dakota~~ department 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.