

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Skarphol

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-04-10.9 and subdivision b of subsection 2 of
2 section 39-04-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to police department number
3 plates.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-10.9 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **39-04-10.9. Law enforcement plates.** Upon request, the department shall issue
8 identical plates that contain the word "~~SHERIFF~~" ~~for the vehicles used and owned by a sheriff's~~
9 ~~department and the word~~ "POLICE" for the motor vehicles used and owned by a city's police
10 department. The plates must be in black letters and on the designed background in use at the
11 time of issuance. The plates must be provided at actual cost. Notwithstanding section
12 39-04-11, the plates are the property of the ~~law enforcement agency~~ police department to which
13 issued. At an appropriate time, replacement of the plates must occur whenever the designed
14 background used by the state changes. Notwithstanding section 39-04-11, a motor vehicle that
15 displays a plate under this section must have a clearly visible distinctive identification number
16 on the rear of the vehicle assigned by the appropriate ~~law enforcement agency~~ police
17 department.

18 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision b of subsection 2 of section 39-04-18 of the
19 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20 b. Motor vehicles owned by or in possession of Indian mission schools, by this
21 state or any of its agencies, departments, or political subdivisions, including
22 school districts possessing a motor vehicle or vehicles used for driver
23 education instruction, or by any entity located upon the international boundary
24 line between the United States of America and Canada used and maintained

1 as a memorial to commemorate the long-existing relationship of peace and
2 good will between the people and the governments of the United States of
3 America and Canada and to further international peace among the nations of
4 the world; provided, however, that the vehicles must display license plates
5 provided by the department at actual cost. Upon request, qualifying ~~law~~
6 ~~enforcement~~ police department motor vehicles must be issued a license plate
7 under section 39-04-10.9.

8 Each motor vehicle loaned or furnished by a licensed North Dakota
9 motor vehicle dealer to a school district in North Dakota to be used exclusively
10 for instructing pupils in the driver education and training program conducted
11 by the school district will be assigned an official license plate. The license
12 plates must be used only on the motor vehicles furnished by dealers and used
13 in the driver education program, and for no other purpose except for garaging
14 and safekeeping of the motor vehicle.

15 A person may not use a driver education motor vehicle bearing official
16 license plates for any purpose other than driver education course instruction.
17 A person is not in violation of this subdivision if the person is required by the
18 dealer or a school administrator to house or otherwise protect the vehicle at
19 the person's home or other facility.