

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 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to law enforcement number plates; and to provide a penalty.

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

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

6 **39-04-10.9. Law enforcement plates.**

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

18 2. The chief law enforcement officer for the law enforcement agency displaying a law  
19 enforcement number plate under subsection 1 is personally responsible for having  
20 a clearly visible distinctive identification number on the rear of the vehicle and  
21 failure to display this number is an infraction for which the maximum fine must be  
22 imposed. The attorney general shall enforce this subsection and the venue for the  
23 proceeding is the district court of Burleigh County.