

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2269

Introduced by

Senators B. Stenehjem, Nalewaja, O'Connell

Representatives Carlisle, DeKrey

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 39-04 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to license plates for law enforcement vehicles; and to amend and  
3 reenact subdivision b of subsection 2 of section 39-04-18 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
4 relating to motor vehicles exempt from registration.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 39-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 created and enacted as follows:

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

18 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision b of subsection 2 of section 39-04-18 of the  
19 1995 Supplement to the 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 motor vehicles must be issued a license plate under section 1 of  
7 this Act.

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  
10 exclusively for instructing pupils in the driver education and training program  
11 conducted by the school district will be assigned an official license plate  
12 bearing a decal with the words "driver education" appearing on it. The license  
13 plates must be used only on the motor vehicles furnished by dealers and  
14 used in the driver education program, and for no other purpose except for  
15 garaging and safekeeping of the motor vehicle.

16 No person may use a motor vehicle bearing official license plates  
17 bearing a decal with the words "driver education" appearing on it as provided  
18 for in this subdivision for any purpose other than driver education course  
19 instruction. No person is in violation of this subdivision if he is required by the  
20 dealer or a school administrator to house or otherwise protect the vehicle at  
21 his home or other facility.