

**Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven**

SENATE BILL NO. 2269
(Senators B. Stenehjem, Nalewaja, O'Connell)
(Representatives Carlisle, DeKrey)

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Subdivision b of subsection 2 of section 39-04-18 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- b. Motor vehicles owned by or in possession of Indian mission schools, by this state or any of its agencies, departments, or political subdivisions, including school districts possessing a motor vehicle or vehicles used for driver education instruction, or by any entity located upon the international boundary line between the United States of America and Canada used and maintained as a memorial to commemorate the long-existing relationship of peace and good will between the people and the governments of the United States of America and Canada and to further international peace among the nations of the world; provided, however, that the vehicles must display license plates provided by the department at actual cost. Upon request, qualifying law enforcement motor vehicles must be issued a license plate under section 1 of this Act.

Each motor vehicle loaned or furnished by a licensed North Dakota motor vehicle dealer to a school district in North Dakota to be used exclusively for instructing pupils in the driver education and training program conducted by the school district will be assigned an official license plate bearing a decal with the words "driver education" appearing on it. The license plates must be used only on the motor vehicles furnished by dealers and used in the driver education program, and for no other purpose except for garaging and safekeeping of the motor vehicle.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2269.

Senate Vote: Yeas 49 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 90 Nays 0 Absent 7

Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Governor

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Secretary of State