

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1368**

Introduced by

Representatives Kempenich, Froelich, F. Klein, Schmidt

Senators Erbele, Lyson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 39-04-12 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the distinctive number on vehicle number plates.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 39-04-12 of the North Dakota  
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 1. Number plates must be of metal or other suitable material bearing the name of the  
7 state, either in full or by abbreviation, the number of the year, the slogan "Peace  
8 Garden State" and a distinctive number for assignment to each vehicle. The  
9 distinctive number may be in figures or a combination of figures and letters and  
10 must be of a size clearly distinguishable by law enforcement officers and  
11 individuals generally. ~~To reduce highway accidents at night all~~ The distinctive  
12 number on general issuance plates, including farm vehicles, must begin with two  
13 letters signifying the county of residence of the registered owner. Each number  
14 ~~plates~~ plate must be legible for a minimum distance of one hundred feet [30.48  
15 meters] to an approaching motorist by day or night with lawful headlight beams and  
16 without other illumination. Each plate must be treated with a reflectorized material  
17 according to the specifications prescribed by the department. The department  
18 shall furnish for each annual registration a year plate, tab, or sticker to designate  
19 the year registration. The plate, tab, or sticker must show the registration year for  
20 which issued, and is valid only for that year.