

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1262**

Introduced by

Representatives Belter, Klemin, Vigesaa, Weisz

Senators Christmann, Wanzek

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-04-08, 39-04-10.4, and 39-04-11 of the  
2 North Dakota Century Code, relating to number plates.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **39-04-08. Number plates furnished by the department.** The department shall  
7 furnish ~~to every a~~ motor vehicle owner ~~two number plates for each registered motor vehicle,~~  
8 ~~and~~ one number plate for each registered motor vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or housetrailer.  
9 ~~The department may, in its discretion, furnish only one number plate for each registered~~  
10 ~~apportioned vehicle licensed under the international registration plan as authorized in section~~  
11 ~~39-19-04, truck tractor, or semitrailer.~~

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-10.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **39-04-10.4. Antique motor vehicles - License and fee - Use.**

15 1. ~~Any~~ A motor vehicle ~~which~~ that is at least forty years old may be permanently  
16 ~~licensed~~ registered by the department upon the payment of a registration fee of ten  
17 dollars. The department shall design and issue a distinctive number plate for this  
18 purpose. In lieu of the distinctive number plate, the owner of the motor vehicle  
19 may, at the discretion of the director, display on the motor vehicle a number plate  
20 from the year in which the motor vehicle was manufactured. The number plate  
21 from the year of manufacture may not be used in lieu of a distinctive number plate  
22 ~~when it~~ if the plate would create a duplication of a number in the recordkeeping  
23 system of the department. A number plate from the year of manufacture must be  
24 legible and must be restored to the satisfaction of the department. ~~Notwithstanding~~

1 ~~section 39-04-11, only one number plate needs to be displayed on a motor vehicle~~  
2 ~~licensed under this subsection. Motor vehicles~~ A motor vehicle registered under  
3 the provisions of this section may not be used in the routine functions of a business  
4 or farming operation.

5 2. ~~Any~~ In lieu of registration under subsection 1, a motor vehicle ~~which that~~ that is at least  
6 forty years old may, ~~if not licensed under subsection 1,~~ be permanently licensed  
7 registered using a personalized plate issued under section 39-04-10.3, ~~in which~~  
8 ease upon payment of a one-time fee of one hundred dollars ~~is due.~~

9 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
10 amended and reenacted as follows:

11 **39-04-11. Display of number plates and tabs.** ~~Except as~~ Unless otherwise  
12 ~~specifically~~ provided by law, a person may not operate ~~or drive~~ a vehicle on the public highways  
13 of this state unless the vehicle has a distinctive number assigned to ~~# the vehicle~~ the vehicle by the  
14 department; and ~~two a number plates,~~ plate bearing the distinctive number conspicuously  
15 displayed, horizontally and in an upright position, ~~one on the front and one on the rear of the~~  
16 vehicle, ~~each and~~ securely fastened, ~~except number plates assigned to a motorcycle, trailer, or~~  
17 ~~housetrailer must be attached to the rear thereof. When only.~~ However, when one number  
18 plate is furnished for an apportioned vehicle ~~licensed~~ registered under the international  
19 registration plan as authorized in section 39-19-04; or a truck tractor, ~~or semitrailer,~~ the plate  
20 must be attached to the front ~~of the apportioned vehicle or truck tractor and the rear of the~~  
21 ~~semitrailer.~~ The bottom of ~~each a~~ a number plate must be at a height of not less than twelve  
22 inches [30.48 centimeters] above ~~the a~~ a level surface upon which the vehicle stands. ~~Each A~~  
23 plate must be mounted in a manner that does not cover any ~~words,~~ letter, or number on the  
24 plate. As far as is reasonably possible, the ~~plates~~ plate must at all times be kept free and clear  
25 of mud, ice, or snow so as to be clearly visible and ~~all a number plates~~ plate, ~~markers~~ marker,  
26 or evidence of registration ~~or licensing~~ except for the current year must be removed from the  
27 vehicle. ~~All A~~ A vehicle license ~~plates~~ plate issued by the department ~~continue to be~~ is the  
28 property of the ~~state of North Dakota~~ department for the period for which the ~~plates are~~ plate is  
29 valid. An annual registration tab or sticker for the current registration year must be displayed on  
30 each number plate, in the area designated by the department for the tab or sticker, in those  
31 years for which tabs or stickers are issued in lieu of a number ~~plates~~ plate.