

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Senate Amendments**

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1089**

Introduced by

Transportation Committee

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-26-12, 39-29.1-01, and 39-29.1-08 of the  
2 North Dakota Century Code, relating to the abandoned motor vehicle fund and low-speed  
3 vehicles.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-26-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **39-26-12. Tax on initial motor vehicle certificates of title—~~When tax is suspended.~~**

8 There is hereby imposed a tax of ~~two dollars~~ one dollar and fifty cents on each initial North  
9 Dakota certificate of title issued to a passenger motor vehicle or a truck motor vehicle. The  
10 proceeds of such tax must be paid into the abandoned motor vehicle disposal fund in the state  
11 treasury. No registration plates or title certificate may be issued unless such tax is paid.  
12 Expenses of the fund arising from the provisions of this chapter must be paid from the fund  
13 within the limits of legislative appropriation. If on the first day of July in any year the amount of  
14 uncommitted money in the abandoned motor vehicle disposal fund is two hundred fifty  
15 thousand dollars or more, the ~~tax must be suspended and the amount in excess of two hundred~~  
16 ~~fifty thousand dollars must be transferred to the highway fund. If the tax has been suspended~~  
17 ~~and on the first day of July in any year the amount of uncommitted money in the abandoned~~  
18 ~~motor vehicle disposal fund is one hundred thousand dollars or less the tax must be reimposed~~  
19 ~~on and after January first of the succeeding year.~~

20 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-29.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22 **39-29.1-01. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise  
23 requires:

- 1           1. "Low-speed vehicle" means a four-wheeled vehicle that is able to attain a speed,  
2           upon a paved level surface, of more than twenty miles [32 kilometers] per hour in  
3           one mile [1.6 kilometers] and not more than twenty-five miles [40 kilometers] per  
4           hour in one mile [1.6 kilometers] and may not exceed ~~one~~ three thousand ~~five~~  
5           hundred pounds [~~680.39~~ 1361 kilograms] in ~~unloaded~~ weight when fully loaded  
6           with passengers and any cargo.
- 7           2. "Operate" means to ride in or on and control the operation of a low-speed vehicle.
- 8           3. "Register" means the act of assigning a registration number to a low-speed  
9           vehicle.

10           **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-29.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
11 amended and reenacted as follows:

12           **39-29.1-08. Equipment.** A low-speed vehicle must be equipped with headlamps, front  
13 and rear turn signal lamps, taillamps, stop lamps, red reflex reflectors on each side as far to the  
14 rear of the vehicle as practicable and one red reflector on the rear, brakes, a parking brake, a  
15 windshield, a vehicle identification number, a safety belt assembly installed at each designated  
16 seating position, an exterior mirror mounted on the operator's side of the vehicle, and either an  
17 exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior rearview mirror.