

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1414**

Introduced by

Representatives L. Meier, Dosch, Grande, Nathe

Senators Dever, Lyson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 39-04-10.14 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the issuance of special plates for surviving family members of fallen members of the  
3 United States military.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 39-04-10.14 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and  
6 enacted as follows:

7 **39-04-10.14. North Dakota Gold Star number plates - Definition - Description -**  
8 **Fee.**

- 9 1. The director may issue distinctive number plates to a surviving spouse, parent,  
10 including stepmother, stepfather, parent through adoption, and foster parent who  
11 stands or stood in loco parentis, grandparents, child, including stepchild and child  
12 through adoption, and sibling, including half-brother and half-sister, of a member of  
13 the armed forces of the United States who died while serving on active duty during  
14 a time of military conflict. The director shall issue a number plate under this  
15 section upon receiving:
- 16 a. Payment of all other fees required under this chapter for registration of a  
17 motor vehicle;
  - 18 b. Payment of an initial fee of fifteen dollars, of which ten dollars is to be  
19 deposited in the highway tax distribution fund and five dollars is to be  
20 deposited in the veterans' cemetery maintenance fund; and
  - 21 c. Verification of subsequent payments of an annual surcharge of ten dollars  
22 paid to the adjutant general.
- 23 2. The department shall collect the fees and the ten dollar surcharge under this  
24 section. The department shall report to the legislative assembly on the funds

- 1           collected under this section during each legislative session. The department shall  
2           pay the funds collected for the veterans' cemetery and adjutant general to the  
3           adjutant general monthly. Within ten days of receipt of the funds, the adjutant  
4           general shall deposit five dollars of each initial fee in the veterans' cemetery  
5           maintenance fund and shall apportion the ten dollar surcharge and deposit five  
6           dollars in the veterans' cemetery trust fund and five dollars in the veterans'  
7           cemetery maintenance fund in the state treasury. The state treasurer may invest  
8           the fund in the same manner as the state investment board is authorized to make  
9           investments. At the request of the adjutant general, the interest in the veterans'  
10           cemetery trust fund must be deposited in the veterans' cemetery maintenance fund  
11           for the purpose of funding salaries and maintenance of the veterans' cemetery.
- 12           3. Plates issued under this section must bear a gold star emblem logo on the left side  
13           of the plate and the letters "GS" before the number. The director shall cooperate  
14           with the director of the department of veterans' affairs to design the gold star  
15           emblem logo. The director may issue one set of plates per eligible owner of a  
16           passenger motor vehicle or a truck the registered gross weight of which does not  
17           exceed twenty thousand pounds [4535.92 kilograms].
- 18           4. On request of the director, the department of veterans' affairs shall certify those  
19           surviving family members of deceased members of the United States armed forces  
20           listed above as eligible to receive the plates.
- 21           5. Once declared eligible for a Gold Star plate, the department may not remove the  
22           eligibility of a surviving family member.
- 23           6. Once a plate number is issued to an eligible family member, the department may  
24           not assign the plate to another eligible person.