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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 1169**

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Representatives D. Ruby, K. Anderson, Fegley, Nathe, Nelson, M. Ruby, Schatz Senators Dever, Mathern, Paulson, Rust

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 39-01-15 and section
- 2 39-04-10.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to parking privileges and license plates
- 3 for mobility-impaired individuals.

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

1. A mobility-impaired individual or a mobility-impaired individual's parent, legal guardian, spouse, or primary caregiver, who displays prominently upon a motor vehicle parked by that individual or under that individual's direction and for that individual's use, the distinguishing certificate specified in subsection 4, license plates issued under section 39-04-10.2, or a disabled veteran plate issued under subdivision j of subsection 2 of section 39-04-18 is entitled to courtesy in the parking of the motor vehicle. However, any municipality may prohibit, by ordinance, parking on any highway for the purpose of creating a fire lane or to provide for the accommodation of heavy traffic during morning and afternoon rush hours. The privileges extended to a mobility-impaired individual or a mobility-impaired individual's parent, legal guardian, spouse, or primary caregiver, do not apply on a highway if parking is prohibited.

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 39-01-15 of the North Dakota Century

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-10.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

## 39-04-10.2. Special plates for mobility-impaired individuals.

- 1. The director may issue, without charge, upon application and payment of the regular license fee, plates marked with the international symbol of accessibility for the mobility impaired, to a motor vehicle owner possessing:
- <u>a.</u> Possessing a parking certificate issued under subsection 4 of section 39-01-15.

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1	<u>b.</u> Who is the parent or legal guardian of a mobility-impaired minor possessing a
2	parking certificate issued under subsection 4 of section 39-01-15 if the vehicle is
3	designated for the exclusive use of transporting the mobility-impaired minor; or
4	c. Who is the spouse, legal guardian, or primary caregiver of a mobility-impaired
5	individual possessing a parking certificate issued under subsection 4 of section
6	39-01-15 if the vehicle is designated for the exclusive use of transporting the
7	mobility-impaired individual.
8	2. A motor vehicle owner under subdivisions b or c of subsection 1 shall return the plates
9	to the director within forty-five days of:
10	<u>a.</u> Changing residence to another state, country, or province;
11	b. Selling, exchanging, or donating the motor vehicle for which the plates were
12	<del>issued;</del>
13	<u>c.</u> The death of the mobility-impaired individual;
14	d. Separation or divorce from the mobility-impaired individual or if the joint
15	ownership of the motor vehicle between the owner and the mobility-impaired
16	individual ceases for any reason;
17	e. The mobility-impaired individual turning eighteen years of age if the plate was
18	issued under subdivision a, except if the parent or legal guardian maintains the
19	primary caregiver status for the mobility-impaired individual; or
20	f. The end of the motor vehicle owner's status as legal guardian or primary
21	caregiver for the mobility-impaired individual for whom the vehicle was
22	designated to transport.
23	3. For plates returned to the director under subsection 2, the director shall reissue for a
24	fee of not more than five dollars another number plate to which that registrant is
25	<u>entitled under this chapter.</u>
26	4. One set of plates per mobility-impaired individual may be issued to a vehicle the
27	mobility-impaired individual is not listed as the owner of if the vehicle is designated for
28	the exclusive use of transporting that mobility-impaired individual. This section is not
29	applicable to an applicant possessing more than one parking certificate issued under
30	subsection 4 of section 39-01-15.