

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1392**

Introduced by

Representatives Murphy, Grueneich, Koppelman, Porter, Schauer

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 39-06.1-06 of  
2 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the amount of statutory fees; to amend and reenact  
3 sections 39-04-08 and 39-04-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to number plates;  
4 and to provide a penalty.

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

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

8 **39-04-08. Number plates furnished by the department.**

9 1. The department shall furnish:

10 a. Two number plates to every motor vehicle owner ~~two number plates~~ for each  
11 registered motor vehicle, ~~and one~~;

12 b. One number plate to every motor vehicle owner for each registered motor vehicle  
13 upon request of the registered motor vehicle owner and payment of an additional  
14 fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars; or

15 c. One number plate for each registered motorcycle, trailer, or housetrailer.

16 2. The department may, in its discretion, furnish only one number plate for each  
17 registered apportioned vehicle licensed under the international registration plan as  
18 authorized in section 39-19-04, truck tractor, or semitrailer.

19 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **39-04-11. Display of number plates and tabs.**

22 1. Unless otherwise provided by law, an individual may not operate a vehicle on a public  
23 highway ~~of this state~~ unless the vehicle has a distinctive number assigned to the  
24 vehicle by the department, and two number plates, bearing the distinctive number

1 conspicuously displayed, horizontally and in an upright position, one on the front and  
2 one on the rear of the vehicle, each securely fastened, except number plates assigned  
3 to a housetrailer must be attached to the rear of the housetrailer.

4 2. An individual may operate a vehicle on a public road with only one number plate  
5 displayed on the rear of the vehicle if the registered owner pays the additional fee  
6 under subdivision b of section 39-04-08.

7 3. Number plates assigned to a motorcycle or trailer must be attached to the rear of the  
8 motorcycle or trailer and may be displayed vertically.

9 4. When only one number plate is furnished for an apportioned vehicle registered under  
10 the international registration plan as authorized in section 39-19-04, truck tractor, or  
11 semitrailer, the plate must be attached to the front of the apportioned vehicle or truck  
12 tractor and the rear of the semitrailer. The bottom of each number plate must be at a  
13 height of not less than twelve inches [30.48 centimeters] above the level surface upon  
14 which the vehicle stands. Each plate must be mounted in a visible manner that clearly  
15 displays the distinctive number assigned to the vehicle and the name of the state on  
16 the plate.

17 5. As far as is reasonably possible, ~~the plates~~a plate must ~~at all times~~ be kept free and  
18 clear of mud, ice, or snow so as to be clearly visible and all number plates, markers, or  
19 evidence of registration or licensing except for the current year must be removed from  
20 the vehicle. All vehicle ~~license~~number plates issued by the department are the  
21 property of the department for the period for which the plates are valid. An annual  
22 registration tab or sticker for the current registration year must be displayed on each  
23 number plate, in the area designated by the department for the tab or sticker, in those  
24 years for which tabs or stickers are issued in lieu of number plates.

25 **SECTION 3.** A new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 39-06.1-06 of the North Dakota  
26 Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

27 A violation of section 39-04-11, a fee of two hundred dollars.