

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1432
(Representatives M. Ruby, Dockter, Marschall, J. Olson, Pyle)
(Senators Axtman, Castaneda, Paulson)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 39-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to military sacrifice number plates; and to amend and reenact section 39-04-10.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to personalized plates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 39-04-10.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

39-04-10.3. Personalized plates.

At the request of a registrant, the department may provide special license plates marked with not more than seven numerals, letters, or combinations of numerals and letters, upon application for a special license plate and payment of an additional fee of twenty-five dollars per registration period, unless the plate is a gold star license plate, military sacrifice license plate, or a prisoner of war license plate, then there is no additional charge. A personal plate containing a restricted character may not be renewed. The department shall make the special license plates authorized by this section available for motor vehicles registered under section 39-04-10.6, trailers, travel trailers, and motorcycles. The fee for the special license plates issued under this section for vehicles registered under section 39-04-10.6 is a one-time fee of one hundred dollars. The special license plates for motorcycles may contain not more than six numerals, letters, or a combination of not more than six numerals and letters. In the event of sale or transfer of the vehicle, the owner shall remove the special license plates in accordance with section 39-04-36. Upon payment of the applicable transfer fee, the special license plates may be transferred to a replacement motor vehicle.

SECTION 2. A new section to chapter 39-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Military sacrifice plates.

1. The director shall issue distinctive number plates to individuals eligible under this section upon receiving:
 - a. Payment of all other fees required under this chapter for registration of a motor vehicle;
and
 - b. Verification, as determined by the department, of an individual's eligibility status under this section.
2. An individual is eligible for a military sacrifice plate if the individual is an immediate family member of a individual who died outside a combat zone while serving honorably and has not been not found guilty of willful misconduct as defined in title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, part 3, subpart a, section 3.1, subsection n, as a current member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States, either active or reserve, the national guard under federal or state control, or the United States coast guard.
3. On request of the director, the department of veterans' affairs shall certify an immediate family member of an individual listed in subsection 2 as eligible to receive military sacrifice plates.

4. Military sacrifice plates must be inscribed with a distinctive emblem and the words "military sacrifice".
5. For purposes of this section "immediate family member" means a:
 - a. Spouse;
 - b. Parent, step-parent, or other individual who acted in loco parentis;
 - c. Sibling, whether of the whole or half-blood, or by adoption;
 - d. Child, including those by adoption, or a step-child; or
 - e. Grandparent.
6. The director may issue military sacrifice plates under this section only to the owner of a passenger motor vehicle or a truck the registered gross vehicle weight rating of which does not exceed twenty thousand pounds [9071.85 kilograms].

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1432.

House Vote: Yeas 92 Nays 0 Absent 2

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

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Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2025,

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Secretary of State