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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1480

Introduced by

Representatives Kempenich, Dressler, D. Ruby, Tveit, Weisz, Brandenburg

Senators Kessel, Patten, Thomas

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 39-05 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a request for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 39-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Request for certificate of title - Nonlegal owner.**

7 1. If a motor vehicle, which has been issued a certificate of title, has not been registered
8 under chapter 39-04 for more than ~~twenty-five~~ years, and an individual, who is not
9 the legal owner, requests a certificate of title, the individual requesting the certificate of
10 title shall:

11 a. Send a certified letter to the last-known address at which the motor vehicle was
12 registered.

13 b. Advertise ~~for fourteen days~~twice over a ~~thirty-day~~ period a notice of the vehicle
14 title request in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the
15 vehicle was last registered.

16 2. If the individual requesting the certificate of title does not receive a response within
17 ~~fourteen~~thirty days and provides the department with satisfactory proof of compliance
18 with this section, the department shall issue a certificate of title to the individual under
19 section 39-05-09.