

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**ENGROSSED 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 the  
9 legal owner, requests a certificate of title, the individual requesting the certificate of title  
10 shall:
- 11 a. Send a certified letter to the last-known address at which the motor vehicle was  
12 registered.
- 13 b. Advertise twice over a thirty-day period a notice of the vehicle title request in a  
14 newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the vehicle was last  
15 registered.
- 16 2. If the individual requesting the certificate of title does not receive a response within  
17 thirty days and provides the department with satisfactory proof of compliance with this  
18 section, the department shall issue a certificate of title to the individual under section  
19 39-05-09.