

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1578
(Representatives Grueneich, Brandenburg, Koppelman, O'Brien, Vetter, Weisz)
(Senators Conley, Cory)

AN ACT to create and enact a new subsection to section 57-40.3-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a motor vehicle excise tax exemption for abandoned motor vehicles; and to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 23.1-15-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to excise tax on a motor vehicle taken into the custody of a commercial towing service.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 23.1-15-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. If a commercial towing service takes custody of an abandoned motor vehicle and the vehicle is not reclaimed under section 23.1-15-06, the commercial towing service may obtain a release from the department of transportation which is sufficient title to dispose of the vehicle. The release entitles the commercial towing service to register the vehicle and receive a certificate of title, free and clear of all liens and claims of ownership. The department of transportation may not assess motor vehicle excise tax under section 57-40.3-02 on a motor vehicle transferred under this subsection. The license plates displayed on the abandoned vehicle must be removed and destroyed upon receipt of the new title.

SECTION 2. A new subsection to section 57-40.3-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Any motor vehicle transferred under subsection 2 of section 23.1-15-07.

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. 1578.

House Vote: Yeas 89 Nays 1 Absent 4

Senate Vote: Yeas 44 Nays 0 Absent 3

Chief Clerk of the House

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

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Governor

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

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State