

1999 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1344

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1344

House Transportation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 28, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		4.3-18.1
(2/11/99) 1	X		57-61
2		X	0-4.1
Committee Clerk Signature <i>J. Anna Neen</i>			

Minutes:

CHAIRMAN KEISER OPENED THE HEARING ON HB 1344; A BILL RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF CURRENT DESIGN AND LEWIS AND CLARK NUMBER PLATES; AND TO PROVIDE AN EXPIRATION DATE.

REP. ARLO SCHMIDT introduced HB 1344. (See written testimony).

REP. SVEEN asked how long the license plate is good for.

REP. SCHMIDT said that they will eventually come off, but he wasn't sure exactly when.

REP. MERLE BOUCHER testified in support of HB 1344. (See written testimony).

REP. BELTER asked if the cost stated was the cost for one plate or if they would be produced in volume.

REP. BOUCHER was unsure.

REP. BELTER further asked if we have to produce mass numbers of plates or just as ordered.

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REP. BOUCHER noted that the Department of Transportation could better answer that.

REP. KEISER mentioned that vanity plates are produced one at a time.

REP. PRICE brought up looking at the artistic and historic design to be on the plates. What is the price of the design?

REP. BOUCHER said he didn't think it was a substantial cost but was not sure.

REP. SVEEN asked if we approve or disprove the design. He noted that Peace Garden State is more appropriate than International Peace Garden.

REP. BOUCHER agreed with Rep. Sveen.

REP. KEISER asked if it would go out of effect or continue after the bicentennial.

REP. BOUCHER said that by 2010 the bicentennial will be over and the plates will have lost their meaning.

REP. MICKELSON said that the bill states that they are only good through August 1, 2001.

Isn't that making it ineffective before the actual celebration?

REP. BOUCHER said that it could be amended to the appropriate time.

CHAIRMAN KEISER CLOSED THE HEARING ON HB 1344.

February 11, 1999

COMMITTEE ACTION

REP. MICKELSON introduced amendments to HB 1344. (See attached amendments).

REP. MICKELSON moved to ADOPT the AMENDMENTS. REP. BELTER seconded the motion. The motion carried. A unanimous voice vote was taken in support of the amendments.

REP. LEMIEUX moved a DO PASS AS AMENDED. REP. MEYER seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

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REP. KELSCH moved to FURTHER AMEND HB 1344. (See attached amendments). REP.

PRICE seconded the motion. The motion carried. A unanimous voice vote was taken in support of the motion.

ROLL CALL - 9 YEA, 5 NAE, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

FLOOR ASSIGNMENT - REP. MAHONEY

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No.: _____ Amendment to: HB 1344

Requested by Legislative Council _____ Date of Request: 2-16-99

1. Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, cities, and school districts. .

Narrative:

It is not possible to estimate the revenue gain or administrative costs related to the sale of the commemorative license plates provided for in this bill because it is not possible to determine the number of vehicle owners who will choose to purchase the plates. Past experience indicates that voluntary participation will be low and any revenues or costs would also be low.

2. State fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

	1997-99 Biennium		1999-2001 Biennium		2001-03 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures						

What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the budget for your agency or department:

- a. For rest of 1997-99 biennium:
 - b. For the 1999-2001 biennium:
 - c. For the 2001-03 biennium:
4. County, city, and school district fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

1997-99 Biennium			1999-2001 Biennium			2001-03 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

Signed: *Keith Kiser*

Typed Name: Keith Kiser, Motor Vehicle Director

Department: Department of Transportation

Phone Number: 328-2725

Date Prepared: 2-16-99



FISCAL NOTE

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Resolution No.: HB 1344 Amendment to: _____

Requested by Legislative Council Date of Request: 1-14-99

- Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, cities, and school districts.

Narrative:

This bill prohibits the Department of Transportation from issuing a new license plate design during the next biennium and provides for the issuance of a commemorative Lewis and Clark license plate to be issued. It is not possible to estimate the revenue gain from the sale of the commemorative license plates because it is not possible to determine the number of vehicle owners who will choose to purchase the plates. The prohibition against a new license plate design would most likely result in a reduction of \$2,800,000 for the Motor Vehicle Division 1999-2001 budget.

- State fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

	1997-99 Biennium		1999-2001 Biennium		2001-03 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$1,764,000		
Expenditures				(\$2,800,000)		

What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the budget for your agency or department:

- For rest of 1997-99 biennium:
 - For the 1999-2001 biennium: Reduce the Motor Vehicle Division appropriation by \$2,800,000 and make the money available to the Highway Tax Distribution Fund
 - For the 2001-03 biennium:
- County, city, and school district fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

1997-99 Biennium			1999-2001 Biennium			2001-03 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
			\$644,000	\$392,000				

Signed: Keith Kiser

Typed Name: Keith Kiser, Motor Vehicle Director

Department: Department of Transportation

Phone Number: 328-2725

Date Prepared: 1-19-99

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Title. *200*

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Representative Mickelson
January 28, 1999

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1344

Page 1, line 15, after the period insert "The plate may not be displayed on a vehicle after
December 31, 2006."

Page 1, line 16, replace "August 1" with "December 31" and replace "2001" with "2006"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 2/14
Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1344

House Transportation Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Adopt Amm.

Motion Made By Rep Mickelson ^{Seconded} By Rep Belter

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Representative Keiser, Chair			Representative Thorpe		
Representative Mickelson, V. Ch.					
Representative Belter					
Representative Jensen					
Representative Kelsch					
Representative Kempenich					
Representative Price					
Representative Sveen					
Representative Weisz					
Representative Grumbo					
Representative Lemieux					
Representative Mahoney					
Representative Meyer					
Representative Schmidt					

Total (Yes) 15 No 0

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

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2/11/99

House AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1344 HTRN 2/12/99

Page 1, line 1, replace "two" with "a" and replace "sections" with "section"

Page 1, line 2, replace "issuance of current design and" with "commemorative"

Page 1, remove lines 5 through 9

Page 1, line 15, after the period insert "The plate may not be displayed on a vehicle after
December 31, 2006."

Page 1, line 16, replace "August 1" with "December 31" and replace "2001" with "2006"

Re-number accordingly

Date: 2/11
Roll Call Vote #: 2

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1344

House Transportation Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Further amend

Motion Made By Rep Kelson Seconded By Rep Price

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Representative Keiser, Chair			Representative Thorpe		
Representative Mickelson, V. Ch.					
Representative Belter					
Representative Jensen					
Representative Kelsch					
Representative Kempenich					
Representative Price					
Representative Sveen					
Representative Weisz					
Representative Grumbo					
Representative Lemieux					
Representative Mahoney					
Representative Meyer					
Representative Schmidt					

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:
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Remove line 5-line 9 - Del. Sec. 1 -
Sec. 2 replaces Sec. 1 - remember accordingly

Date: 2/11
Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1254

House Transportation Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DP as amended

Motion Made By Rep Lemieux Seconded By Rep Meyer

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Representative Keiser, Chair		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Representative Thorpe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Representative Mickelson, V. Ch.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Representative Belter		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Representative Jensen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Representative Kelsch		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Representative Kempenich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Representative Price		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Representative Sveen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Representative Weisz					
Representative Grumbo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Representative Lemieux	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Representative Mahoney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Representative Meyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Representative Schmidt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Total (Yes) 9 No 5

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep Mahoney

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1344: Transportation Committee (Rep. Keiser, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (9 YEAS, 5 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1344 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, replace "two" with "a" and replace "sections" with "section"

Page 1, line 2, replace "issuance of current design and" with "commemorative"

Page 1, remove lines 5 through 9

Page 1, line 15, after the period insert "The plate may not be displayed on a vehicle after December 31, 2006."

Page 1, line 16, replace "August 1" with "December 31" and replace "2001" with "2006"

Renumber accordingly

1999 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1344

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1344

Senate Transportation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 5, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		2,476-4812
March 25, 1999 - Tape 2	x		3,012-4400
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Aori S. Schaeffer</i>			

Minutes:

SENATOR B. STENEHJEM opened the hearing on HB 1344. Committee members present included: Sens. Bob Stenehjem, R. Schobinger, D. Mutch, D. Cook, D. O'Connell, V.

Thompson, and D. Bercier.

REPRESENTATIVE MERLE BOUCHER testified in support of HB 1344 (see testimony). The feedback we received from citizens was opposition to the cost and the fact that they were satisfied with the current plate. At the same time, there was interest in the upcoming Lewis and Clark bicentennial. This issuance would be a matter of choice. A citizen would have the option to buy this commemorative plate and put on their vehicle during the duration of the bicentennial. It would allow a vehicle owner to pay \$25 for that plate and then during the duration of the bicentennial you could have it on your car. There are some initial set up costs for the plate.

SENATOR O'CONNELL After 2007, would you have to buy new plates or would the department issue new plates?

REPRESENTATIVE BOUCHER We don't have those details worked out. That would be part of your decision.

SENATOR COOK If someone had a vanity plate now and wanted that same saying on one of these plates would they have to pay for both the vanity plates and the commemorative plates?

REPRESENTATIVE BOUCHER I would imagine it would be up to DOT to make that determination.

SENATOR B. STENEHJEM They would at this that you would be a new distinctive plate and the registration would be your normal registration plus the \$25 for vanity plus because of this plate another \$25.

SENATOR THOMPSON In response, don't we now own the plates and if we chose to use the vanity plate for a time, we would not give up ownership of the original plate and once this time period is over we can go back to that.

REPRESENTATIVE BOUCHER I think that's right.

SENATOR B. STENEHJEM If in the middle of the registration cycle I want a new commemorative plate and I do not turn in those plates, I could put them on any other vehicle. The plates are not for that vehicle but they'd be current.

REPRESENTATIVE BOUCHER That is correct, but you'd be in violation of the law.

SENATOR THOMPSON I suspect today with any vanity plate that same scenario could happen even without this bill. I hope we have enough fines to prevent that from happening.

SENATOR B. STENEHJEM Do you think \$25 is appropriate?

REPRESENTATIVE BOUCHER It seems to cover the cost.

SENATOR B. STENEHJEM Would \$10 sell more?

REPRESENTATIVE BOUCHER More people will buy them. If you can make up the difference of volume that is an internal decision for the Department to make.

SENATOR B. STENEHJEM There is no date that says when this will start.

REPRESENTATIVE BOUCHER If you want to amend it and make put in the date I'll support it if it is all done within reason.

REPRESENTATIVE ARLO SCHMIDT testified in support of HB 1344. Tourism is the third largest industry and it could be number 1. We should promote this and if the citizens want one they should buy one.

SENATOR B. STENEHJEM We will close the hearing on HB 1344.

March 25, 1999 - Tape 2

SENATOR O'CONNELL proposed amendments.

SENATOR B. STENEHJEM proposed amendments.

SENATOR O'CONNELL moved for amendment 90579.0202.

SENATOR COOK Second.

SENATOR B. STENEHJEM This amendment would provide for a special Lewis and Clark commemorative license plate. It reduces it to \$10 and it is a voluntary program. I had problems with it because it said it can't be displayed till after 2006. I took the expiration date off. The amendment on the bottom states that those with trailers have an option for a smaller plate (he read the amendment).

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Senate Transportation Committee

Bill/Resolution Number Hb1344

Hearing Date March 5, 1999

SENATOR O'CONNELL The semi-trailer- there is a lot of room on there where you can find a place for it.

SENATOR COOK Semi-trailer should be taken off.

The amendment 90579.0202 passed by a voice vote.

SENATOR O'CONNELL I move amendment 90579.0201. This says that one can't cover any lettering on the plate and the sticker has to be in the top right corner.

SENATOR THOMPSON I second.

SENATOR COOK What generated this?

SENATOR O'CONNELL Senator Tallackson brought it up.

There was committee discussion.

The amendment was adopted by a voice vote.

SENATOR COOK I would move a Do Pass as Amended.

SENATOR O'CONNELL I second.

The roll call vote was taken (6 Yeas, 0 Nays and 1 Absent and Not Voting).

Senator Bob Stenehjem will carry HB 1344.

March 25, 1999

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1344

Page 1, line 2, after the semicolon insert "to amend and reenact section 39-04-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the display of number plates and tabs;"

Page 1, underscore lines 7 through 10

Page 1, after line 10, insert:

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

39-04-11. Display of number plates and tabs. Except as otherwise specifically provided, ~~no~~ a person may not operate or drive a vehicle on the public highways of this state unless the vehicle has a distinctive number assigned to it by the department, and two number plates, bearing the distinctive number conspicuously displayed, horizontally and in an upright position, one on the front and one on the rear of the vehicle, each securely fastened, except number plates assigned to a motorcycle, trailer, or housetrailer must be attached to the rear thereof. When only one number plate is furnished for an apportioned vehicle licensed under the international registration plan as authorized in section 39-19-04, truck tractor, or semitrailer, the plate must be attached to the front of the apportioned vehicle or truck tractor and the rear of the semitrailer. The bottom of each number plate must be at a height of not less than twelve inches [30.48 centimeters] above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands. Each plate must be mounted in a manner that does not cover any words, letter, or number on the plate. As far as is reasonably possible, the plates must at all times be kept free and clear of mud, ice, or snow so as to be clearly visible and all number plates, markers, or evidence of registration or licensing except for the current year must be removed from the vehicle. All vehicle license plates issued by the department continue to be the property of the state of North Dakota for the period for which the plates are valid. An annual registration tab or sticker for the current registration year must be displayed on each number plate, in the area designated by the department for the tab or sticker, in those years for which tabs or stickers are issued in lieu of number plates."

Page 1, line 11, replace "This" with "Section 1 of this"

Renumber accordingly

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1344

Page 1, line 2, replace "provide an" with "amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 39-04-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to number plates"

Page 1, line 3, remove "expiration date"

Page 1, underscore lines 7 and 8

Page 1, line 9, underscore "plate upon application and payment of an additional fee of", replace "twenty-five" with "ten", and underscore "dollars per registration"

Page 1, line 10, underscore "period." and remove "The plate may not be displayed on a vehicle after December 31, 2006."

Page 1, replace lines 11 and 12 with:

"SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Subsection 4 of section 39-04-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. Every trailer, semitrailer, and farm trailer required to be registered under this chapter must be furnished registration plates upon the payment of a twenty dollar annual fee. Every trailer, semitrailer, or farm trailer not required to be registered under this chapter must be furnished an identification plate upon the payment of a fee of five dollars. Upon the request of a person with a trailer, semitrailer, or farm trailer to whom a registration or identification plate is provided under this subsection, the department shall provide a plate of the same size as provided for a motorcycle. The department shall provide notification of this option to the person before the replacement or issuance of the plate.

Renumber accordingly

Date: March 25, 1999

Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1344

Senate Transportation Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 90579.0203

Action Taken As Pass as Amended

Motion Made By Sen. Cook Seconded By Sen. O'Connell

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Sen. B. Stenehjem-Chairman	✓				
Sen. R. Schobinger-V. Chair	✓				
Sen. Duane Mutch	✓				
Sen. Dwight Cook	✓				
Sen. David O'Connell	✓				
Sen. Vern Thompson	✓				
Sen. Dennis Bercier					

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Senator B. Stenehjem

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1344, as engrossed: Transportation Committee (Sen. B. Stenehjem, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1344 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 2, replace "provide an" with "amend and reenact section 39-04-11 and subsection 4 of section 39-04-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the display of number plates and tabs"

Page 1, line 3, remove "expiration date"

Page 1, underscore lines 7 and 8

Page 1, line 9, underscore "plate upon application and payment of an additional fee of", replace "twenty-five" with "ten", and underscore "dollars per registration"

Page 1, line 10, underscore "period." and remove "The plate may not be displayed on a vehicle after December 31, 2006."

Page 1, replace lines 11 and 12 with:

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39-04-11. Display of number plates and tabs. Except as otherwise specifically provided, ~~no~~ a person may not operate or drive a vehicle on the public highways of this state unless the vehicle has a distinctive number assigned to it by the department, and two number plates, bearing the distinctive number conspicuously displayed, horizontally and in an upright position, one on the front and one on the rear of the vehicle, each securely fastened, except number plates assigned to a motorcycle, trailer, or housetrailer must be attached to the rear thereof. When only one number plate is furnished for an apportioned vehicle licensed under the international registration plan as authorized in section 39-19-04, truck tractor, or semitrailer, the plate must be attached to the front of the apportioned vehicle or truck tractor and the rear of the semitrailer. The bottom of each number plate must be at a height of not less than twelve inches [30.48 centimeters] above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands. Each plate must be mounted in a manner that does not cover any words, letter, or number on the plate. As far as is reasonably possible, the plates must at all times be kept free and clear of mud, ice, or snow so as to be clearly visible and all number plates, markers, or evidence of registration or licensing except for the current year must be removed from the vehicle. All vehicle license plates issued by the department continue to be the property of the state of North Dakota for the period for which the plates are valid. An annual registration tab or sticker for the current registration year must be displayed on each number plate, in the area designated by the department for the tab or sticker, in those years for which tabs or stickers are issued in lieu of number plates.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subsection 4 of section 39-04-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. Every trailer, semitrailer, and farm trailer required to be registered under this chapter must be furnished registration plates upon the payment of a twenty dollar annual fee. Every trailer, semitrailer, or farm trailer not required to be registered under this chapter must be furnished an identification plate upon the payment of a fee of five dollars. Upon the

request of a person with a trailer or farm trailer to whom a registration or identification plate is provided under this subsection, the department shall provide a plate of the same size as provided for a motorcycle. The department shall provide notification of this option to the person before the replacement or issuance of the plate."

Renumber accordingly

1999 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1344

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1344

Senate Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 30, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
3	X		0-2840
4/02/99 1	X		4066-4285
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Kathy C. Kottelero</i>			

Minutes:

SENATOR NETHING: Opened the hearing on HB1344; A BILL FOR AN ACT TO CREATE AND ENACT TWO NEW SECTIONS TO CHAPTER 39-04 OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF CURRENT DESIGN AND LEWIS AND CLARK NUMBER PLATES; AND TO PROVIDE AN EXPIRATION DATE.

SENATOR STENEHJEM: Explained the amendments to HB1344. Basically what it does is in the first part of the bill, the House had put some deadlines on it saying that the plates couldn't be displayed after a certain date. We took that part off for one thing because of economics. The other thing was that we wanted it spelled out in the law that you couldn't have brackets around your license plate that would cover up some letters. We also wanted it in statute that the sticker needs to go on the upper right hand corner. On Section 3, it states that at the request of the owner of a trailer that he could get a trailer license plate in similar size to that of a motorcycle. Whenever you put a regular car size plate on trailer, the first time you go out the driveway, your license is still in your driveway.

SENATOR NETHING: On the first page, line 16 and 17, the expiration date on the original bill it states the actual effect is through August 1, 2001.

SENATOR STENEHJEM: That was amended in the House. These amendments are off the engrossed House bill.

SENATOR BOWMAN: If you get new plates, who makes the decision as to what plate the State gets.

SENATOR STENEHJEM: I believe that decision is left with the Director of Transportation.

SENATOR NAADEN: Aren't your plates assigned to you now. When you get a new car, the plate goes with the car, correct?

SENATOR STENEHJEM: The plates that you have now will stay with you, not with your car. This is a Lewis & Clark special issue license plate. It is a voluntary license plate. We also changed the fee from \$25 to \$10. It's a voluntary payment for a Lewis & Clark issue of a license plate.

SENATOR SOLBERG: It costs \$3.00 a set to make them?

SENATOR STENEHJEM: Yes, to make and distribute.

REPRESENTATIVE SCHMIDT: Testified in support of HB1344 (tape 3, side A, meter 449-627). The Lewis and Clark Centennial year is coming up and I think North Dakota should take the lead in that. We know other State's have budgeted a lot of money for the Lewis & Clark Centennial. North Dakota should be the leader on that, they lived here and their guide was from here. The Lewis and Clark Centennial could be a big thing for North Dakota and this State could fill up with people if it's handled correct. The Lewis and Clark plates could advertise that fact. We should advertise it, we should be proud of our State and this is one way to do it.

REPRESENTATIVE BOUCHER: District 9, testified in support to HB1344 (testimony attached (tape 3, side A, meter 648-892). I support the amendments.

SENATOR SOLBERG: How many different design plates do we have in North Dakota.

KEITH MAGNUSSON: We have two reservations in North Dakota who issue their own license plates. In addition to that, we have our standard design with the wheat and the buffalo. We have a plain colored material that goes on all our small plates. We have plates for the National Guard that are red, white and blue that are for former prisoners of war. We have for persons eligible for the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery that has our standard yellow and blue design but comes with a 2 inch round decal that is applied to the left hand side of the plate. Those are all that I can think of for design features.

SENATOR NAADEN: Is that last one what they call the Veteran's plate.

KEITH MAGNUSSON: That's correct. It's available to anyone who's eligible for internment in a Veteran's Cemetery.

SENATOR SOLBERG: Does that include the military plates.

KEITH MAGNUSSON: These are the only military plates. With the Veteran's plates you have a choice of one out of five decals that are placed on the blank license plate which depict the five branches of the military service.

SENATOR TOMAC: Is it a \$10 one time fee, or is it \$10 for each year.

KEITH MAGNUSSON: This is a \$10 per registration cycle fee. It would be an annual fee.

SENATOR LINDAAS: If you take that one time deal on the Lewis and Clark plate and then you decide not to do it the next year, do you have to keep your plate that you took off and put it back on.

KEITH MAGNUSSON: I think we would approach this the same way as the personal plates, if the next year you choose not to have it anymore, we give a replacement plate at no cost. I would assume this is the way we would do this.

SENATOR ST. AUBYN: If I were to have a personalized plate, a Lewis and Clark, then I pay the \$35.00.

KEITH MAGNUSSON: That is correct.

SENATOR KRINGSTAD: I thought this would be voluntary to purchase this for a period of a biennium and then it would become permanent. Is that true?

KEITH MAGNUSSON: The original version of this bill in the House had a two-year life cycle. I think the reason for that was we wouldn't have a general issuance of plates during that time period. The House amended that so you could use that plate through 2006 and the Senate amendments take off any expiration date and left it to the discretion of the department and the legislature.

SENATOR ANDRIST: Wouldn't it make more sense to the Highway Department that after a period of three or four years that people could continue to use that plate without the \$10 fee rather than replacing it. You pay the \$10 per year and at some point, it seems to me that you should say, go ahead and keep the plate but don't pay the \$10 anymore.

KEITH MAGNUSSON: You could do that legislatively. You could put a Sunset on it.

SENATOR ANDRIST: I like the plate, I'm going to give you the \$10 and I'm going to keep it through the Bicentennial. Now, it's all over and I don't want to pay the \$10 anymore. Wouldn't it make more sense if we had an arrangement where you sunset it in the year 2005 or 2006 and you keep the plate and no longer pay the \$10.

KEITH MAGNUSSON: Certainly that makes some economic sense. One of the things to consider is the life cycle of license plates. They don't last forever and at some point we are going to have to replace what we have now.

SENATOR NETHING: What is the status of our current, initially there was a bill that came in, obviously someone felt we were getting close where we had to do a new issue. Where are we with that.

KEITH MAGNUSSON: Early on that was taken into consideration, that if a general issuance didn't occur during this session, starting in December, obviously you would have to wait two years forward and those plates would get to be somewhere around nine years of age. That is why the Governor's office and OMB working with the Department decided we should give the legislature the opportunity to decide if they did want a general issuance.

SENATOR NETHING: If you have this issue December, 1999, then you run it for one year and then you do a general issue December, 2000, is that due able?

KEITH MAGNUSSON: Yes, it would be and if the general issuance would begin next December, it would put a small amount of the cost into the next biennium, about 15%.

SENATOR ROBINSON: One of the concerns with the issuance of a new plate is some of them are getting to be 8 to 9 years old. Do we have an idea of what percentage of our plates out there are 8 and 9 years old.

KEITH MAGNUSSON: The plates that are used today were issued in November or December of 1992. There are about 50% of the plates currently in use today that were issued in that cycle.

SENATOR ANDRIST: Do you have a record when you send out a notice of registration renewal of how old that particular plate is.

KEITH MAGNUSSON: We don't have a ready record in our data base.

SENATOR KRINGSTAD: I'm curious about the Peace Garden State slogan, is that going to mentioned. Isn't that in statue?

KEITH MAGNUSSON: There is a statutory requirement that the words Peace Garden State appear on all license plates.

SENATOR NETHING: I see you couldn't give an estimate of \$25 according to the fiscal note as to what would be generated. Is there any way to give an estimate of \$10 as to what might be generated.

KEITH MAGNUSSON: The difficulty is trying to determine how many people will choose voluntarily to purchase a plate. Our other specialty plates, we did not issue very many. It leads me to believe that people are not willing to pay for these. My anticipation would be that we wouldn't sell a lot of plates at \$25 or \$10.

SENATOR NETHING: Someone mentioned an incentive attached to purchase of a one year free admission to the parks to bring more sales?

KEITH MAGNUSSON: I agree, based on the history we've had, a new or unique design doesn't spur great interest. If you get something back for your money, maybe there might be more incentive to do that.

SENATOR NETHING: Closed the hearing on HB1344.

We refer this to the committee that is working on Department of Transportation. Senator Nething, Senator Kringstad and Senator Tallackson.

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SENATOR NETHING: Reopened the hearing on HB1344.

SENATOR NETHING: Called for the motion on HB1344.

SENATOR KRINGSTAD: Moved a Do Not Pass on HB1344.

SENATOR TALLACKSON: Seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: 14 YEAS; 0 NAY; 0 ABSENT & NOT VOTING.

The motion of Do Not Pass on HB1344 carried.

SENATOR NETHING: Closed the hearing on HB1344.

Date: 4-2-99
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1344

Senate APPROPRIATIONS Committee

Subcommittee on _____
 or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Not Pass

Motion Made By Senator Kringstad Seconded By Senator Tallackson

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Nething, Chairman	✓				
Senator Naaden, Vice Chairman	✓				
Senator Solberg	✓				
Senator Lindaas	✓				
Senator Tallackson	✓				
Senator Tomac	✓				
Senator Robinson	✓				
Senator Krauter	✓				
Senator St. Aubyn	✓				
Senator Grindberg	✓				
Senator Holmberg	✓				
Senator Kringstad	✓				
Senator Bowman	✓				
Senator Andrist	✓				

Total (Yes) ~~14~~ 14 No ~~0~~ 0

Absent ~~0~~ 0

Floor Assignment Senator NETHING

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
April 2, 1999 10:54 a.m.

Module No: SR-60-6365
Carrier: Nething
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1344, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Nething, Chairman)
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
Engrossed HB 1344 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

1999 TESTIMONY

HB 1344

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TESTIMONY HOUSE BILL 1344
Prepared by Representative Arlo Schmidt
Thursday, January 28, 1999

Chairman Kaiser and members of the Transportation Committee,
for the record I am Representative Arlo Schmidt, from District 12.

This bill asks the Director of the North Dakota Department of
Transportation to design and issue a commemorative Lewis and Clark
license plate, and to make them available to anyone who wants one and
pay the \$25 fee.

The Lewis and Clark Commemorative celebration will be a once in
a lifetime event, license plates are an excellent way to pass this history
on to generations to come.

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TESTIMONY HOUSE BILL 1344
Prepared by Representative Merle Boucher
Thursday - January 28, 1999

Chairman Kaiser and members of the House Transportation Committee. For the record I am Representative Merle Boucher representing District 9, which is Rolette County.

Members of the Transportation Committee, as we well know there has been considerable public discussion about the suggestion of a new license plate issuance. My experience in regards to this subject is that there is very little public support for a new issuance.

It is part of my understanding, that part of the Governor's rationale for a new license plate issuance is to commemorate the Lewis and Clark bicentennial celebration. I feel that this is an honorable recommendation in regards to the acknowledgment of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

It is out of that thinking that the recommendation set forth in HB 1344 has come forward. The issuance of a special bicentennial plate(s) that would be paid for by the citizen as a matter of choice, would acknowledge the achievements of Lewis and Clark and also generate revenue.

Chairman Kaiser and members of the House Transportation Committee I urge you to give HB 1344 serious consideration for a Due Pass recommendation.

Keith Keiser - DOT

Jean - DOT

Pair of license plates costs the state \$2.99

Vanity plates cost the state \$5.32/pair

Single plate (i.e. trailer) \$1.57

Roughrider Industries manufactures the plates.
DOT is not aware of what Roughrider's costs are to manufacture.