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2001 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1289

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1289

House Transportation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 26, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		2,023
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Laurie L. Zide</i>			

Minutes: Rep. Weisz - Chairman opened the hearing on HB 1289; A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 39-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to motor vehicle number plates bearing a logo identifying members of the North Dakota firemen's association.

Rep: Mueller: I represent district 24. HB 1289 is about the recognition and identification of the unsung men and women in each of our communities who are fire fighters. Every community has them but we don't pay much attention to them until we need them to save our burning home or to assist with an overturned anhydrous tank. Many of the fire fighters are volunteers who train to handle that equipment to respond to a fire call at any time day or night. This dedicated group has asked North Dakotans that they be recognized with issuance of distinctive license plates bearing the fire fighters insignia. Each fire fighter would apply for the fire fighter plates with and would pay for the cost of the plates. The fire fighters association would certify those eligible to receive those plates. The fire fighters association will not use these plates to raise funds for their

organization. There could well be some public safety benefits in being able to identify fire fighters on our roadways. Many of them are first responders as well as fire fighters. First responders must be trained EMTs.

Rep. Weisz - Chairman (2283) If I read this right, the firemen's association will determine who will be eligible to receive these plates?

Rep. Mueller: That is exactly correct. The mechanics of that -- there has been some work done that in conjunction with Mr. Kiser's folks. I think we are pretty solid with that whole effort.

Lois Hartman, I am Executive Director of the North Dakota Firemen's Association. A copy of her prepared remarks are attached.

Rep. Ruby: (2750) Is ever fire fighter in North Dakota a member of your organization?

Lois Hartman: yes

Rep. Thoreson: Is the purpose of this to give recognition or is there some other purpose?

Lois Hartman: The purpose is to give recognition but there are other benefits to identifying the fire fighters vehicle when he is arriving at the scene of a fire. The same is true for identifying first responders at the scene of an accident.

Allan Klein: I am Captain of the Mandan Rural Fire Department and Past President of the North Dakota Fire Fighters Association. I am here representing the Executive Board. A copy of Allan Klein's prepared remarks are attached.

Terry Swenson: I am Secretary - Treasurer of the Sanborn, North Dakota fire Department. A copy of Terry Swenson's prepared remarks are attached.

Terry Swenson: Supplemented his remarks --- This is not intended to allow the firemen to disobey the law. We are required to obey the law with our red flashing lights and sirens.

Rep. Doseh: (3401) Could we ask a question of the DOT present in the room?

Keith Kiser: My Name is Keith Kiser, Director of the Motor Vehicle Services for the DOT.

Rep. Doseh: Explain something for us --- in HB 1261 which we had before us in this committee we talked about issuing special plates --- in that fiscal note you indicated the cost of the license plates was \$50,000 for computer enhancement, \$56,000 for a full time equivalent, and now in this fiscal note there is none of that and we're talking issuing a special plate. What's the difference?

Keith Kiser: Two big differences in the fiscal notes -- The two large items in the previous note was to provide an "FD"; in this case we already have a computer system in place and we would be issuing a different plate in lieu of the plates we are now issuing -- it is simply a different plate. We do that now with other specialty type of plates. So the only cost with this bill is the cost of manufacturing the plate but the handling, distribution and other costs associated with managing the records would be the same as we now have.

Rep. Ruby: (3612) Do you foresee a possible extension of this in the future where other professions and occupations will be wanting specialty plates -- general contractors, surveyors, etc?

Keith Kiser: We have always taken the position that it the legislature that makes that decision. We wouldn't be. There certainly is that possibility when we open that door. What we have tried to do is to encourage organizations to forget about going for a special plate and go for the recognized logo on the plates. We have that for the military -- I have some here which carries the logo for some one in the US Navy so that you see what one looks like.

Rep. Hawken: Other states do that, the question I want to ask is 'are you aware that of what other states charge when they use those logos to raise money?'

Keith Kiser: Not really -- I know some states do charge and others charge nothing at all. We do charge for the additional cost to produce them. We also have one plate where there is an additional charge where the funds collected go to the veterans cemetery.

Rep. Hawken: With this additional \$10 -- \$8.00 is the cost to make them, so the state is making 2 bucks?

Keith Kiser: That's my estimate.

Rep. Hawken: Perhaps if we're looking a college plates and alumni plates and maybe some others who would want to be tacked on there, we might want to look at what we are charging.

Keith Kiser: That is really in your hands to make that decision.

Rep. Hawken: (4010) Florida has about 500 of these special plates -- they do about what you said -- they use the decal but they do pay for them.

Rep. Thoreson: One of the things the bill says is that they will not issue these to a motor vehicle weighing more 10,000 pounds. What kind of passenger vehicle would that be?

Keith Kiser: Motor Homes. Generally we will allow them to go on the motor home so long as the motor home doesn't exceed 10,000.

Rep. Schmidt: I thought these license plates would be issued for heroes -- Lewis and Clark -- a fire fighter - is he a hero? I don't understand these college students -- issuing plates to college students?

Keith Kiser: The bill in the senate doesn't issue private plates for college students. It issue plates to anyone who wants have his plate recognizing his alma mater or some university if the so choose.

Rep. Schmidt: They could have a good fund raiser -- charge five dollars when you reissue?.

Keith Kiser: The bill provides for a one time fee of \$10 to issue the plate and then say if you stop being a fire fighter--- you would then have to remove your fire fighter plate and come us and pay a one time to get your regular plate back. That is based on the charge we charge for a duplicate plate in cases where you would lose your regular plates.

There being no one wishing to appear with further testimony either for or against, Rep. Weisz - Chairman closed the hearing on HB 1289. (4300)

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1289 b

House Transportation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 26, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	x		2,602
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Laurie L. Fisk</i>			

Minutes: Rep. Weisz - Chairman opened committee discussion for action on HB 1289.

Rep. Kelsch: I move a 'Do Pass' on HB 1289.

Rep. Price: I second the motion.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 13 yeas 0 nays 1 absent.

Rep. Kelsch was designated to carry HB 1289 on the floor.

FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 03/20/2001

Bill/Resolution No.:

Amendment to: HB 1289

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$4,242		\$5,496
Expenditures				\$1,600		\$800
Appropriations				\$1,600		\$800

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
			(\$368)	(\$224)		(\$184)	(\$112)	

2. **Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

This bill, as amended, provides for the issuance of special license plates for qualified firefighters upon the payment of an additional annual fee of \$15. It is not possible to estimate the number of firefighters who will choose to obtain the plates if required to pay the annual fee. Based on past experience with the Veterans Cemetery license plates, participation will likely be less than 10%. Based on this assumption, it is estimate that 200 license plates will be sold the first biennium and 100 the second biennium.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

Based on the above estimates, it is anticipated this bill will generate \$5,250 for the Highway Fund for the 2001-2003 biennium and \$6,000 for the 2003-2005 biennium.

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

It is estimated the Department will spend \$1,600 to purchase and distribute the plates during the 2001-2003 biennium and \$800 during the 2003-2005 biennium.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the*

executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

The Department will require an appropriation of \$1,600 for the 2001-2003 biennium and \$800 for the 2003-2005 biennium to cover the cost of purchasing and distributing the new license plates.

Name:	Keith Kiser	Agency:	NDDOT
Phone Number:	328-2725	Date Prepared:	03/20/2001

FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 01/17/2001

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1289

Amendment to:

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$20,000		\$10,000
Expenditures				\$16,000		\$8,000
Appropriations				\$16,000		\$8,000

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
			\$920	\$560		\$460	\$280	

2. **Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

This bill provides for the issuance of special license plates for members of the North Dakota Firemen's Association. It is not possible to accurately estimate the number of firemen who will choose to purchase these plates. For purposes of this fiscal note, it is estimated that 2,000 plates will be purchased in the 2001-2003 biennium and 1,000 plates will be purchased in the 2003-2005 biennium.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

Each pair of plates sold will generate \$10 of revenue for the Highway Tax Distribution Fund.

B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

It is estimated that each pair of plates will cost \$8.00 to manufacture and distribute.

C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

The Motor Vehicle Division will need a budget enhancement to cover the cost of purchasing and distributing the license plates.

Name:	Keith Kiser	Agency:	NDDOT
Phone Number:	328-2725	Date Prepared:	01/18/2001

Date: 1/26/01
Roll Call Vote #:

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1289

House Transportation Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Kelsch Seconded By Rep. Price

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Robin Weisz - Chairman	✓		Howard Grumbo	✓	
Chet Pollert - Vice Chairman	✓		John Mahoney	✓	
Al Carlson	✓		Arlo E. Schmidt	✓	
Mark A. Dosch	✓		Elwood Thorpe	A	
Kathy Hawken	✓				
Roxanne Jensen	✓				
RaeAnn G. Kelsch	✓				
Clara Sue Price	✓				
Dan Ruby	✓				
Laurel Thoreson	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Kelsch

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 26, 2001 12:44 p.m.

Module No: HR-14-1723
Carrier: R. Kelsch
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1289: Transportation Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1289 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

2001 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1289

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1289

Senate Transportation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 3-1-01;3-16-01

Type Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		0.0-13.6
3-16		X	2.8-6.5
Committee Clerk Signature			

Minutes: **HB 1289** relates to motor vehicle number plates bearing a logo identifying members of the North Dakota firemen's association.

Rep. Phil Mueller: (District 24; Supports) Many firefighters volunteer their time and respond day or night. They request that they be recognized with issuance of a distinctive plate.

Firefighters would pay for costs of plates. Firefighters Association would certify who gets the plates. This will not raise any funds for firefighters.

Jim Drong: (Firefighter from Sanborn Fire Dept.; Supports) See attached testimony.

Senator Stenehjem: Normally the plates would have to be similar to the veteran's plates. For example, logo should be on left side and not the right.

Jim Drong: I realize that there are issues that need to be worked out.

Senator Espgaard: How many firefighters are there?

Jim Drong: 8000 firefighters. 359 departments. That includes rural firefighters.

Alan Klein: (Executive Board Secretary of ND Firefighter's Association; Supports) See attached testimony.

Senator O'Connell: What's a life member?

Alan Klein: There are various ways to achieve this. For example, serving 25 years as a member of the fire department. Another way is to be past president of the association. Once you are a life member, you hold all rights and privileges even if you are no longer working.

Keith Magnusson: (NDDOT; Supports) We have worked ahead of time on this. The process is much like the national guard plate. We are trying to keep things standardized. The fee will cost the cost of the plates.

Senator Trenbeath: Does this plate cost more than the average plate?

Keith Magnusson: yes. They cost about \$8 a pair.

Senator Trenbeath: What percentage of the cost represents distribution cost versus actual cost of the plate?

Keith Magnusson: Approximately \$7 for plate and \$1 for packing and distribution.

Senator O'Connell: Can you get seven digits on a Lewis and Clark plate?

Keith Magnusson: No.

Hearing closed.

Committee reopened on 3-16.

Senator O'Connell hands out proposed amendment.

Senator O'Connell motions to accept proposed amendment 10483.0202. Seconded by Senator Trenbeath. Voice vote. All present are in favor.

Senator O'Connell motions to Do Pass as amended. Seconded by Senator Trenbeath. Roll call taken. 5-0-1. Floor carrier is Senator O'Connell. Committee closed.

10483.0201
Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Senator O'Connell
March 2, 2001

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1289

Page 1, line 11, after "additional" insert "annual", replace "ten" with "fifteen", and replace "to cover the cost of issuing the distinctive number" with "for deposit in the highway tax distribution fund"

Page 1, line 12, remove the first "plates"

Renumber accordingly

3-14

Date:
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

HB 1239

Senate Transportation

Committee

Subcommittee on _____

or

Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 10483.0209

Action Taken Motion for Adoption of Amendments

Motion Made By O'Connell Seconded By Trenbeath
Espgaard

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Stenejem, Chairman			Senator O'Connell		
Senator Trenbeath, Vice-Chair			Senator Bercler		
Senator Mutch					
Senator Espgaard					

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

~~X~~ Voice vote
all yes

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

Date: 3, 14
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

HB 1289

Senate Transportation Committee

- Subcommittee on _____
- or
- Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 10118 3.0202

Action Taken De Pass as Amended

Motion Made By O'Connell Seconded By Trenbeath

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Stenejem, Chairman	X		Senator O'Connell	X	
Senator Trenbeath, Vice-Chair	X		Senator Bereler		
Senator Mutch	X				
Senator Espegard	X				

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment O'Connell

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 16, 2001 2:34 p.m.

Module No: SR-46-5924
Carrier: O'Connell
Insert LC: 10483.0202 Title: .0300

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1289: Transportation Committee (Sen. Stenejem, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1289 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

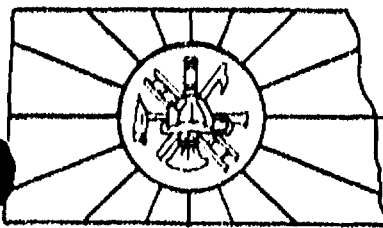
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Renumber accordingly

2001 TESTIMONY

HB 1289



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House Transportation Committee HB 1289 Authorization for Firefighter License Plates

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Transportation Committee, my name is Lois Hartman. I am the Executive Director of the North Dakota Firefighter's Association. I appear before you today in support of HB 1289.

Before I address the bill, please allow me to clear up a wording issue with this bill. In June at the 116th Annual Convention of the North Dakota Firemen's Association, the membership voted to change the name of the Association to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association. Due to the fact that the North Dakota Century Code refers to the Association as Firemen's, rather than Firefighter's, this bill uses Firemen's. When HB 1323 is heard and hopefully passed, the name will be updated to reflect the name change.

I will confine my remarks to the administrative issues with the firefighter license plate issue. I have proposed to the Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division the attached post card size authorization card that the fire chief would sign to certify that the applicant for this plate is a firefighter in good standing with his fire department. I think this method would cause little additional work on the State's part. To get the first authorization's out to the departments, I can either mail several to each fire department, or they could be made available at the annual convention, the first weekend of June, or a combination of both. If I were to mail them to the fire departments, I would only mail two or three to each department and have the chief copy them for their people as they are requested. There are 388 fire departments with about 8,000 firefighters in North Dakota.

I will provide the Motor Vehicle Division with a list of the current fire chiefs each year on the date that they request.

If a firefighter leaves a department, the fire chief would ask that individual to contact Motor Vehicle and change their license plates. In the event that the firefighter does not do that, they would have that plate until it is time for their motor vehicle license to be renewed. If a firefighter moves to another area and joins that fire department, the chief of the new fire department would certify the firefighter's eligibility when the plates are renewed.

Mr. Chairman, the Executive Board Secretary and Past President is here to testify and two of the firefighters who sponsored the resolution at the convention are here also to testify, so I will conclude my remarks and try to answer any questions of the committee. Thank you.

I _____, Fire Chief of _____
Fire Chief Name City or Fire Protection District

Fire Department do certify that _____ is a firefighter in
Firefighter Name

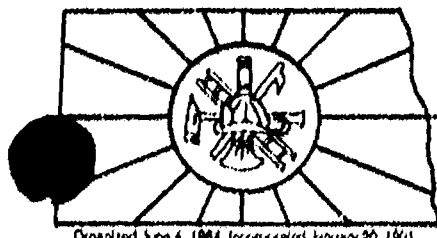
good standing with said fire department and is eligible to own the North Dakota

Firefighter license plate.

Fire Chief

Date





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**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
HB 1289-LICENSE PLATE BILL**

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Transportation Committee, my name is Allan Klein. I am a Captain on the Mandan Rural Fire Department and a Past President of the North Dakota Firefighters Association. Currently I serve as Secretary of the Association. I am representing the Executive Board of the North Dakota Firefighters Association. The Board is in full support of House Bill 1289 and I respectfully urge you to support the passage of this bill.

Thank you,

Allan Klein, Secretary
North Dakota Firefighters Association

Testimony on HB1289 NDFA License Plate Bill

"Mr Chairman and members of the House Transportation Committee, my name is Terry Swenson Sec. Treas. of the Sanborn Fire Department. The Sanborn Fire Department cosponsored and presented a resolution to the membership of the North Dakota Firefighter's Association in June to support legislation to authorize a firefighter license plate." This type of resolution has been presented in years past but did not pass due to the fact information such as cost and how to keep members that were no longer in good standing with their department from having these plates on their vehicles, they did not pass. With that in mind Jim Drong (a member of the Sanborn Fire Dept.) researched this type of resolution with DOT, and our District Representatives to answer these questions and propose this in way that would work for the DOT. And members of the NDFA. The resolution that was presented reads:

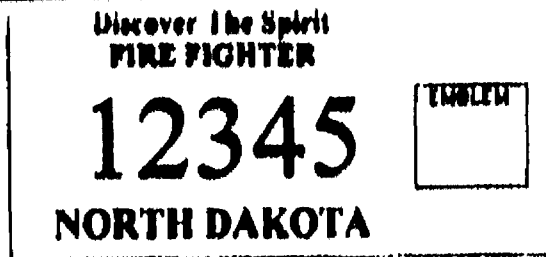
Whereas: In recognition of the firefighter dedication and loyalty to their community and to the people of North Dakota;

Whereas: Their dedicated services have saved numerous lives and property, many times risking their own lives;

Whereas: The state of North Dakota adopt personalized license plates that recognize firefighters, both active and life members;

Be it therefore resolved: That the members of the North Dakota Fireman's Association sponsors a bill to the North Dakota State Legislature to support a personalized license plate for active or life member firefighters in the state of North Dakota.

The following page contains a copy of the directives that were also presented to the resolutions committee;



1. Five digit number.
2. Emblem to the right of the number.
3. The words FIRE FIGHTER could be above or below the number.
4. Renewable annually with regular registration fee.
5. Cost of making the plates and administrative costs passed on to the auto owner annually.
6. Annual cost determined by the DOT.
7. Fire Chief has forms that he would sign and verify that the fireman is a member in good standing. This form would be taken to the registration office when applying for new stickers/plates.
7. Personalized plates at the discretion of DOT. Price determined by DOT.



1. Five digit number.
2. Emblem to the right of the number.
3. The words Fire Fighter above or below the number.
4. The words Life Member above the Emblem.
5. Life member plates could be permanent plates.
6. Renewable annually with regular registration fee.
7. Cost of making the plates and administrative costs passed on to the auto owner annually.
8. Annual Cost determined by DOT.
9. Fire Chief has forms that he would sign and verify that the fire fighter is a life member. This form would be taken to the registration office when applying for new plates. This would only be necessary for the first time the fire fighter applies for plates as a life member.
10. Personalized plates at the discretion of DOT. Price determined by DOT.

This with the suggestion that any DOT. Design questions, alterations or problems to be addressed to the NDFA. Executive Board was also stated on the floor of the convention, this resolution was passed with very little or no opposition.

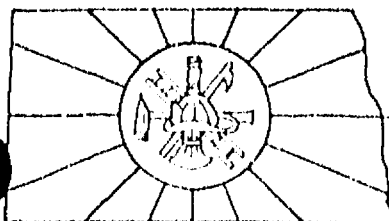
Visiting with fellow firefighters and others before and since the convention has shown tremendous support for such legislation to recognize firefighters for their dedicated service, and for public awareness of firefighters in their personal vehicles.

I wish to thank you for your time and efforts spent on this legislation. On behalf of the Sanborn Fire Department and firefighters across the state.

Terry Swenson Sec. Treas.



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**Senate Transportation Committee
HB 1289
Authorization for Firefighter License Plates**

Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Transportation Committee, my name is Alan Klein. I am the Executive Board Secretary of the North Dakota Firefighter's Association. I appear before you today in support of House Bill No. 1289.

A resolution was introduced at the Annual Convention of the North Dakota Firefighter's Association in June of 2000, to seek legislative authorization for a firefighter license plate. There is a representative of the sponsoring fire department here today to give testimony concerning this bill, so I will confine my remarks to the administrative issues with the firefighter license plate issue. The Executive Director of the Association has met with Keith Keiser of the Motor Vehicle Division to discuss the administrative procedures required to certify that only those authorized, purchase the firefighter license plates. Attached is a copy of the proposed authorization card that the fire chief would sign to certify that the applicant for this plate is a firefighter in good standing with his fire department. I think this method would cause little additional work on anyone's part. To get the first authorization cards out to the departments, the Association can either mail several to each of the fire departments, or they can be made available at the Association's Annual Convention the first weekend of June, or a combination of both. The Executive Director will provide the Motor Vehicle Division with a list of the current fire chiefs each year. This will allow them to check for the proper authorizations. Also attached is a copy of the proposed emblem that could be used on the license plate. This emblem is known as the maltese cross and is widely used in the fire service.

If a firefighter leaves a department, the fire chief would ask that individual to contact the Motor Vehicle Division and change their license plates. In the event that the firefighter does not do that, they would have that plate until it is time for their vehicle registration to be renewed. If a firefighter moves to another area of the state and joins that fire department, the chief of the new fire department would certify the firefighter's eligibility when the plates are renewed.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I will try to answer any questions concerning the administrative issues.

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Fire Chief Name City or Fire Protection District

Fire Department do certify that _____ is a firefighter in
Firefighter Name

good standing with said fire department and is eligible to own the North Dakota
Firefighter license plate.

Fire Chief

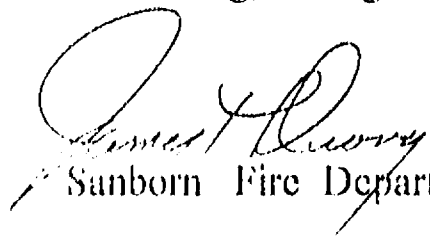
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Jim Drong, Firefighter .


Sanborn Fire Department