

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2159**

Introduced by

Transportation Committee

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 39-04 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to number plates; to amend and reenact sections 39-04-08.1, 39-04-19,
3 subsection 2 of section 39-04-36, and section 39-22-12 of the North Dakota Century Code,
4 relating to number plate use and fees and a motor vehicle dealer licensing exemption; to repeal
5 section 39-04-09.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to Lewis and Clark number
6 plates; to provide for a legislative council study; to provide application of points and fees; and to
7 provide an effective date.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 39-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
10 created and enacted as follows:

11 **Additional fee with general issuance of number plates.** The director shall collect an
12 additional fee of four dollars with each set of number plates issued in the first general issuance
13 of number plates occurring after June 30, 2001, except for number plates issued to trailers.
14 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the entire revenue from fees under this section
15 must be deposited in the state highway fund.

16 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-08.1 of the 1999 Supplement to the North
17 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **39-04-08.1. Assignment of motor vehicle number plates.** Motor vehicle number
19 plates may not be assigned as a reward for any political activity, in recognition of any political
20 affiliation or membership in any political party, or on the basis of political favoritism. However,
21 an elected state office may be assigned a single or double digit number on a number plate as
22 requested by that official. ~~Except as provided in sections 39-04-10 and 39-04-10.3, the~~
23 ~~department shall charge a nonrefundable fee of ten dollars if an applicant chooses a number~~
24 ~~plate other than the number plate randomly assigned.~~ The department of transportation may

1 adopt rules governing the assignment of numbers on motor vehicle number plates in
2 accordance with this section.

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

5 **39-04-19. Motor vehicle registration fees and mile tax.** Motor vehicles required to
6 pay registration fees or a mile tax shall pay the following fees:

7 1. Nonresidents electing to pay mile tax in lieu of registration, when authorized to do
8 so by the department, shall pay a fee of twenty dollars for a trip permit which is
9 valid for a period of seventy-two hours. All fees collected under the provisions of
10 this subsection must be credited to the highway construction fund.

11 2. Motor vehicles required to be registered in this state must be furnished license
12 plates upon the payment of the following annual fees; however, if a motor vehicle,
13 including a motorcycle or trailer, first becomes subject to registration other than at
14 the beginning of the registration period, such fees must be prorated on a monthly
15 basis. The minimum fee charged hereunder must be five dollars:

16 a. Passenger motor vehicles:

Gross Weights	YEARS REGISTERED				
	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Years	7th, 8th, and 9th Years	10th, 11th, and 12th Years	13th and Subsequent Years	
Less than 3,200	\$50.00 <u>\$57.00</u>	\$42.00 <u>\$49.00</u>	\$34.00 <u>\$41.00</u>	\$26.00 <u>\$33.00</u>	
3,200 - 4,499	70.00 <u>77.00</u>	58.00 <u>65.00</u>	46.00 <u>53.00</u>	34.00 <u>41.00</u>	
4,500 - 4,999	88.00 <u>95.00</u>	71.00 <u>78.00</u>	56.00 <u>63.00</u>	40.00 <u>47.00</u>	
5,000 - 5,999	119.00 <u>126.00</u>	97.00 <u>104.00</u>	75.00 <u>82.00</u>	53.00 <u>60.00</u>	
6,000 - 6,999	152.00 <u>159.00</u>	123.00 <u>130.00</u>	94.00 <u>101.00</u>	66.00 <u>73.00</u>	
7,000 - 7,999	185.00 <u>192.00</u>	149.00 <u>156.00</u>	114.00 <u>121.00</u>	79.00 <u>86.00</u>	
8,000 - 8,999	218.00 <u>225.00</u>	176.00 <u>183.00</u>	134.00 <u>141.00</u>	92.00 <u>99.00</u>	
9,000 and over	251.00 <u>258.00</u>	202.00 <u>209.00</u>	154.00 <u>161.00</u>	105.00 <u>112.00</u>	

29 A house car is subject to registration at the rates prescribed for other vehicles
30 under this subdivision modified by using the weight applicable to a vehicle

whose weight is forty percent of that of the house car, but not using a weight of less than four thousand pounds [1814.35 kilograms].

- b. Schoolbuses, buses for hire, buses owned and operated by religious, charitable, or nonprofit organizations and used exclusively for religious, charitable, or other public nonprofit purposes, and trucks or combination trucks and trailers, including commercial and noncommercial trucks, except those trucks or combinations of trucks and trailers which qualify for registration under subsection 5:

YEARS REGISTERED

		1st	7th	10th	13th	20th and
	Gross	Through	Through	Through	Through	Subsequent
	Weights	6th Years	9th Years	12th Years	19th Years	Years
13	Not over 4,000	\$48.00 <u>\$55.00</u>	\$35.00 <u>\$42.00</u>	\$30.00 <u>\$37.00</u>	\$27.00 <u>\$34.00</u>	\$26.00 <u>\$33.00</u>
14	4,001 - 6,000	53.00 <u>60.00</u>	40.00 <u>47.00</u>	34.00 <u>41.00</u>	28.00 <u>35.00</u>	27.00 <u>34.00</u>
15	6,001 - 8,000	58.00 <u>65.00</u>	45.00 <u>52.00</u>	38.00 <u>45.00</u>	29.00 <u>36.00</u>	28.00 <u>35.00</u>
16	8,001 - 10,000	63.00 <u>70.00</u>	50.00 <u>57.00</u>	42.00 <u>49.00</u>	31.00 <u>38.00</u>	30.00 <u>37.00</u>
17	10,001 - 12,000	68.00 <u>75.00</u>	55.00 <u>62.00</u>	46.00 <u>53.00</u>	33.00 <u>40.00</u>	32.00 <u>39.00</u>
18	12,001 - 14,000	73.00 <u>80.00</u>	60.00 <u>67.00</u>	50.00 <u>57.00</u>	36.00 <u>43.00</u>	35.00 <u>42.00</u>
19	14,001 - 16,000	78.00 <u>85.00</u>	65.00 <u>72.00</u>	54.00 <u>61.00</u>	39.00 <u>46.00</u>	38.00 <u>45.00</u>
20	16,001 - 18,000	83.00 <u>90.00</u>	70.00 <u>77.00</u>	58.00 <u>65.00</u>	41.00 <u>48.00</u>	40.00 <u>47.00</u>
21	18,001 - 20,000	86.00 <u>93.00</u>	73.00 <u>80.00</u>	60.00 <u>67.00</u>	42.00 <u>49.00</u>	41.00 <u>48.00</u>

YEARS REGISTERED

		1st, 2nd, 3rd,	8th, 9th, 10th,	13th and
	Gross	4th, 5th, 6th,	11th, and	Subsequent
	Weights	and 7th Years	12th Years	Years
26	20,001 - 22,000	\$116.00 <u>\$123.00</u>	\$90.00 <u>\$97.00</u>	\$77.00 <u>\$84.00</u>
27	22,001 - 26,000	168.00 <u>175.00</u>	138.00 <u>145.00</u>	122.00 <u>129.00</u>
28	26,001 - 30,000	229.00 <u>236.00</u>	187.00 <u>194.00</u>	165.00 <u>172.00</u>
29	30,001 - 34,000	295.00 <u>302.00</u>	240.00 <u>247.00</u>	212.00 <u>219.00</u>
30	34,001 - 38,000	356.00 <u>363.00</u>	289.00 <u>296.00</u>	255.00 <u>262.00</u>
31	38,001 - 42,000	417.00 <u>424.00</u>	338.00 <u>345.00</u>	297.00 <u>304.00</u>

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1	42,001 - 46,000	478.00 <u>485.00</u>	386.00 <u>393.00</u>	340.00 <u>347.00</u>
2	46,001 - 50,000	539.00 <u>546.00</u>	435.00 <u>442.00</u>	383.00 <u>390.00</u>
3	50,001 - 54,000	609.00 <u>616.00</u>	493.00 <u>500.00</u>	434.00 <u>441.00</u>
4	54,001 - 58,000	670.00 <u>677.00</u>	542.00 <u>549.00</u>	477.00 <u>484.00</u>
5	58,001 - 62,000	731.00 <u>739.00</u>	591.00 <u>598.00</u>	520.00 <u>527.00</u>
6	62,001 - 66,000	792.00 <u>799.00</u>	639.00 <u>646.00</u>	563.00 <u>570.00</u>
7	66,001 - 70,000	853.00 <u>860.00</u>	688.00 <u>695.00</u>	605.00 <u>612.00</u>
8	70,001 - 74,000	914.00 <u>921.00</u>	737.00 <u>744.00</u>	648.00 <u>655.00</u>
9	74,001 - 78,000	975.00 <u>982.00</u>	786.00 <u>793.00</u>	691.00 <u>698.00</u>
10	78,001 - 82,000	1,036.00 <u>1,043.00</u>	835.00 <u>842.00</u>	734.00 <u>741.00</u>
11	82,001 - 86,000	1,159.00 <u>1,166.00</u>	940.00 <u>947.00</u>	821.00 <u>828.00</u>
12	86,001 - 90,000	1,281.00 <u>1,288.00</u>	1,044.00 <u>1,051.00</u>	908.00 <u>915.00</u>
13	90,001 - 94,000	1,403.00 <u>1,410.00</u>	1,149.00 <u>1,156.00</u>	995.00 <u>1,002.00</u>
14	94,001 - 98,000	1,525.00 <u>1,532.00</u>	1,254.00 <u>1,261.00</u>	1,083.00 <u>1,090.00</u>
15	98,001 - 102,000	1,647.00 <u>1,654.00</u>	1,358.00 <u>1,365.00</u>	1,170.00 <u>1,177.00</u>
16	102,001 - 105,500	1,769.00 <u>1,776.00</u>	1,463.00 <u>1,470.00</u>	1,257.00 <u>1,264.00</u>

17 c. Motorcycles, fifteen dollars.

18 3. Motor vehicles acquired by disabled veterans under the provisions of Public Law
19 79-663 [38 U.S.C. 3901] are exempt from the payment of state sales or use tax
20 and, if paid, such veterans are entitled to a refund. This exemption also applies to
21 any passenger motor vehicle or pickup truck not exceeding ten thousand pounds
22 [4535.92 kilograms] gross weight but shall apply to no more than two such motor
23 vehicles owned by a disabled veteran at any one time.

24 4. Every trailer, semitrailer, and farm trailer required to be registered under this
25 chapter must be furnished registration plates upon the payment of a twenty dollar
26 annual fee. Every trailer, semitrailer, or farm trailer not required to be registered
27 under this chapter must be furnished an identification plate upon the payment of a
28 fee of five dollars. Upon the request of a person with a trailer or farm trailer to
29 whom a registration or identification plate is provided under this subsection, the
30 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.

5. Trucks or combinations of trucks and trailers weighing more than twenty thousand but not more than one hundred five thousand five hundred pounds [more than 9071.84 but not more than 47854.00 kilograms] which are used as farm vehicles only, are entitled to registration under the following fee schedule and the provisions of this subsection. Farm vehicles are considered, for the purpose of this subsection, as trucks or combinations of trucks and trailers weighing more than twenty thousand but not more than one hundred five thousand five hundred pounds [more than 9071.84 but not more than 47854.00 kilograms] owned, or leased for at least one year by a bona fide resident farmer who uses the vehicles exclusively for transporting the farmer's own property or other property on a farm work exchange basis with other farmers between farms and the usual local trading places but not in connection with any commercial retail or wholesale business being conducted from those farms, nor otherwise for hire. In addition to the penalty provided in section 39-04-41, any person violating this subsection shall license for the entire license period the farm vehicle at the higher commercial vehicle rate in accordance with the weight carried by the farm vehicle at the time of the violation.

YEARS REGISTERED

	1st, 2nd, Gross	7th and 8th	9th and 10th	11th and Subsequent
Weights	3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Years	Years	Years	Years
20,001 - 22,000	\$88.00 <u>\$95.00</u>	\$74.00 <u>\$81.00</u>	\$60.00 <u>\$67.00</u>	\$42.00 <u>\$49.00</u>
22,001 - 24,000	93.00 <u>100.00</u>	78.00 <u>85.00</u>	63.00 <u>70.00</u>	44.00 <u>51.00</u>
24,001 - 26,000	101.00 <u>108.00</u>	84.00 <u>91.00</u>	67.00 <u>74.00</u>	46.00 <u>53.00</u>
26,001 - 28,000	111.00 <u>119.00</u>	92.00 <u>99.00</u>	73.00 <u>80.00</u>	50.00 <u>57.00</u>
28,001 - 30,000	121.00 <u>128.00</u>	100.00 <u>107.00</u>	79.00 <u>86.00</u>	54.00 <u>61.00</u>
30,001 - 32,000	136.00 <u>143.00</u>	113.00 <u>120.00</u>	90.00 <u>97.00</u>	63.00 <u>70.00</u>
32,001 - 34,000	146.00 <u>153.00</u>	121.00 <u>128.00</u>	96.00 <u>103.00</u>	67.00 <u>74.00</u>
34,001 - 36,000	156.00 <u>163.00</u>	129.00 <u>136.00</u>	102.00 <u>109.00</u>	71.00 <u>78.00</u>

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1	36,001 - 38,000	166.00 <u>173.00</u>	137.00 <u>144.00</u>	108.00 <u>115.00</u>	75.00 <u>82.00</u>
2	38,001 - 40,000	176.00 <u>183.00</u>	145.00 <u>152.00</u>	114.00 <u>121.00</u>	79.00 <u>86.00</u>
3	40,001 - 42,000	186.00 <u>193.00</u>	153.00 <u>160.00</u>	120.00 <u>127.00</u>	83.00 <u>90.00</u>
4	42,001 - 44,000	196.00 <u>203.00</u>	161.00 <u>168.00</u>	126.00 <u>133.00</u>	87.00 <u>94.00</u>
5	44,001 - 46,000	206.00 <u>213.00</u>	169.00 <u>176.00</u>	132.00 <u>139.00</u>	91.00 <u>98.00</u>
6	46,001 - 48,000	216.00 <u>223.00</u>	177.00 <u>184.00</u>	138.00 <u>145.00</u>	95.00 <u>102.00</u>
7	48,001 - 50,000	226.00 <u>233.00</u>	185.00 <u>192.00</u>	144.00 <u>151.00</u>	99.00 <u>106.00</u>
8	50,001 - 52,000	246.00 <u>253.00</u>	203.00 <u>210.00</u>	160.00 <u>167.00</u>	113.00 <u>120.00</u>
9	52,001 - 54,000	256.00 <u>263.00</u>	211.00 <u>218.00</u>	166.00 <u>173.00</u>	117.00 <u>124.00</u>
10	54,001 - 56,000	266.00 <u>273.00</u>	219.00 <u>226.00</u>	172.00 <u>179.00</u>	121.00 <u>128.00</u>
11	56,001 - 58,000	276.00 <u>283.00</u>	227.00 <u>234.00</u>	178.00 <u>185.00</u>	125.00 <u>132.00</u>
12	58,001 - 60,000	286.00 <u>293.00</u>	235.00 <u>242.00</u>	184.00 <u>191.00</u>	129.00 <u>136.00</u>
13	60,001 - 62,000	296.00 <u>303.00</u>	243.00 <u>250.00</u>	190.00 <u>197.00</u>	133.00 <u>140.00</u>
14	62,001 - 64,000	306.00 <u>313.00</u>	251.00 <u>258.00</u>	196.00 <u>203.00</u>	137.00 <u>144.00</u>
15	64,001 - 66,000	316.00 <u>323.00</u>	259.00 <u>266.00</u>	202.00 <u>209.00</u>	141.00 <u>148.00</u>
16	66,001 - 68,000	326.00 <u>333.00</u>	267.00 <u>274.00</u>	208.00 <u>215.00</u>	145.00 <u>152.00</u>
17	68,001 - 70,000	336.00 <u>343.00</u>	275.00 <u>282.00</u>	214.00 <u>221.00</u>	149.00 <u>156.00</u>
18	70,001 - 72,000	346.00 <u>353.00</u>	283.00 <u>290.00</u>	220.00 <u>227.00</u>	153.00 <u>160.00</u>
19	72,001 - 74,000	356.00 <u>363.00</u>	291.00 <u>298.00</u>	226.00 <u>233.00</u>	157.00 <u>164.00</u>
20	74,001 - 76,000	366.00 <u>373.00</u>	299.00 <u>306.00</u>	232.00 <u>239.00</u>	161.00 <u>168.00</u>
21	76,001 - 78,000	376.00 <u>383.00</u>	307.00 <u>314.00</u>	238.00 <u>245.00</u>	165.00 <u>172.00</u>
22	78,001 - 80,000	386.00 <u>393.00</u>	315.00 <u>322.00</u>	244.00 <u>251.00</u>	169.00 <u>176.00</u>
23	80,001 - 82,000	396.00 <u>403.00</u>	323.00 <u>330.00</u>	250.00 <u>257.00</u>	173.00 <u>180.00</u>
24	82,001 - 84,000	406.00 <u>413.00</u>	345.00 <u>352.00</u>	293.00 <u>300.00</u>	249.00 <u>256.00</u>
25	84,001 - 86,000	426.00 <u>433.00</u>	362.00 <u>369.00</u>	307.00 <u>314.00</u>	261.00 <u>268.00</u>
26	86,001 - 88,000	446.00 <u>453.00</u>	379.00 <u>386.00</u>	321.00 <u>328.00</u>	273.00 <u>280.00</u>
27	88,001 - 90,000	466.00 <u>473.00</u>	396.00 <u>403.00</u>	335.00 <u>342.00</u>	285.00 <u>292.00</u>
28	90,001 - 92,000	486.00 <u>493.00</u>	413.00 <u>420.00</u>	349.00 <u>356.00</u>	297.00 <u>304.00</u>
29	92,001 - 94,000	506.00 <u>513.00</u>	430.00 <u>437.00</u>	363.00 <u>370.00</u>	309.00 <u>316.00</u>
30	94,001 - 96,000	526.00 <u>533.00</u>	447.00 <u>454.00</u>	377.00 <u>384.00</u>	321.00 <u>328.00</u>
31	96,001 - 98,000	546.00 <u>553.00</u>	464.00 <u>471.00</u>	391.00 <u>398.00</u>	333.00 <u>340.00</u>

1	98,001 - 100,000	566.00 <u>573.00</u>	481.00 <u>488.00</u>	405.00 <u>412.00</u>	345.00 <u>352.00</u>
2	100,001 - 102,000	586.00 <u>593.00</u>	498.00 <u>505.00</u>	419.00 <u>426.00</u>	357.00 <u>364.00</u>
3	102,001 - 104,000	606.00 <u>613.00</u>	515.00 <u>522.00</u>	433.00 <u>440.00</u>	369.00 <u>376.00</u>
4	104,001 - 105,500	626.00 <u>633.00</u>	532.00 <u>539.00</u>	447.00 <u>454.00</u>	381.00 <u>388.00</u>

5 6. A motor vehicle registered in subsection 5 may be used for custom combining
6 operations by displaying identification issued by the department and upon payment
7 of a fee of twenty-five dollars.

8 7. Two dollars of each registration fee collected under subsection 2 or 5 must be
9 deposited in the state highway fund.

10 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 39-04-36 of the 1999
11 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

12 2. Upon applying for the transfer of the registration and paying a five dollar fee, a
13 person who transfers or assigns to another person the ownership of a registered
14 vehicle may receive credit for the unused portion of the fees paid for the
15 transferred vehicle. The transferor must use a number plate previously removed
16 pursuant to subsection 1, regardless of whether there is any license fee credit
17 remaining. If the number plate has become lost, stolen, or mutilated, the transferor
18 may apply for duplicate plates. The department may establish procedures that
19 permit the transferor to assign the credit to the transferee if the transferor is the
20 spouse, a sibling, or a lineal ancestor or descendant of the transferee. One-twelfth
21 of the annual fee must be credited for each month of the registration period
22 remaining after the month in which the transfer is made. The credit may not
23 extend beyond the original expiration of the registration. Except as provided in
24 section 39-04-44, the credit must be applied to the registration fees for a
25 replacement vehicle. The transferor shall apply for the transfer of registration
26 within thirty days of the purchase of the replacement vehicle.

27 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-22-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is
28 amended and reenacted as follows:

29 **39-22-12. Officers to administer chapter - House car dealer, manufacturer, and**
30 **distributor exemption.** The director and any duly authorized representative ~~shall be~~ are

1 responsible for the administration of ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter. This chapter does not apply
2 to house car dealers, manufacturers, and distributors.

3 **SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY.** The legislative council shall consider
4 studying during the 2001-02 interim highway construction and maintenance funding, including
5 revenue sources and distribution formulas. The legislative council shall report its findings and
6 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
7 the fifty-eighth legislative assembly.

8 **SECTION 7. APPLICATION OF DEMERIT POINTS OR FEES.** The operator's license
9 demerit points or fees for driving in violation of section 39-09-02, or equivalent ordinance, as
10 provided by Senate Bill No. 2088, as passed by the fifty-seventh legislative assembly, are
11 effective solely for offenses committed after June 30, 2001.

12 **SECTION 8. REPEAL.** Section 39-04-09.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
13 repealed.

14 **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 1 and 3 of this Act are effective for number
15 plates issued and registrations due after June 30, 2001. Section 2 of this Act becomes
16 effective on January 1, 2003.