

**HOUSE BILL NO.**

Introduced by

Representative Ruby

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 39-08-01 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the impoundment of number plates for driving while under the  
3 influence.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 39-08-01 of the North Dakota  
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 3. Upon conviction, the court may order the department to impound the motor vehicle  
8 number plates of the motor vehicle owned and operated by the offender at the time  
9 of the offense ~~to be impounded~~ for the duration of the period of suspension or  
10 revocation of the offender's driving privilege ~~by the licensing authority.~~ If the  
11 conviction is the third conviction in five years or the fourth or subsequent conviction  
12 in seven years, however, the court shall order the department to impound the  
13 motor vehicle number plates of the motor vehicle owned and operated by the  
14 offender at the time of the offense for the duration of the period of suspension or  
15 revocation of the offender's driving privilege. The impounded number plates must  
16 be sent to the director who ~~must~~ shall retain ~~them~~ the plates for the period of  
17 suspension or revocation, subject to ~~their disposition by~~ the order of the court.