

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2177

Introduced by

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Representatives Delmore, Kempenich, Ruby

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-04-19, 54-27-19, 54-27-19.1, 57-43.1-06,
2 and 57-43.2-04.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the collection and distribution of
3 highway funds; and to repeal section 39-04.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to
4 the registration fee for the public transportation fund.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **39-04-19. Motor vehicle registration fees and mile tax.** Motor vehicles required to
9 pay registration fees or a mile tax shall pay the following fees:

- 10 1. Nonresidents electing to pay mile tax in lieu of registration, when authorized to do
11 so by the department, shall pay a fee of twenty dollars for a trip permit which is
12 valid for a period of seventy-two hours. All fees collected under the provisions of
13 this subsection must be credited to the highway construction fund.
- 14 2. Motor vehicles required to be registered in this state must be furnished license
15 plates upon the payment of the following annual fees; however, if a motor vehicle,
16 including a motorcycle or trailer, first becomes subject to registration other than at
17 the beginning of the registration period, such fees must be prorated on a monthly
18 basis. The minimum fee charged hereunder must be five dollars:

19 a. Passenger motor vehicles:

	YEARS REGISTERED				
	1st, 2nd,	7th, 8th,	10th, 11th,	13th and	
21 Gross	3rd, 4th, 5th,	and 9th	and 12th	Subsequent	
22 Weights	and 6th Years	Years	Years	Years	

1	Less than 3,200	\$70 <u>\$73</u>	\$62 <u>\$65</u>	\$54 <u>\$57</u>	\$46 <u>\$49</u>
2	3,200 - 4,499	90 <u>93</u>	78 <u>81</u>	66 <u>69</u>	54 <u>57</u>
3	4,500 - 4,999	108 <u>111</u>	91 <u>94</u>	76 <u>79</u>	60 <u>63</u>
4	5,000 - 5,999	139 <u>142</u>	117 <u>120</u>	95 <u>98</u>	73 <u>76</u>
5	6,000 - 6,999	172 <u>175</u>	143 <u>146</u>	114 <u>117</u>	86 <u>89</u>
6	7,000 - 7,999	205 <u>208</u>	169 <u>172</u>	134 <u>137</u>	99 <u>102</u>
7	8,000 - 8,999	238 <u>241</u>	196 <u>199</u>	154 <u>157</u>	112 <u>115</u>
8	9,000 and over	271 <u>274</u>	222 <u>225</u>	174 <u>177</u>	125 <u>128</u>

A house car is subject to registration at the rates prescribed for other vehicles 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].

A pickup truck is subject to registration at the rates prescribed for other vehicles under this subdivision by applying the shipping weight of the vehicle to the fee schedule. At a minimum, the registered gross weight displayed on the registration card for a pickup truck must be twice the shipping weight of the vehicle. Unless otherwise exempted by this chapter, the owner of a pickup truck shall request the registered gross weight of the pickup truck be increased to ensure the registered gross weight is sufficient to include the total weight of the vehicle and any load transported on or by the vehicle. For purposes of this subdivision, a pickup truck is a motor vehicle with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of less than eleven thousand five hundred pounds [5216.31 kilograms], with an unladen weight of less than eight thousand pounds [3628.74 kilograms], and which is equipped with an open box-type bed not exceeding nine feet [2.74 meters] in length.

- 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 this subsection or subsection 5:

1	YEARS REGISTERED					
2		1st	7th	10th	13th	20th and
3	Gross	Through	Through	Through	Through	Subsequent
4	Weights	6th Years	9th Years	12th Years	19th Years	Years
5	Not over 4,000	\$68 <u>\$71</u>	\$55 <u>\$58</u>	\$50 <u>\$53</u>	\$47 <u>\$50</u>	\$46 <u>\$49</u>
6	4,001 - 6,000	73 <u>76</u>	60 <u>63</u>	54 <u>57</u>	48 <u>51</u>	47 <u>50</u>
7	6,001 - 8,000	78 <u>81</u>	65 <u>68</u>	58 <u>61</u>	49 <u>52</u>	48 <u>51</u>
8	8,001 - 10,000	83 <u>86</u>	70 <u>73</u>	62 <u>65</u>	51 <u>54</u>	50 <u>53</u>
9	10,001 - 12,000	88 <u>91</u>	75 <u>78</u>	66 <u>69</u>	53 <u>56</u>	52 <u>55</u>
10	12,001 - 14,000	93 <u>96</u>	80 <u>83</u>	70 <u>73</u>	56 <u>59</u>	55 <u>58</u>
11	14,001 - 16,000	98 <u>101</u>	85 <u>88</u>	74 <u>77</u>	59 <u>62</u>	58 <u>61</u>
12	16,001 - 18,000	103 <u>106</u>	90 <u>93</u>	78 <u>81</u>	61 <u>64</u>	60 <u>63</u>
13	18,001 - 20,000	106 <u>109</u>	93 <u>96</u>	80 <u>83</u>	62 <u>65</u>	61 <u>64</u>

14	YEARS REGISTERED			
15		1st, 2nd, 3rd,	8th, 9th, 10th,	13th and
16	Gross	4th, 5th, 6th,	11th, and	Subsequent
17	Weights	and 7th Years	12th Years	Years
18	20,001 - 22,000	\$136 <u>\$139</u>	\$110 <u>\$113</u>	\$97 <u>\$100</u>
19	22,001 - 26,000	188 <u>191</u>	158 <u>161</u>	142 <u>145</u>
20	26,001 - 30,000	249 <u>252</u>	207 <u>210</u>	185 <u>188</u>
21	30,001 - 34,000	315 <u>318</u>	260 <u>263</u>	232 <u>235</u>
22	34,001 - 38,000	376 <u>379</u>	309 <u>312</u>	275 <u>278</u>
23	38,001 - 42,000	437 <u>440</u>	358 <u>361</u>	317 <u>320</u>
24	42,001 - 46,000	498 <u>501</u>	406 <u>409</u>	360 <u>363</u>
25	46,001 - 50,000	559 <u>562</u>	455 <u>458</u>	403 <u>406</u>
26	50,001 - 54,000	629 <u>632</u>	513 <u>516</u>	454 <u>457</u>
27	54,001 - 58,000	690 <u>693</u>	562 <u>565</u>	497 <u>500</u>
28	58,001 - 62,000	752 <u>755</u>	611 <u>614</u>	540 <u>543</u>
29	62,001 - 66,000	812 <u>815</u>	659 <u>662</u>	583 <u>586</u>
30	66,001 - 70,000	873 <u>876</u>	708 <u>711</u>	625 <u>628</u>
31	70,001 - 74,000	934 <u>937</u>	757 <u>760</u>	668 <u>671</u>

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1	74,001 - 78,000	995 <u>998</u>	806 <u>809</u>	711 <u>714</u>
2	78,001 - 82,000	1,056 <u>1,059</u>	855 <u>858</u>	754 <u>757</u>
3	82,001 - 86,000	1,179 <u>1,182</u>	960 <u>963</u>	841 <u>844</u>
4	86,001 - 90,000	1,301 <u>1,304</u>	1,064 <u>1,067</u>	928 <u>931</u>
5	90,001 - 94,000	1,423 <u>1,426</u>	1,169 <u>1,172</u>	1,015 <u>1,018</u>
6	94,001 - 98,000	1,545 <u>1,548</u>	1,274 <u>1,277</u>	1,103 <u>1,106</u>
7	98,001 - 102,000	1,667 <u>1,670</u>	1,378 <u>1,381</u>	1,190 <u>1,193</u>
8	102,001 - 105,500	1,789 <u>1,792</u>	1,483 <u>1,486</u>	1,277 <u>1,280</u>

c. ~~Notwithstanding the fees provided by subdivision a of subsection 2, only one half of the increase in registration fees, rounded up to the nearest dollar, resulting from the reclassification of pickup trucks in 2005 from subdivision b of subsection 2 to subdivision a of subsection 2 is effective from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2007.~~

~~d.~~ Motorcycles, fifteen dollars.

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

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.

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, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Years	7th and 8th Years	9th and 10th Years	11th and Subsequent Years
Gross Weights				
20,001 - 22,000	\$108 <u>\$111</u>	\$94 <u>\$97</u>	\$80 <u>\$83</u>	\$62 <u>\$65</u>
22,001 - 24,000	113 <u>116</u>	98 <u>101</u>	83 <u>86</u>	64 <u>67</u>
24,001 - 26,000	121 <u>124</u>	104 <u>107</u>	87 <u>90</u>	66 <u>69</u>
26,001 - 28,000	132 <u>135</u>	112 <u>115</u>	93 <u>96</u>	70 <u>73</u>
28,001 - 30,000	141 <u>144</u>	120 <u>123</u>	99 <u>102</u>	74 <u>77</u>
30,001 - 32,000	156 <u>159</u>	133 <u>136</u>	110 <u>113</u>	83 <u>86</u>
32,001 - 34,000	166 <u>169</u>	141 <u>144</u>	116 <u>119</u>	87 <u>90</u>
34,001 - 36,000	176 <u>179</u>	149 <u>152</u>	122 <u>125</u>	91 <u>94</u>
36,001 - 38,000	186 <u>189</u>	157 <u>160</u>	128 <u>131</u>	95 <u>98</u>
38,001 - 40,000	196 <u>199</u>	165 <u>168</u>	134 <u>137</u>	99 <u>102</u>
40,001 - 42,000	206 <u>209</u>	173 <u>176</u>	140 <u>143</u>	103 <u>106</u>
42,001 - 44,000	216 <u>219</u>	181 <u>184</u>	146 <u>149</u>	107 <u>110</u>
44,001 - 46,000	226 <u>229</u>	189 <u>192</u>	152 <u>155</u>	111 <u>114</u>

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1	46,001 - 48,000	236 <u>239</u>	197 <u>200</u>	158 <u>161</u>	115 <u>118</u>
2	48,001 - 50,000	246 <u>249</u>	205 <u>208</u>	164 <u>167</u>	119 <u>122</u>
3	50,001 - 52,000	266 <u>269</u>	223 <u>226</u>	180 <u>183</u>	133 <u>136</u>
4	52,001 - 54,000	276 <u>279</u>	231 <u>234</u>	186 <u>189</u>	137 <u>140</u>
5	54,001 - 56,000	286 <u>289</u>	239 <u>242</u>	192 <u>195</u>	141 <u>144</u>
6	56,001 - 58,000	296 <u>299</u>	247 <u>250</u>	198 <u>201</u>	145 <u>148</u>
7	58,001 - 60,000	306 <u>309</u>	255 <u>258</u>	204 <u>207</u>	149 <u>152</u>
8	60,001 - 62,000	316 <u>319</u>	263 <u>266</u>	210 <u>213</u>	153 <u>156</u>
9	62,001 - 64,000	326 <u>329</u>	271 <u>274</u>	216 <u>219</u>	157 <u>160</u>
10	64,001 - 66,000	336 <u>339</u>	279 <u>282</u>	222 <u>225</u>	161 <u>164</u>
11	66,001 - 68,000	346 <u>349</u>	287 <u>290</u>	228 <u>231</u>	165 <u>168</u>
12	68,001 - 70,000	356 <u>359</u>	295 <u>298</u>	234 <u>237</u>	169 <u>172</u>
13	70,001 - 72,000	366 <u>369</u>	303 <u>306</u>	240 <u>243</u>	173 <u>176</u>
14	72,001 - 74,000	376 <u>379</u>	311 <u>314</u>	246 <u>249</u>	177 <u>180</u>
15	74,001 - 76,000	386 <u>389</u>	319 <u>322</u>	252 <u>255</u>	181 <u>184</u>
16	76,001 - 78,000	396 <u>399</u>	327 <u>330</u>	258 <u>261</u>	185 <u>188</u>
17	78,001 - 80,000	406 <u>409</u>	335 <u>338</u>	264 <u>267</u>	189 <u>192</u>
18	80,001 - 82,000	416 <u>419</u>	343 <u>346</u>	270 <u>273</u>	193 <u>196</u>
19	82,001 - 84,000	426 <u>429</u>	365 <u>368</u>	313 <u>316</u>	269 <u>272</u>
20	84,001 - 86,000	446 <u>449</u>	382 <u>385</u>	327 <u>330</u>	281 <u>284</u>
21	86,001 - 88,000	466 <u>469</u>	399 <u>402</u>	341 <u>344</u>	293 <u>296</u>
22	88,001 - 90,000	486 <u>489</u>	416 <u>419</u>	355 <u>358</u>	305 <u>308</u>
23	90,001 - 92,000	506 <u>509</u>	433 <u>436</u>	369 <u>372</u>	317 <u>320</u>
24	92,001 - 94,000	526 <u>529</u>	450 <u>453</u>	383 <u>386</u>	329 <u>332</u>
25	94,001 - 96,000	546 <u>549</u>	467 <u>470</u>	397 <u>400</u>	341 <u>344</u>
26	96,001 - 98,000	566 <u>569</u>	484 <u>487</u>	411 <u>414</u>	353 <u>356</u>
27	98,001 - 100,000	586 <u>589</u>	501 <u>504</u>	425 <u>428</u>	365 <u>368</u>
28	100,001 - 102,000	606 <u>609</u>	518 <u>521</u>	439 <u>442</u>	377 <u>380</u>
29	102,001 - 104,000	626 <u>629</u>	535 <u>538</u>	453 <u>456</u>	389 <u>392</u>
30	104,001 - 105,500	646 <u>649</u>	552 <u>555</u>	467 <u>470</u>	401 <u>404</u>

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

~~7. Thirteen dollars of each registration fee collected under subsections 2 and 5 must be deposited in the state highway fund.~~

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 54-27-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-27-19. Highway tax distribution fund - State treasurer to make allocation to state, counties, and cities, townships, and public transportation. A highway tax distribution fund is created as a special fund in the state treasury into which must be deposited the moneys available by law from collections of motor vehicle registration and related fees, fuels taxes, special fuels taxes, use taxes, and special fuels excise taxes. Any moneys in the highway tax distribution fund must be allocated and transferred monthly by the state treasurer, as follows:

1. Sixty-three ~~and twenty-eight hundredths~~ percent ~~of such moneys~~ must be transferred monthly to the state department of transportation and placed in a state highway fund.

~~2. Thirty-seven~~ Two and seventy-four hundredths percent must be transferred monthly to the township highway fund.

3. One and fifty-three hundredths percent must be transferred monthly to the public transportation fund.

4. Thirty-two and forty-five hundredths percent ~~of such moneys~~ must be allocated to the counties of this state in proportion to the number of motor vehicle registrations credited to each county. Each county must be credited with the certificates of title of all motor vehicles registered by residents of ~~such~~ the county. The state treasurer shall compute and distribute the counties' share monthly after deducting the incorporated cities' share. All the moneys received by the counties from the highway tax distribution fund must be set aside in a separate fund called the "highway tax distribution fund" and must be appropriated and applied solely for highway purposes in accordance with section 11 of article X of the Constitution of North Dakota. The state treasurer shall compute and distribute monthly the sums

1 allocated to the incorporated cities within each county according to the formula in
2 this subsection on the basis of the per capita population of all of the incorporated
3 cities situated within each county as determined by the last official regular or
4 special federal census or the census taken in accordance with the provisions of
5 chapter 40-02 in case of a city incorporated subsequent to ~~such~~ the census.
6 ~~Provided, however, that~~ However, in each county having a city with a population of
7 ten thousand or more, the amount transferred each month into the county highway
8 tax distribution fund must be the difference between the amount allocated to that
9 county pursuant to this subsection and the total amount allocated and distributed to
10 the incorporated cities in that county as computed according to the following
11 formula:

- 12 a. A statewide per capita average as determined by calculating twenty-seven
13 percent of the amount allocated to all of the counties under this subsection
14 divided by the total population of all of the incorporated cities in the state.
- 15 b. The share distributed to each city in the county having a population of less
16 than one thousand must be determined by multiplying the population of that
17 city by the product of 1.50 times the statewide per capita average computed
18 under subdivision a.
- 19 c. The share distributed to each city in the county having a population of one
20 thousand to four thousand nine hundred ninety-nine, inclusive, must be
21 determined by multiplying the population of that city by the product of 1.25
22 times the statewide per capita average computed under subdivision a.
- 23 d. The share distributed to each city in the county having a population of five
24 thousand or more must be determined by multiplying the population of that
25 city by the statewide per capita average for all such cities, which per capita
26 average must be computed as follows: the total of the shares computed
27 under subdivisions b and c for all cities in the state having a population of less
28 than five thousand must be subtracted from the total incorporated cities' share
29 in the state as computed under subdivision a and the balance remaining must
30 then be divided by the total population of all cities of five thousand or more in
31 the state.

1 The moneys allocated to the incorporated cities must be distributed to them monthly by the
2 state treasurer and must be deposited by the cities in a separate fund and may only be used in
3 accordance with section 11 of article X of the Constitution of North Dakota; ~~provided, that any~~
4 ~~and an~~ incorporated city may use ~~such the~~ fund for the construction, reconstruction, repair, and
5 maintenance of public highways within or outside ~~such the~~ city pursuant to an agreement
6 entered into between the city and any other political subdivision as authorized by section
7 54-40-08.

8 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-27-19.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
9 amended and reenacted as follows:

10 **54-27-19.1. Township highway aid fund - Distribution.** ~~Notwithstanding any other~~
11 ~~provision of law, one cent per gallon [3.79 liters] of the tax imposed by sections 57-43.1-02 and~~
12 ~~57-43.2-02 may not be refunded and the proceeds must be distributed as provided in this~~
13 ~~section. The tax commissioner shall transfer the proceeds of one cent per gallon [3.79 liters] of~~
14 ~~the tax imposed by sections 57-43.1-02 and 57-43.2-02 to the state treasurer who shall deposit~~
15 ~~the proceeds in a township highway aid fund in the state treasury. The state treasurer shall no~~
16 ~~less than quarterly allocate and distribute all moneys in the township highway aid fund to the~~
17 ~~counties of the state based on the length of township roads in each county compared to the~~
18 ~~length of all township roads in the state. To receive any funds under this section, organized~~
19 ~~townships shall must~~ provide fifty percent matching funds. The county treasurer shall allocate
20 the funds received to the organized townships in the county which provide fifty percent
21 matching funds based on the length of township roads in each ~~such of those~~ organized
22 ~~township townships~~ compared to the length of all township roads in the county. The funds
23 received must be deposited in the township road and bridge fund and used for highway and
24 bridge purposes. If a county ~~has no~~ does not have organized townships, or has some
25 organized and some unorganized townships, the county shall retain a pro rata portion of the
26 funds received based on the length of roads in unorganized townships compared to the length
27 of township roads in organized townships in the county. Moneys retained by a county for the
28 benefit of unorganized townships under this section must be deposited in the county road and
29 bridge fund. Moneys retained by the county treasurer due to the failure of organized townships
30 to provide required matching funds must be returned to the state treasurer who shall deposit the
31 funds in the highway tax distribution fund. The board of county commissioners shall certify to

1 the state treasurer any change in township road mileage when a change occurs and shall, by
2 July first of each even-numbered year, certify the total number of township road mileage in each
3 of the county's organized and unorganized townships. The state treasurer shall prescribe the
4 form and manner by which the certification is made.

5 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-43.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **57-43.1-06. Refund to prevent taxation by multiple jurisdictions.** Any person to
8 whom motor vehicle fuel is sold on which the tax imposed by this chapter has been paid, who
9 thereafter removes the fuel from this state for sale or resale in another state or to a state which
10 requires payment of a tax upon the use of the fuel in that state, must be granted a refund of the
11 tax that was paid pursuant to this chapter. The refund may be granted only upon application to
12 the commissioner in the manner prescribed by the commissioner and must include proof that
13 fuel for sale or resale in another state was reported to the taxing agency of that state, or in the
14 case of a consumer, proof of payment of the tax imposed by the other state. ~~The refund may~~
15 ~~not be reduced by the one-cent per gallon [3.79 liters] tax designated for the township highway~~
16 ~~aid fund.~~ A claim for refund under this section must be made within one year from the date the
17 fuel was removed to another state for sale, resale, or use in another state.

18 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-43.2-04.2 of the North Dakota Century Code
19 is amended and reenacted as follows:

20 **57-43.2-04.2. Refund to prevent taxation by multiple jurisdictions.** Any person to
21 whom special fuel is sold on which the tax imposed by this chapter has been paid, who
22 thereafter removes the fuel from this state for sale or resale in another state or to a state that
23 requires payment of a tax upon the use of the fuel in that state, must be granted a refund of the
24 tax that was paid pursuant to this chapter. The refund may be granted only upon application to
25 the commissioner in the manner prescribed by the commissioner and must include proof that
26 fuel for sale or resale in another state was reported to the taxing agency of that state, or in the
27 case of a consumer, proof of payment of the tax imposed by the other state. ~~The refund may~~
28 ~~not be reduced by the one-cent per gallon [3.79 liters] tax designated for the township highway~~
29 ~~aid fund.~~ A claim for refund under this section must be made within one year from the date the
30 fuel was removed to another state for sale, resale, or use in another state.

- 1 **SECTION 6. REPEAL.** Section 39-04.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
- 2 repealed.