

Sixty-third  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2041

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Transportation Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 3 and 4 of section 39-06-42, subsection 3  
2 of section 39-08-01, and subsection 4 of section 39-08-20 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
3 relating to impounding number plates for certain offenses; and to provide a penalty.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 3 and 4 of section 39-06-42 of the North Dakota  
6 Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

7 3. In addition to any other punishment imposed, the court may order the number plates of  
8 the motor vehicle owned and operated by the offender at the time of the offense to be  
9 ~~impounded~~destroyed by the sheriff ~~for the duration of the period of suspension or~~  
10 ~~revocation.~~ When~~if~~ a period of suspension has been extended under subsection 5 of  
11 section 39-06-17, the court may order the number plates to be ~~impounded in~~  
12 ~~accordance with~~destroyed under this subsection. ~~The impounded number plates may~~  
13 ~~be released, upon order of the court, to a bona fide purchaser of the offender's motor~~  
14 ~~vehicle, if that purchaser produces a new certificate of title to the motor vehicle issued~~  
15 ~~by the director.~~ The offender shall deliver the number plates to the court without delay  
16 at a time certain as ordered by the court following the conviction. The court shall  
17 deliver the number plates to the sheriff and notify the department of the order. An  
18 offender who does not provide the number plates to the court at the appropriate time is  
19 subject to revocation of probation.

20 4. A city may authorize, by ordinance, ~~authorize~~ its municipal judge to order  
21 ~~impoundment~~destruction of motor vehicle number plates by the office of the police  
22 officer that made the arrest in the manner provided in subsection 3.

23 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 39-08-01 of the North Dakota Century  
24 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1           3. Upon conviction of a second or subsequent offense within five years under this section  
2           or equivalent ordinance, the court ~~must~~may order the motor vehicle number plates of  
3           all of the motor vehicles owned and operated by the offender at the time of the offense  
4           to be impounded for the duration of the period of suspension or revocation of the  
5           offender's driving privilege by the licensing authority. The impounded number plates  
6           must be sent to the director who must retain them for the period of suspension or  
7           revocation, subject to their disposition by the court. The court may make an exception  
8           to this subsection, on an individual basis, to avoid undue hardship to an individual who  
9           is completely dependent on the motor vehicle for the necessities of life, including a  
10          family member of the convicted individual and a coowner of the motor vehicle, but not  
11          including the offender. An offender who does not provide the number plates to the  
12          court at the appropriate time is subject to revocation of probation.

13           **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 39-08-20 of the North Dakota Century  
14 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15          4. Violation of subsection 1 is a class B misdemeanor and the sentence imposed must  
16          include a fine of at least one hundred fifty dollars which may not be suspended. A  
17          person convicted for a second or subsequent violation of driving without liability  
18          insurance within a three-year period must be fined at least three hundred dollars which  
19          may not be suspended. For a second or subsequent conviction for a violation of  
20          subsection 1 or equivalent ordinance, the court shall ~~impound~~order the motor vehicle  
21          number plates of the motor vehicle owned and operated by the person at the time of  
22          the violation to be impounded until that person provides proof of insurance and a  
23          twenty dollar fee to the department. The person shall deliver the number plates to the  
24          court without delay at a time certain as ordered by the court following the conviction.  
25          The court shall deliver the number plates to the department. A person who does not  
26          provide the number plates to the court at the appropriate time is guilty of a class B  
27          misdemeanor.