

Introduced by

Judiciary Committee

(At the request of the Adjutant General)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 37-01-03 and 37-01-43, subdivision b of
2 subsection 7 of section 37-28-02, and section 39-04-10.8 of the North Dakota Century Code,
3 relating to the operation of the North Dakota national guard and national guard license plates.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-01-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **37-01-03. Articles of uniform code of military justice applicable in state - Regulations**
8 **governing - Punishment for offenses while on duty.**

9 The articles of uniform code of military justice governing the armed forces of the United
10 States as codified in the Manual for Courts-Martial, United States, ~~as effective through 2010,~~
11 ~~now in effect~~2012 edition, are a part of this title so far as the same are applicable and not
12 modified by any provision of this title. A person who commits an offense while on military duty, to
13 include state active duty, may be tried by a court-martial lawfully appointed even after such duty
14 has terminated, and if found guilty, the accused must be punished according to the articles of
15 uniform code of military justice and the rules and regulations governing the armed forces of the
16 United States and within the limits prescribed in this title and by federal law for the
17 courts-martial in the national guard. In any case in which the person alleged to have committed
18 the offense could be charged either under the code of military justice or the civil law of this
19 state, the officer whose duty it is to approve such charge, in the officer's discretion, may order
20 the person charged or subject to being charged to be turned over to the civil authorities for trial.
21 Commanders may administer nonjudicial punishment for offenses while on military duty, to
22 include state active duty, in accordance with part V, Manual for Courts-Martial, except that the
23 servicemember may not demand a trial by courts-martial. Whenever reference is made to the
24 articles of uniform code of military justice, to the military service, or to the armed forces of the

1 United States, such reference shall be deemed to include the military service of this state. The
2 intent of this title and of all laws of this state affecting the military forces is to conform to all acts
3 and regulations of the United States affecting the same subjects, and all laws of this state shall
4 be construed to effect this purpose.

5 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-01-43 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **37-01-43. North Dakota military civil relief act.**

8 A person called or ordered to active service for thirty consecutive days or longer has all of
9 the protections afforded to persons in the military service of the United States under the
10 Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, ~~as effective through December 2003~~ [50 U.S.C. App. U.S.C.
11 sections 501-596] in effect on December 19, 2003.

12 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision b of subsection 7 of section 37-28-02 of the North
13 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

14 b. "Veteran" means, for eligibility purposes, a member of the national guard or
15 reserve component who was activated under 10 U.S.C. 12301, as effective
16 ~~through October 2004,~~ in effect on October 28, 2004 and 10 U.S.C. 12302, ~~as~~
17 ~~effective through 2004~~in effect on December 31, 2011, and who completed
18 honorable and faithful service of more than thirty days on active duty in the
19 armed forces of the United States at any time during the period of service, or
20 active component member awarded the expeditionary medal or campaign badge
21 for service after December 5, 1992, who was a resident of the state of North
22 Dakota, and who has not received bonus or adjusted compensation from another
23 state for the period of service.

24 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-10.8 of the North Dakota Century Code is
25 amended and reenacted as follows:

26 **39-04-10.8. National guard number plates.**

27 The director, in cooperation with the adjutant general, shall issue distinctive number plates
28 to members of the national guard. A plate issued under this section must bear the national
29 guard insignia designated by the adjutant general and the letters "NG" before the number. The
30 director may issue the plates to the owner of a passenger motor vehicle or, a truck the
31 registered gross weight of which does not exceed twenty thousand pounds [9071.84 kilograms].

1 or a motorcycle. On request of the director, the adjutant general shall certify those members of
2 the national guard eligible to receive the plates. On payment of all other fees required under this
3 chapter for registration of the motor vehicle, and payment of an additional fee of not more than
4 five dollars to cover the cost of issuing the distinctive number plates, the applicant is entitled to
5 issuance of the distinctive number plates. A registrant is eligible for distinctive number plates
6 under this section if the registrant is a member of the national guard or if the registrant has
7 retired from the national guard after twenty years or more of military service. On termination of
8 the registrant's eligibility, the registrant shall return the distinctive number plates to the director,
9 who shall reissue for a fee of not more than five dollars another number plate to which that
10 registrant is entitled under this chapter. The director and adjutant general shall cooperate in
11 establishing procedures to implement this section.