

HOUSE BILL NO. 1360

Introduced by

Representatives Meier, Fehr, Karls, Lefor, Owens, Porter, Steiner, Toman, Trottier

Senators Carlisle, Oehlke

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 patriotic number plates; and to amend and reenact subdivision j of
3 subsection 2 of section 39-04-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to disabled veteran
4 motor vehicle registration.

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

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

8 **Patriotic number plates.**

- 9 1. The director shall issue patriotic plates under this section upon receiving:
- 10 a. Payment of all other fees required under this chapter for registration of a motor
11 vehicle;
- 12 b. Payment of an initial fee of twenty dollars of which ten dollars is deposited in the
13 highway tax distribution fund and ten dollars is deposited in the veterans' postwar
14 trust fund; and
- 15 c. Payment of an annual surcharge of ten dollars which is deposited in the veterans'
16 postwar trust fund.
- 17 2. The department shall collect the initial fees and the annual surcharges under this
18 section. The department shall report to the legislative assembly on the funds collected
19 under this section during each legislative session. Deposits in the postwar trust fund
20 under this section must be added to the principal of the fund. Investment of the fund is
21 the responsibility of the state treasurer who shall have full authority to invest the fund
22 only in the same manner as the state investment board is authorized to make
23 investments.

- 1 3. Patriotic plates must include a flag of the United States decal plate, bald eagle decal
2 plate, boony stomper decal plate, and other decal plates as approved by the state
3 department of veterans' affairs.

4 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision j of subsection 2 of section 39-04-18 of the North
5 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 6 j. Motor vehicles not exceeding twenty-six thousand pounds [11793.40 kilograms]
7 registered gross weight owned and operated by a disabled veteran under the
8 provisions of Public Law 79-663 [38 U.S.C. 3901], a disabled veteran who has a
9 one hundred percent service-connected disability as determined by the
10 department of veterans' affairs, or a disabled veteran who has an extra-schedular
11 rating to include individual unemployability that brings the veteran's total disability
12 rating to one hundred percent as determined by the department of veterans'
13 affairs is entitled to display a distinctive license plate of the veteran's choice
14 which is issued by the department. This exemption applies to no more than two
15 such motor vehicles owned by a disabled veteran at any one time. A surviving
16 spouse of a disabled veteran who has not remarried and who is receiving
17 department of veterans' affairs dependency and indemnity compensation retains
18 the exemption of the deceased veteran who qualified under this subdivision for
19 one vehicle.