

Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED 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; 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; and to provide a contingent effective date.

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~~ develop a patriotic ~~plates~~ number plate program under this
10 section upon receiving:

11 a. ~~Payment of all other fees required under this chapter for registration of a motor~~
12 ~~vehicle~~ Proof of a minimum of fifty applicants; and

13 b. ~~Payment of an initial fee of twenty-five dollars of which twenty dollars is deposited~~
14 ~~in the highway tax distribution fund and five dollars is deposited in the veterans'~~
15 ~~postwar trust fund; and~~

16 ~~_____ c. ~~Payment of an annual surcharge of ten dollars which is deposited in the veterans'~~~~
17 ~~postwar trust fund~~ one-time fee of one thousand five hundred dollars for the
18 development of a patriotic number plate program.

19 2. The director shall issue patriotic number plates to a qualified applicant under this
20 section upon receiving:

21 a. Proper application for a plate in the patriotic number plate program;

22 b. Payment of all other fees required under this chapter for registration of the motor
23 vehicle; and

1 c. Payment of an additional annual fee of twenty-five dollars, of which the director
2 shall deposit ten dollars in the highway tax distribution fund and transfer fifteen
3 dollars to the proper organization or state fund.

4 ~~2.3.~~ The department shall collect the initial fees and the annual surcharges under this
5 section. ~~Deposits~~Any deposits in the postwar trust fund under this section must be
6 added to the principal of the fund. Investment of the fund is the responsibility of the
7 state treasurer who shall have full authority to invest the fund only in the same manner
8 as the state investment board is authorized to make investments.

9 ~~3.4. Patriotic plates must include a flag of the United States decal plate, bald eagle decal~~
10 ~~plate, or boony stomper decal plate.~~A patriotic plate issued under this section must
11 bear a logo of a United States flag, bald eagle, or boony stomper. The logo must be
12 placed on the left side of the patriotic plate. The director shall coordinate with the
13 commissioner of veterans' affairs to design the three logos.

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

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

30 **SECTION 3. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective on the date the
31 director of the department of transportation certifies to the secretary of state that the new motor

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- 1 vehicle registration software for the department is installed and functioning and not earlier than
- 2 | ~~January 1, 2016~~ July 1, 2016.