

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Senate Amendments  
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 develop a patriotic number plate program under this section upon  
10 receiving:

11 a. Proof of a minimum of fifty applicants; and

12 b. Payment of an initial one-time fee of one thousand five hundred dollars for the  
13 development of a patriotic number plate program.

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

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

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

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

22 3. The department shall collect the initial fees and the annual surcharges under this  
23 section. Any deposits in the postwar trust fund under this section must be added to the  
24 principal of the fund. Investment of the fund is the responsibility of the state treasurer

1           who shall have full authority to invest the fund only in the same manner as the state  
2           investment board is authorized to make investments.

3           4.   A patriotic plate issued under this section must bear a logo of a United States flag,  
4           bald eagle, or boony stomper. The logo must be placed on the left side of the patriotic  
5           plate. The director shall coordinate with the commissioner of veterans' affairs to design  
6           the three logos.

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

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

23           **SECTION 3. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective on the date the  
24           director of the department of transportation certifies to the secretary of state that the new motor  
25           vehicle registration software for the department is installed and functioning and not earlier than  
26           July 1, 2016.