

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1578

Introduced by

Representatives Grueneich, Brandenburg, Koppelman, O'Brien, Vetter, Weisz

Senators Conley, Cory

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 57-40.3-04 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to a motor vehicle excise tax exemption for abandoned motor
3 vehicles; and to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 23.1-15-07 of the North Dakota
4 Century Code, relating to excise tax on a motor vehicle taken into the custody of a commercial
5 towing service.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 23.1-15-07 of the North Dakota
8 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 2. If a commercial towing service takes custody of an abandoned motor vehicle and the
10 vehicle is not reclaimed under section 23.1-15-06, the commercial towing service may
11 obtain a release from the department of transportation which is sufficient title to
12 dispose of the vehicle. The release entitles the commercial towing service to register
13 the vehicle and receive a certificate of title, free and clear of all liens and claims of
14 ownership. The department of transportation may not assess motor vehicle excise tax
15 under section 57-40.3-02 on a motor vehicle transferred under this subsection. The
16 license plates displayed on the abandoned vehicle must be removed and destroyed
17 upon receipt of the new title.

18 **SECTION 2.** A new subsection to section 57-40.3-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
19 created and enacted as follows:

20 Any motor vehicle transferred under subsection 2 of section 23.1-15-07.