

2025 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1480

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee Room JW327E, State Capitol

HB 1480
1/30/2025

Relating to a request for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle.

4:03 p.m. Chairman D. Ruby opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman D. Ruby, Vice Chairman Grueneich, Representatives Christianson, Dressler, Finley-DeVille, Frelich, Hendrix, Johnston, Koppelman, Maki, Morton, Osowski, Schatz Members Absent: Representative Kasper

Discussion Topics:

- Abandoned vehicles
- Lack of VIN

4:03 p.m. Representative Keith Kempenich, District 39, introduced the bill.

4:13 p.m. Dennis Johnson testified in favor.

4:18 p.m. Brad Schaffer, Director of Driver and Vehicle Services, NDDOT, stood for questions.

Additional written testimony:

Andrew Bornemann submitted testimony in favor #32812.

4:25 p.m. Chairman D. Ruby closed the hearing.

Janae Pinks, Committee Clerk

HB 1480
Testimony in favor.

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Transportation Committee.

I am writing to you to respectfully request a Do Pass recommendation from this committee on House Bill 1480.

As someone who has purchased a number of older cars over the years, I have run across the problem of transferring a title in our state when an old one has been lost. The current process is nearly impossible to manage, and the proposed process in this bill would be much more workable. For those of us who like to work on old cars, this would make a lot of restoration projects a lot more feasible.

Thank you for your consideration, and please vote for a "Do Pass" recommendation on HB 1480.

Sincerely,

Andrew Bornemann
Kintyre, ND

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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HB 1480
2/13/2025

Relating to a request for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle.

3:17 p.m. Chairman D. Ruby opened the meeting.

Members Present: Chairman D. Ruby, Vice Chairman Grueneich, Representatives Christianson, Dressler, Finley-DeVille, Frelich, Johnston, Hendrix, Kasper, Koppelman, Maki, Morton, Osowski, Schatz

Discussion Topics:

- Loss of title
- Time frame
- Age of vehicle

3:20 p.m. Representative Kasper moved to amend to twenty-five years old and change to two days of advertising in a thirty-day period.

3:20 p.m. Representative Frelich seconded the motion.

3:23 p.m. Voice vote - motion passed.

3:23 p.m. Representative Morton moved a Do Pass as Amended.

3:23 p.m. Representative Grueneich seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Dan Ruby	Y
Representative Jim Grueneich	Y
Representative Nels Christianson	Y
Representative Ty Dressler	Y
Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Jared Hendrix	Y
Representative Daniel Johnston	Y
Representative Jim Kasper	Y
Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Representative Roger A. Maki	Y
Representative Desiree Morton	Y
Representative Doug Osowski	Y
Representative Mike Schatz	Y

3:24 p.m. Motion passed 14-0-0.

3:24 p.m. Representative Maki will carry the bill.

3:24 p.m. Chairman D. Ruby closed the meeting.

Janae Pinks, Committee Clerk

February 13, 2025

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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1480

Introduced by

Representatives Kempenich, Dressler, D. Ruby, Tveit, Weisz, Brandenburg

Senators Kessel, Patten, Thomas

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 39-05 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a request for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 39-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Request for certificate of title - Nonlegal owner.**

- 7 1. If a motor vehicle, which has been issued a certificate of title, has not been registered
8 under chapter 39-04 for more than ~~ten~~twenty-five years, and an individual, who is not
9 the legal owner, requests a certificate of title, the individual requesting the certificate of
10 title shall:
11 a. Send a certified letter to the last-known address at which the motor vehicle was
12 registered.
13 b. Advertise ~~for fourteen days~~twice over a thirty-day period a notice of the vehicle
14 title request in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the
15 vehicle was last registered.
16 2. If the individual requesting the certificate of title does not receive a response within
17 ~~fourteen~~thirty days and provides the department with satisfactory proof of compliance
18 with this section, the department shall issue a certificate of title to the individual under
19 section 39-05-09.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1480**

Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.0839.01001](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1480 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

2025 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

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2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1480
3/14/2025

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 39-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a request for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle.

9:29 a.m. Chairman Clemens opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman Clemens, Vice Chairwoman Cory, Senator Hogan, Senator Klein, Senator Paulson, Senator Rummel

Discussion Topics:

- Advertising of title request in newspaper
- Process of obtaining a title

9:29 a.m. Representative Kempenich, District 39, introduced HB 1480 and testified in favor.

9:43 a.m. Brad Schaffer, Driver and Vehicle Director, NDDOT, testified neutral.

Additional written testimony:

Dick Sundhagen, Dicks Auto, submitted written testimony in opposition #41454.

9:46 a.m. Chairman Clemens closed the hearing.

Chance Anderson, Committee Clerk

As written, I would be opposed to Engrossed HB #1480 and I would recommend that it be tabled at this time. When the 25 year was added in #1 of Section 1, it, in my opinion, may make it more difficult to process a Title under this format. It is also my belief that Engrossed SB #2247 will address the same issue and should be verified by Legislative Council.

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1480
3/27/2025

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 39-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a request for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle.

10:40 a.m. Chairman Clemens opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman Clemens, Vice Chairwoman Cory, Senator Hogan, Senator Klein, Senator Paulson, Senator Rummel

Discussion Topics:

- Committee action

10:40 a.m. Vice Chairwoman Cory moved a Do Not Pass.

10:40 a.m. Senator Klein seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Claire Cory	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Jerry Klein	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

Motion passed 6-0-0.

Vice Chairwoman Cory will carry the bill.

10:41 a.m. Chairman Clemens closed the hearing.

Chance Anderson, Committee Clerk

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1480 ([25.0839.02000](#))**

Transportation Committee (Sen. Clemens, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1480 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.