

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1344

Page 1, line 2, replace "provide an" with "amend and reenact section 39-04-11 and subsection 4 of section 39-04-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the display of number plates and tabs"

Page 1, line 3, remove "expiration date"

Page 1, underscore lines 7 and 8

Page 1, line 9, underscore "plate upon application and payment of an additional fee of", replace "twenty-five" with "ten", and underscore "dollars per registration"

Page 1, line 10, underscore "period." and remove "The plate may not be displayed on a vehicle after December 31, 2006."

Page 1, replace lines 11 and 12 with:

**"SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**39-04-11. Display of number plates and tabs.** Except as otherwise specifically provided, ~~no~~ a person may not operate or drive a vehicle on the public highways of this state unless the vehicle has a distinctive number assigned to it by the department, and two number plates, bearing the distinctive number conspicuously displayed, horizontally and in an upright position, one on the front and one on the rear of the vehicle, each securely fastened, except number plates assigned to a motorcycle, trailer, or housetrailer must be attached to the rear thereof. When only one number plate is furnished for an apportioned vehicle licensed under the international registration plan as authorized in section 39-19-04, truck tractor, or semitrailer, the plate must be attached to the front of the apportioned vehicle or truck tractor and the rear of the semitrailer. The bottom of each number plate must be at a height of not less than twelve inches [30.48 centimeters] above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands. Each plate must be mounted in a manner that does not cover any words, letter, or number on the plate. As far as is reasonably possible, the plates must at all times be kept free and clear of mud, ice, or snow so as to be clearly visible and all number plates, markers, or evidence of registration or licensing except for the current year must be removed from the vehicle. All vehicle license plates issued by the department continue to be the property of the state of North Dakota for the period for which the plates are valid. An annual registration tab or sticker for the current registration year must be displayed on each number plate, in the area designated by the department for the tab or sticker, in those years for which tabs or stickers are issued in lieu of number plates.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 39-04-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. Every trailer, semitrailer, and farm trailer required to be registered under this chapter must be furnished registration plates upon the payment of a twenty dollar annual fee. Every trailer, semitrailer, or farm trailer not required to be registered under this chapter must be furnished an identification plate upon the payment of a fee of five dollars. Upon the request of a person with a trailer or farm trailer to whom a registration or identification plate is provided under this subsection, the department shall provide a plate of the same size as provided for a motorcycle. The

department shall provide notification of this option to the person before the replacement or issuance of the plate."

Renumber accordingly