

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Conference Committee Amendments**

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2159**

Introduced by

Transportation Committee

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

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 number plates; to amend and reenact sections 39-04-08.1, 39-04-19,  
3 subsection 2 of section 39-04-36, and section 39-22-12 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
4 relating to number plate use and fees and a motor vehicle dealer licensing exemption; to repeal  
5 section 39-04-09.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to Lewis and Clark number  
6 plates; to provide for a legislative council study; to provide application of points and fees; and to  
7 provide an effective date.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 39-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
10 created and enacted as follows:

11 **Additional fee with general issuance of number plates.** The director shall collect an  
12 additional fee of four dollars with each set of number plates issued in the first general issuance  
13 of number plates occurring after June 30, 2001, except for number plates issued to trailers.  
14 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the entire revenue from fees under this section  
15 must be deposited in the state highway fund.

16 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-08.1 of the 1999 Supplement to the North  
17 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **39-04-08.1. Assignment of motor vehicle number plates.** Motor vehicle number  
19 plates may not be assigned as a reward for any political activity, in recognition of any political  
20 affiliation or membership in any political party, or on the basis of political favoritism. However,  
21 an elected state office may be assigned a single or double digit number on a number plate as  
22 requested by that official. ~~Except as provided in sections 39-04-10 and 39-04-10.3, the~~  
23 ~~department shall charge a nonrefundable fee of ten dollars if an applicant chooses a number~~  
24 ~~plate other than the number plate randomly assigned.~~ The department of transportation may

1 adopt rules governing the assignment of numbers on motor vehicle number plates in  
2 accordance with this section.

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

5 **39-04-19. Motor vehicle registration fees and mile tax.** Motor vehicles required to  
6 pay registration fees or a mile tax shall pay the following fees:

7 1. Nonresidents electing to pay mile tax in lieu of registration, when authorized to do  
8 so by the department, shall pay a fee of twenty dollars for a trip permit which is  
9 valid for a period of seventy-two hours. All fees collected under the provisions of  
10 this subsection must be credited to the highway construction fund.

11 2. Motor vehicles required to be registered in this state must be furnished license  
12 plates upon the payment of the following annual fees; however, if a motor vehicle,  
13 including a motorcycle or trailer, first becomes subject to registration other than at  
14 the beginning of the registration period, such fees must be prorated on a monthly  
15 basis. The minimum fee charged hereunder must be five dollars:

16 a. Passenger motor vehicles:

	YEARS REGISTERED			
	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Years	7th, 8th, and 9th Years	10th, 11th, and 12th Years	13th and Subsequent Years
17 Gross Weights				
18 Less than 3,200	<del>\$50.00</del> <u>\$57.00</u>	<del>\$42.00</del> <u>\$49.00</u>	<del>\$34.00</del> <u>\$41.00</u>	<del>\$26.00</del> <u>\$33.00</u>
19 3,200 - 4,499	<del>70.00</del> <u>77.00</u>	<del>58.00</del> <u>65.00</u>	<del>46.00</del> <u>53.00</u>	<del>34.00</del> <u>41.00</u>
20 4,500 - 4,999	<del>88.00</del> <u>95.00</u>	<del>71.00</del> <u>78.00</u>	<del>56.00</del> <u>63.00</u>	<del>40.00</del> <u>47.00</u>
21 5,000 - 5,999	<del>119.00</del> <u>126.00</u>	<del>97.00</del> <u>104.00</u>	<del>75.00</del> <u>82.00</u>	<del>53.00</del> <u>60.00</u>
22 6,000 - 6,999	<del>152.00</del> <u>159.00</u>	<del>123.00</del> <u>130.00</u>	<del>94.00</del> <u>101.00</u>	<del>66.00</del> <u>73.00</u>
23 7,000 - 7,999	<del>185.00</del> <u>192.00</u>	<del>149.00</del> <u>156.00</u>	<del>114.00</del> <u>121.00</u>	<del>79.00</del> <u>86.00</u>
24 8,000 - 8,999	<del>218.00</del> <u>225.00</u>	<del>176.00</del> <u>183.00</u>	<del>134.00</del> <u>141.00</u>	<del>92.00</del> <u>99.00</u>
25 9,000 and over	<del>251.00</del> <u>258.00</u>	<del>202.00</del> <u>209.00</u>	<del>154.00</del> <u>161.00</u>	<del>105.00</del> <u>112.00</u>

26 A house car is subject to registration at the rates prescribed for other vehicles  
27 under this subdivision modified by using the weight applicable to a vehicle  
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1 whose weight is forty percent of that of the house car, but not using a weight  
2 of less than four thousand pounds [1814.35 kilograms].

3 b. Schoolbuses, buses for hire, buses owned and operated by religious,  
4 charitable, or nonprofit organizations and used exclusively for religious,  
5 charitable, or other public nonprofit purposes, and trucks or combination  
6 trucks and trailers, including commercial and noncommercial trucks, except  
7 those trucks or combinations of trucks and trailers which qualify for  
8 registration under subsection 5:

		YEARS REGISTERED									
		1st		7th		10th		13th		20th and	
Gross		Through		Through		Through		Through		Subsequent	
Weights		6th Years		9th Years		12th Years		19th Years		Years	
13	Not over 4,000	<del>\$48.00</del>	<u>\$55.00</u>	<del>\$35.00</del>	<u>\$42.00</u>	<del>\$30.00</del>	<u>\$37.00</u>	<del>\$27.00</del>	<u>\$34.00</u>	<del>\$26.00</del>	<u>\$33.00</u>
14	4,001 - 6,000	<del>53.00</del>	<u>60.00</u>	<del>40.00</del>	<u>47.00</u>	<del>34.00</del>	<u>41.00</u>	<del>28.00</del>	<u>35.00</u>	<del>27.00</del>	<u>34.00</u>
15	6,001 - 8,000	<del>58.00</del>	<u>65.00</u>	<del>45.00</del>	<u>52.00</u>	<del>38.00</del>	<u>45.00</u>	<del>29.00</del>	<u>36.00</u>	<del>28.00</del>	<u>35.00</u>
16	8,001 - 10,000	<del>63.00</del>	<u>70.00</u>	<del>50.00</del>	<u>57.00</u>	<del>42.00</del>	<u>49.00</u>	<del>34.00</del>	<u>38.00</u>	<del>30.00</del>	<u>37.00</u>
17	10,001 - 12,000	<del>68.00</del>	<u>75.00</u>	<del>55.00</del>	<u>62.00</u>	<del>46.00</del>	<u>53.00</u>	<del>33.00</del>	<u>40.00</u>	<del>32.00</del>	<u>39.00</u>
18	12,001 - 14,000	<del>73.00</del>	<u>80.00</u>	<del>60.00</del>	<u>67.00</u>	<del>50.00</del>	<u>57.00</u>	<del>36.00</del>	<u>43.00</u>	<del>35.00</del>	<u>42.00</u>
19	14,001 - 16,000	<del>78.00</del>	<u>85.00</u>	<del>65.00</del>	<u>72.00</u>	<del>54.00</del>	<u>61.00</u>	<del>39.00</del>	<u>46.00</u>	<del>38.00</del>	<u>45.00</u>
20	16,001 - 18,000	<del>83.00</del>	<u>90.00</u>	<del>70.00</del>	<u>77.00</u>	<del>58.00</del>	<u>65.00</u>	<del>41.00</del>	<u>48.00</u>	<del>40.00</del>	<u>47.00</u>
21	18,001 - 20,000	<del>86.00</del>	<u>93.00</u>	<del>73.00</del>	<u>80.00</u>	<del>60.00</del>	<u>67.00</u>	<del>42.00</del>	<u>49.00</u>	<del>41.00</del>	<u>48.00</u>

		YEARS REGISTERED									
		1st, 2nd, 3rd,				8th, 9th, 10th,				13th and	
Gross		4th, 5th, 6th,				11th, and				Subsequent	
Weights		and 7th Years				12th Years				Years	
26	20,001 - 22,000	<del>\$116.00</del>	<u>\$123.00</u>			<del>\$90.00</del>	<u>\$97.00</u>			<del>\$77.00</del>	<u>\$84.00</u>
27	22,001 - 26,000	<del>168.00</del>	<u>175.00</u>			<del>138.00</del>	<u>145.00</u>			<del>122.00</del>	<u>129.00</u>
28	26,001 - 30,000	<del>229.00</del>	<u>236.00</u>			<del>187.00</del>	<u>194.00</u>			<del>165.00</del>	<u>172.00</u>
29	30,001 - 34,000	<del>295.00</del>	<u>302.00</u>			<del>240.00</del>	<u>247.00</u>			<del>212.00</del>	<u>219.00</u>
30	34,001 - 38,000	<del>356.00</del>	<u>363.00</u>			<del>289.00</del>	<u>296.00</u>			<del>255.00</del>	<u>262.00</u>
31	38,001 - 42,000	<del>417.00</del>	<u>424.00</u>			<del>338.00</del>	<u>345.00</u>			<del>297.00</del>	<u>304.00</u>

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1	42,001 - 46,000	<del>478.00</del> <u>485.00</u>	<del>386.00</del> <u>393.00</u>	<del>340.00</del> <u>347.00</u>
2	46,001 - 50,000	<del>539.00</del> <u>546.00</u>	<del>435.00</del> <u>442.00</u>	<del>383.00</del> <u>390.00</u>
3	50,001 - 54,000	<del>609.00</del> <u>616.00</u>	<del>493.00</del> <u>500.00</u>	<del>434.00</del> <u>441.00</u>
4	54,001 - 58,000	<del>670.00</del> <u>677.00</u>	<del>542.00</del> <u>549.00</u>	<del>477.00</del> <u>484.00</u>
5	58,001 - 62,000	<del>731.00</del> <u>739.00</u>	<del>591.00</del> <u>598.00</u>	<del>520.00</del> <u>527.00</u>
6	62,001 - 66,000	<del>792.00</del> <u>799.00</u>	<del>639.00</del> <u>646.00</u>	<del>563.00</del> <u>570.00</u>
7	66,001 - 70,000	<del>853.00</del> <u>860.00</u>	<del>688.00</del> <u>695.00</u>	<del>605.00</del> <u>612.00</u>
8	70,001 - 74,000	<del>914.00</del> <u>921.00</u>	<del>737.00</del> <u>744.00</u>	<del>648.00</del> <u>655.00</u>
9	74,001 - 78,000	<del>975.00</del> <u>982.00</u>	<del>786.00</del> <u>793.00</u>	<del>691.00</del> <u>698.00</u>
10	78,001 - 82,000	<del>1,036.00</del> <u>1,043.00</u>	<del>835.00</del> <u>842.00</u>	<del>734.00</del> <u>741.00</u>
11	82,001 - 86,000	<del>1,159.00</del> <u>1,166.00</u>	<del>940.00</del> <u>947.00</u>	<del>821.00</del> <u>828.00</u>
12	86,001 - 90,000	<del>1,281.00</del> <u>1,288.00</u>	<del>1,044.00</del> <u>1,051.00</u>	<del>908.00</del> <u>915.00</u>
13	90,001 - 94,000	<del>1,403.00</del> <u>1,410.00</u>	<del>1,149.00</del> <u>1,156.00</u>	<del>995.00</del> <u>1,002.00</u>
14	94,001 - 98,000	<del>1,525.00</del> <u>1,532.00</u>	<del>1,254.00</del> <u>1,261.00</u>	<del>1,083.00</del> <u>1,090.00</u>
15	98,001 - 102,000	<del>1,647.00</del> <u>1,654.00</u>	<del>1,358.00</del> <u>1,365.00</u>	<del>1,170.00</del> <u>1,177.00</u>
16	102,001 - 105,500	<del>1,769.00</del> <u>1,776.00</u>	<del>1,463.00</del> <u>1,470.00</u>	<del>1,257.00</del> <u>1,264.00</u>

17 c. Motorcycles, fifteen dollars.

18 3. Motor vehicles acquired by disabled veterans under the provisions of Public Law  
 19 79-663 [38 U.S.C. 3901] are exempt from the payment of state sales or use tax  
 20 and, if paid, such veterans are entitled to a refund. This exemption also applies to  
 21 any passenger motor vehicle or pickup truck not exceeding ten thousand pounds  
 22 [4535.92 kilograms] gross weight but shall apply to no more than two such motor  
 23 vehicles owned by a disabled veteran at any one time.

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



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1	36,001 - 38,000	<del>166.00</del> <u>173.00</u>	<del>137.00</del> <u>144.00</u>	<del>108.00</del> <u>115.00</u>	<del>75.00</del> <u>82.00</u>
2	38,001 - 40,000	<del>176.00</del> <u>183.00</u>	<del>145.00</del> <u>152.00</u>	<del>114.00</del> <u>121.00</u>	<del>79.00</del> <u>86.00</u>
3	40,001 - 42,000	<del>186.00</del> <u>193.00</u>	<del>153.00</del> <u>160.00</u>	<del>120.00</del> <u>127.00</u>	<del>83.00</del> <u>90.00</u>
4	42,001 - 44,000	<del>196.00</del> <u>203.00</u>	<del>161.00</del> <u>168.00</u>	<del>126.00</del> <u>133.00</u>	<del>87.00</del> <u>94.00</u>
5	44,001 - 46,000	<del>206.00</del> <u>213.00</u>	<del>169.00</del> <u>176.00</u>	<del>132.00</del> <u>139.00</u>	<del>91.00</del> <u>98.00</u>
6	46,001 - 48,000	<del>216.00</del> <u>223.00</u>	<del>177.00</del> <u>184.00</u>	<del>138.00</del> <u>145.00</u>	<del>95.00</del> <u>102.00</u>
7	48,001 - 50,000	<del>226.00</del> <u>233.00</u>	<del>185.00</del> <u>192.00</u>	<del>144.00</del> <u>151.00</u>	<del>99.00</del> <u>106.00</u>
8	50,001 - 52,000	<del>246.00</del> <u>253.00</u>	<del>203.00</del> <u>210.00</u>	<del>160.00</del> <u>167.00</u>	<del>113.00</del> <u>120.00</u>
9	52,001 - 54,000	<del>256.00</del> <u>263.00</u>	<del>211.00</del> <u>218.00</u>	<del>166.00</del> <u>173.00</u>	<del>117.00</del> <u>124.00</u>
10	54,001 - 56,000	<del>266.00</del> <u>273.00</u>	<del>219.00</del> <u>226.00</u>	<del>172.00</del> <u>179.00</u>	<del>121.00</del> <u>128.00</u>
11	56,001 - 58,000	<del>276.00</del> <u>283.00</u>	<del>227.00</del> <u>234.00</u>	<del>178.00</del> <u>185.00</u>	<del>125.00</del> <u>132.00</u>
12	58,001 - 60,000	<del>286.00</del> <u>293.00</u>	<del>235.00</del> <u>242.00</u>	<del>184.00</del> <u>191.00</u>	<del>129.00</del> <u>136.00</u>
13	60,001 - 62,000	<del>296.00</del> <u>303.00</u>	<del>243.00</del> <u>250.00</u>	<del>190.00</del> <u>197.00</u>	<del>133.00</del> <u>140.00</u>
14	62,001 - 64,000	<del>306.00</del> <u>313.00</u>	<del>251.00</del> <u>258.00</u>	<del>196.00</del> <u>203.00</u>	<del>137.00</del> <u>144.00</u>
15	64,001 - 66,000	<del>316.00</del> <u>323.00</u>	<del>259.00</del> <u>266.00</u>	<del>202.00</del> <u>209.00</u>	<del>141.00</del> <u>148.00</u>
16	66,001 - 68,000	<del>326.00</del> <u>333.00</u>	<del>267.00</del> <u>274.00</u>	<del>208.00</del> <u>215.00</u>	<del>145.00</del> <u>152.00</u>
17	68,001 - 70,000	<del>336.00</del> <u>343.00</u>	<del>275.00</del> <u>282.00</u>	<del>214.00</del> <u>221.00</u>	<del>149.00</del> <u>156.00</u>
18	70,001 - 72,000	<del>346.00</del> <u>353.00</u>	<del>283.00</del> <u>290.00</u>	<del>220.00</del> <u>227.00</u>	<del>153.00</del> <u>160.00</u>
19	72,001 - 74,000	<del>356.00</del> <u>363.00</u>	<del>291.00</del> <u>298.00</u>	<del>226.00</del> <u>233.00</u>	<del>157.00</del> <u>164.00</u>
20	74,001 - 76,000	<del>366.00</del> <u>373.00</u>	<del>299.00</del> <u>306.00</u>	<del>232.00</del> <u>239.00</u>	<del>161.00</del> <u>168.00</u>
21	76,001 - 78,000	<del>376.00</del> <u>383.00</u>	<del>307.00</del> <u>314.00</u>	<del>238.00</del> <u>245.00</u>	<del>165.00</del> <u>172.00</u>
22	78,001 - 80,000	<del>386.00</del> <u>393.00</u>	<del>315.00</del> <u>322.00</u>	<del>244.00</del> <u>251.00</u>	<del>169.00</del> <u>176.00</u>
23	80,001 - 82,000	<del>396.00</del> <u>403.00</u>	<del>323.00</del> <u>330.00</u>	<del>250.00</del> <u>257.00</u>	<del>173.00</del> <u>180.00</u>
24	82,001 - 84,000	<del>406.00</del> <u>413.00</u>	<del>345.00</del> <u>352.00</u>	<del>293.00</del> <u>300.00</u>	<del>249.00</del> <u>256.00</u>
25	84,001 - 86,000	<del>426.00</del> <u>433.00</u>	<del>362.00</del> <u>369.00</u>	<del>307.00</del> <u>314.00</u>	<del>261.00</del> <u>268.00</u>
26	86,001 - 88,000	<del>446.00</del> <u>453.00</u>	<del>379.00</del> <u>386.00</u>	<del>321.00</del> <u>328.00</u>	<del>273.00</del> <u>280.00</u>
27	88,001 - 90,000	<del>466.00</del> <u>473.00</u>	<del>396.00</del> <u>403.00</u>	<del>335.00</del> <u>342.00</u>	<del>285.00</del> <u>292.00</u>
28	90,001 - 92,000	<del>486.00</del> <u>493.00</u>	<del>413.00</del> <u>420.00</u>	<del>349.00</del> <u>356.00</u>	<del>297.00</del> <u>304.00</u>
29	92,001 - 94,000	<del>506.00</del> <u>513.00</u>	<del>430.00</del> <u>437.00</u>	<del>363.00</del> <u>370.00</u>	<del>309.00</del> <u>316.00</u>
30	94,001 - 96,000	<del>526.00</del> <u>533.00</u>	<del>447.00</del> <u>454.00</u>	<del>377.00</del> <u>384.00</u>	<del>321.00</del> <u>328.00</u>
31	96,001 - 98,000	<del>546.00</del> <u>553.00</u>	<del>464.00</del> <u>471.00</u>	<del>391.00</del> <u>398.00</u>	<del>333.00</del> <u>340.00</u>

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1	98,001 - 100,000	<del>566.00</del> <u>573.00</u>	<del>481.00</del> <u>488.00</u>	<del>405.00</del> <u>412.00</u>	<del>345.00</del> <u>352.00</u>
2	100,001 - 102,000	<del>586.00</del> <u>593.00</u>	<del>498.00</del> <u>505.00</u>	<del>419.00</del> <u>426.00</u>	<del>357.00</del> <u>364.00</u>
3	102,001 - 104,000	<del>606.00</del> <u>613.00</u>	<del>515.00</del> <u>522.00</u>	<del>433.00</del> <u>440.00</u>	<del>369.00</del> <u>376.00</u>
4	104,001 - 105,500	<del>626.00</del> <u>633.00</u>	<del>532.00</del> <u>539.00</u>	<del>447.00</del> <u>454.00</u>	<del>381.00</del> <u>388.00</u>

5           6.    A motor vehicle registered in subsection 5 may be used for custom combining  
6                   operations by displaying identification issued by the department and upon payment  
7                   of a fee of twenty-five dollars.

8           7.    Two dollars of each registration fee collected under subsection 2 or 5 must be  
9                   deposited in the state highway fund.

10           **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 39-04-36 of the 1999

11 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

12           2.    Upon applying for the transfer of the registration and paying a five dollar fee, a  
13                   person who transfers or assigns to another person the ownership of a registered  
14                   vehicle may receive credit for the unused portion of the fees paid for the  
15                   transferred vehicle. The transferor must use a number plate previously removed  
16                   pursuant to subsection 1, regardless of whether there is any license fee credit  
17                   remaining. If the number plate has become lost, stolen, or mutilated, the transferor  
18                   may apply for duplicate plates. The department may establish procedures that  
19                   permit the transferor to assign the credit to the transferee if the transferor is the  
20                   spouse, a sibling, or a lineal ancestor or descendant of the transferee. One-twelfth  
21                   of the annual fee must be credited for each month of the registration period  
22                   remaining after the month in which the transfer is made. The credit may not  
23                   extend beyond the original expiration of the registration. Except as provided in  
24                   section 39-04-44, the credit must be applied to the registration fees for a  
25                   replacement vehicle. The transferor shall apply for the transfer of registration  
26                   within thirty days of the purchase of the replacement vehicle.

27           **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-22-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
28 amended and reenacted as follows:

29           **39-22-12. Officers to administer chapter - House car dealer, manufacturer, and**  
30 **distributor exemption.** The director and any duly authorized representative ~~shall be~~ are

1 responsible for the administration of ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter. This chapter does not apply  
2 to house car dealers, manufacturers, and distributors.

3           **SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY.** The legislative council shall consider  
4 studying during the 2001-02 interim highway construction and maintenance funding, including  
5 revenue sources and distribution formulas. The legislative council shall report its findings and  
6 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
7 the fifty-eighth legislative assembly.

8           **SECTION 7. APPLICATION OF DEMERIT POINTS OR FEES.** The operator's license  
9 demerit points or fees for driving in violation of section 39-09-02, or equivalent ordinance, as  
10 provided by Senate Bill No. 2088, as passed by the fifty-seventh legislative assembly, are  
11 effective solely for offenses committed after June 30, 2001.

12           **SECTION 8. REPEAL.** Section 39-04-09.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
13 repealed.

14           **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 1 and 3 of this Act are effective for number  
15 plates issued and registrations due after June 30, 2001. Section 2 of this Act becomes  
16 effective on January 1, 2003.