

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

SENATE BILL NO. 2348
(Senators Nething, Robinson, Trenbeath)
(Representatives Delmore, Headland, Weisz)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 39-04.2-03 and 39-04.2-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to funding of public transportation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 39-04.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

39-04.2-03. Additional registration fee - Deposit in fund. At the time of registering a motor vehicle subject to registration under section 39-04-19, the owner shall pay to the director in addition to the registration fee a fee of ~~two~~ three dollars for each motor vehicle registered. The fee must be deposited with the state treasurer, who shall credit the fee to the public transportation fund.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 39-04.2-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

39-04.2-04. Distribution of funds.

1. Moneys appropriated by the legislative assembly to the public transportation fund must be disbursed under guidelines issued by the director. The funds must be used by transportation providers to establish and maintain public transportation, especially for the elderly and handicapped, and may be used to contract to provide public transportation, as matching funds to procure money from other sources for public transportation and for other expenditures authorized by the director.
2. Following authorization of the director, the state treasurer shall pay the public transportation funds to transportation providers in each county. Each county shall receive ~~twelve~~ eighteen thousand ~~two~~ three hundred dollars plus one dollar and fifty cents per capita of population in the county, based upon the latest regular or special official federal census. Each year the director shall increase or decrease the one dollar and fifty cents per capita amount in order to distribute all funds appropriated for the biennium. If there are multiple transportation providers in one county, then the base amount of ~~twelve~~ eighteen thousand ~~two~~ three hundred dollars must be divided equally among the providers and the additional per capita amount must be based upon the percentage of elderly and handicapped ridership provided by each transportation provider within the county.
3. Unless otherwise provided by law, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of each biennium must be retained in the public transportation fund for redistribution.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2348.

Senate Vote: Yeas 40 Nays 3 Absent 4

House Vote: Yeas 87 Nays 6 Absent 1

Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Governor

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Secretary of State