

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

SENATE BILL NO. 2041  
(Legislative Management)  
(Transportation Committee)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsections 3 and 4 of section 39-06-42, subsection 3 of section 39-08-01, and subsection 4 of section 39-08-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to impounding and destroying number plates for certain offenses; and to provide a penalty.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 3 and 4 of section 39-06-42 of the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

3. In addition to any other punishment imposed, the court may order the number plates of the motor vehicle owned and operated by the offender at the time of the offense to be impounded~~destroyed~~ by the sheriff for the duration of the period of suspension or revocation. When~~If~~ a period of suspension has been extended under subsection 5 of section 39-06-17, the court may order the number plates to be impounded in accordance with~~destroyed under~~ this subsection. The impounded number plates may be released, upon order of the court, to a bona fide purchaser of the offender's motor vehicle, if that purchaser produces a new certificate of title to the motor vehicle issued by the director.~~The offender shall deliver the number plates to the court without delay at a time certain as ordered by the court following the conviction. The court shall deliver the number plates to the sheriff and notify the department of the order. An offender who does not provide the number plates to the court at the appropriate time is subject to revocation of probation.~~
4. A city may authorize, by ordinance, ~~authorize~~ its municipal judge to order impoundment~~destruction~~ of motor vehicle number plates by the office of the police officer that made the arrest in the manner provided in subsection 3.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 39-08-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. Upon conviction of a second or subsequent offense within five years under this section or equivalent ordinance, the court ~~must~~may order the motor vehicle number plates of all of the motor vehicles owned and operated by the offender at the time of the offense to be impounded for the duration of the period of suspension or revocation of the offender's driving privilege by the licensing authority. The impounded number plates must be sent to the director who must retain them for the period of suspension or revocation, subject to their disposition by the court. The court may make an exception to this subsection, on an individual basis, to avoid undue hardship to an individual who is completely dependent on the motor vehicle for the necessities of life, including a family member of the convicted individual and a coowner of the motor vehicle, but not including the offender~~destroyed by the office of the police officer that made the arrest. The offender shall deliver the number plates to the court without delay at a time certain as ordered by the court following the conviction. The court shall deliver the number plates to the office and notify the department of the order. An offender who does not provide the number plates to the court at the appropriate time is subject to revocation of probation.~~

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 39-08-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. Violation of subsection 1 is a class B misdemeanor and the sentence imposed must include a fine of at least one hundred fifty dollars which may not be suspended. A person convicted for a second or subsequent violation of driving without liability insurance within a three-year period must be fined at least three hundred dollars which may not be suspended. For a second or subsequent conviction for a violation of subsection 1 or equivalent ordinance, the court shall ~~impound~~order the motor vehicle number plates of the motor vehicle owned and operated by the person at the time of the violation to be impounded until that person provides proof of insurance and a twenty dollar fee to the department. The person shall deliver the number plates to the court without delay at a time certain as ordered by the court following the conviction. The court shall deliver the number plates to the department. A person who does not provide the number plates to the court at the appropriate time is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2041.

Senate Vote:    Yeas 46            Nays 0            Absent 1

House Vote:    Yeas 92            Nays 0            Absent 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of State