

Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1360

Introduced by

Representatives Meier, Fehr, Karls, Lefor, Owens, Porter, Steiner, Toman, Trottier

Senators Carlisle, Oehlke

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 patriotic number plates; to amend and reenact subdivision j of
3 subsection 2 of section 39-04-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to disabled veteran
4 motor vehicle registration; and to provide a contingent effective date.

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

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

8 **Patriotic number plates.**

- 9 1. The director shall issue patriotic plates under this section upon receiving:
- 10 a. Payment of all other fees required under this chapter for registration of a motor
11 vehicle;
- 12 b. Payment of an initial fee of twenty-five dollars of which twenty dollars is deposited
13 in the highway tax distribution fund and five dollars is deposited in the veterans'
14 postwar trust fund; and
- 15 c. Payment of an annual surcharge of ten dollars which is deposited in the veterans'
16 postwar trust fund.
- 17 2. The department shall collect the initial fees and the annual surcharges under this
18 section. Deposits in the postwar trust fund under this section must be added to the
19 principal of the fund. Investment of the fund is the responsibility of the state treasurer
20 who shall have full authority to invest the fund only in the same manner as the state
21 investment board is authorized to make investments.
- 22 3. ~~Patriotic plates must include a flag of the United States decal plate, bald eagle decal~~
23 ~~plate, or boony stomper decal plate.~~ A patriotic plate issued under this section must
24 bear a logo of a United States flag, bald eagle, or boony stomper. The logo must be

1 placed on the left side of the patriotic plate. The director shall coordinate with the
2 commissioner of veterans' affairs to design the three logos.

3 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision j of subsection 2 of section 39-04-18 of the North
4 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5 j. Motor vehicles not exceeding twenty-six thousand pounds [11793.40 kilograms]
6 registered gross weight owned and operated by a disabled veteran under the
7 provisions of Public Law 79-663 [38 U.S.C. 3901], a disabled veteran who has a
8 one hundred percent service-connected disability as determined by the
9 department of veterans' affairs, or a disabled veteran who has an extra-schedular
10 rating to include individual unemployability that brings the veteran's total disability
11 rating to one hundred percent as determined by the department of veterans'
12 affairs is entitled to display either a distinctive license plate or a standard plate
13 that does not identify the veteran as a veteran or disabled veteran which is
14 issued by the department. This exemption applies to no more than two such
15 motor vehicles owned by a disabled veteran at any one time. A surviving spouse
16 of a disabled veteran who has not remarried and who is receiving department of
17 veterans' affairs dependency and indemnity compensation retains the exemption
18 of the deceased veteran who qualified under this subdivision for one vehicle.

19 **SECTION 3. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective on the date the
20 director of the department of transportation certifies to the secretary of state that the new motor
21 vehicle registration software for the department is installed and functioning and not earlier than
22 ~~January 1, 2016~~ July 1, 2016.