

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments
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 develop a patriotic number plate program under this section upon
10 receiving:

11 a. Proof of a minimum of fifty applicants; and

12 b. Payment of an initial one-time fee of one thousand five hundred dollars for the
13 development of a patriotic number plate program.

14 2. The director shall issue patriotic number plates to a qualified applicant under this
15 section upon receiving:

16 a. Proper application for a plate in the patriotic number plate program;

17 b. Payment of all other fees required under this chapter for registration of the motor
18 vehicle; and

19 c. Payment of an additional annual fee of twenty-five dollars, of which the director
20 shall deposit ten dollars in the highway tax distribution fund and transfer fifteen
21 dollars to the proper organization or state fund.

22 3. The department shall collect the initial fees and the annual surcharges under this
23 section. Any deposits in the postwar trust fund under this section must be added to the
24 principal of the fund. Investment of the fund is the responsibility of the state treasurer

1 who shall have full authority to invest the fund only in the same manner as the state
2 investment board is authorized to make investments.

3 4. A patriotic plate issued under this section must bear a logo of a United States flag,
4 bald eagle, or boony stomper. The logo must be placed on the left side of the patriotic
5 plate. The director shall coordinate with the commissioner of veterans' affairs to design
6 the three logos.

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

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

23 **SECTION 3. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective on the date the
24 director of the department of transportation certifies to the secretary of state that the new motor
25 vehicle registration software for the department is installed and functioning and not earlier than
26 July 1, 2016.