

Sixty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2061

Introduced by

Senators Kreun, Schaible, Wardner

Representatives Owens, Steiner, Delzer

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 a road use fee for electric and hybrid vehicles; and to provide for a
3 legislative management study.

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

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

7 **Electric and hybrid vehicle road use fee - Definitions.**

8 1. In addition to all other fees required under this chapter for registration of a motor
9 vehicle, the department shall collect at the beginning of each annual registration
10 period:

11 a. An electric vehicle road use fee of one hundred ten dollars for each electric
12 vehicle registered.

13 b. A hybrid vehicle road use fee of fifty dollars for each hybrid vehicle registered.

14 2. As used in this section:

15 a. "Electric vehicle" means a vehicle propelled by an electric motor powered by a
16 battery or other electric device incorporated into the vehicle and not propelled by
17 an engine powered by the combustion of a hydrocarbon fuel, including gasoline,
18 diesel, propane, or liquid natural gas.

19 b. "Hybrid vehicle" means a vehicle drawing propulsion energy from both an internal
20 combustion engine and an energy storage device and employing a regenerative
21 braking system to recover waste energy to charge the energy storage device
22 providing propulsion energy.

23 3. The department shall deposit any moneys collected under this section into the
24 highway tax distribution fund.

1 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - ELECTRIC VEHICLE**

2 **INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK.** During the 2019-20 interim, the legislative management shall
3 consider studying current methods, using the electric vehicle infrastructure coalition, led by the
4 department of transportation, to collaborate with the North Dakota utility industry, and North
5 Dakota electric vehicle stakeholder groups, to design a jointly owned public and private network
6 of electric vehicle infrastructure to support both commercial and noncommercial vehicles and
7 make recommendations regarding electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The study must
8 include the evaluation of the relative costs and benefits associated with various options for
9 electric vehicle infrastructure support and estimate the future annual economic impact. The
10 legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any
11 legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-seventh Legislative
12 Assembly.