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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1289

House Transportation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 26, 2001

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1	x		2,023
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Laurie L. Zide</i>			

Minutes: Rep. Weisz - Chairman opened the hearing on HB 1289; A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 39-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to motor vehicle number plates bearing a logo identifying members of the North Dakota firemen's association.

Rep: Mueller: I represent district 24. HB 1289 is about the recognition and identification of the unsung men and women in each of our communities who are fire fighters. Every community has them but we don't pay much attention to them until we need them to save our burning home or to assist with an overturned anhydrous tank. Many of the fire fighters are volunteers who train to handle that equipment to respond to a fire call at any time day or night. This dedicated group has asked North Dakotans that they be recognized with issuance of distinctive license plates bearing the fire fighters insignia. Each fire fighter would apply for the fire fighter plates with and would pay for the cost of the plates. The fire fighters association would certify those eligible to receive those plates. The fire fighters association will not use these plates to raise funds for their

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organization. There could well be some public safety benefits in being able to identify fire fighters on our roadways. Many of them are first responders as well as fire fighters. First responders must be trained EMTs.

Rep. Weisz - Chairman (2283) If I read this right, the firemen's association will determine who will be eligible to receive these plates?

Rep. Mueller: That is exactly correct. The mechanics of that -- there has been some work done that in conjunction with Mr. Kiser's folks. I think we are pretty solid with that whole effort.

Lois Hartman. I am Executive Director of the North Dakota Firemen's Association. A copy of her prepared remarks are attached.

Rep. Ruby; (2750) Is ever fire fighter in North Dakota a member of your organization?

Lois Hartman: yes

Rep. Thoreson; Is the purpose of this to give recognition or is there some other purpose?

Lois Hartman: The purpose is to give recognition but there are other benefits to identifying the fire fighters vehicle when he is arriving at the scene of a fire. The same is true for identifying first responders at the scene of an accident.

Allan Klein: I am Captain of the Mandan Rural Fire Department and Past President of the North Dakota Fire Fighters Association. I am here representing the Executive Board. A copy of Allan Klein's prepared remarks are attached.

Terry Swenson: I am Secretary - Treasurer of the Sanborn, North Dakota fire Department. A copy of Terry Swenson's prepared remarks are attached.

Terry Swenson: Supplemented his remarks --- This is not intended to allow the firemen to disobey the law. We are required to obey the law with our red flashing lights and sirens.

Rep. Doseh: (3401) Could we ask a question of the DOT present in the room?

Keith Kiser: My Name is Keith Kiser, Director of the Motor Vehicle Services for the DOT.

Rep. Doseh: Explain something for us --- in HB 1261 which we had before us in this committee we talked about issuing special plates --- in that fiscal note you indicated the cost of the license plates was \$50,000 for computer enhancement, \$56,000 for a full time equivalent, and now in this fiscal note there is none of that and we're talking issuing a special plate. What's the difference?

Keith Kiser: Two big differences in the fiscal notes -- The two large items in the previous note was to provide an "FD"; in this case we already have a computer system in place and we would be issuing a different plate in lieu of the plates we are now issuing -- it is simply a different plate. We do that now with other specialty type of plates. So the only cost with this bill is the cost of manufacturing the plate but the handling, distribution and other costs associated with managing the records would be the same as we now have.

Rep. Ruby: (3612) Do you foresee a possible extension of this in the future where other professions and occupations will be wanting specialty plates -- general contractors, surveyors, etc?

Keith Kiser: We have always taken the position that it the legislature that makes that decision. We wouldn't be. There certainly is that possibility when we open that door. What we have tried to do is to encourage organizations to forget about going for a special plate and go for the recognized logo on the plates. We have that for the military -- I have some here which carries the logo for some one in the US Navy so that you see what one looks like.

Rep. Hawken: Other states do that, the question I want to ask is 'are you aware that of what other states charge when they use those logos to raise money?'

Keith Kiser: Not really -- I know some states do charge and others charge nothing at all. We do charge for the additional cost to produce them. We also have one plate where there is an additional charge where the funds collected go to the veterans cemetery.

Rep. Hawken: With this additional \$10 -- \$8.00 is the cost to make them, so the state is making 2 bucks?

Keith Kiser: That's my estimate.

Rep. Hawken: Perhaps if we're looking a college plates and alumni plates and maybe some others who would want to be tacked on there, we might want to look at what we are charging.

Keith Kiser: That is really in your hands to make that decision.

Rep. Hawken: (4010) Florida has about 500 of these special plates -- they do about what you said -- they use the decal but they do pay for them.

Rep. Thoreson: One of the things the bill says is that they will not issue these to a motor vehicle weighing more 10,000 pounds. What kind of passenger vehicle would that be?

Keith Kiser: Motor Homes. Generally we will allow them to go on the motor home so long as the motor home doesn't exceed 10,000.

Rep. Schmidt: I thought these license plates would be issued for heroes -- Lewis and Clark -- a fire fighter - is he a hero? I don't understand these college students -- issuing plates to college students?

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Keith Kiser: The bill in the senate doesn't issue private plates for college students. It issue plates to anyone who wants have his plate recognizing his alma mater or some university if the so choose.

Rep. Schmidt: They could have a good fund raiser -- charge five dollars when you reissue?_

Keith Kiser: The bill provides for a one time fee of \$10 to issue the plate and then say if you stop being a fire fighter--- you would then have to remove your fire fighter plate and come us and pay a one time to get your regular plate back. That is based on the charge we charge for a duplicate plate in cases where you would lose your regular plates.

There being no one wishing to appear with further testimony either for or against, Rep. Weisz -

Chairman closed the hearing on HB 1289. (4300)

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Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	x		2,602
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Lauren B. Fisk</i>			

Minutes: Rep. Weisz - Chairman opened committee discussion for action on HB 1289.

Rep. Kelsch: I move a 'Do Pass' on HB 1289.

Rep. Price: I second the motion.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 13 yeas 0 nays 1 absent.

Rep. Kelsch was designated to carry HB 1289 on the floor.

FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 03/20/2001

Bill/Resolution No.:

Amendment to: HB 1289

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$4,242		\$5,496
Expenditures				\$1,600		\$800
Appropriations				\$1,600		\$800

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
			(\$368)	(\$224)		(\$184)	(\$112)	

2. **Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

This bill, as amended, provides for the issuance of special license plates for qualified firefighters upon the payment of an additional annual fee of \$15. It is not possible to estimate the number of firefighters who will choose to obtain the plates if required to pay the annual fee. Based on past experience with the Veterans Cemetery license plates, participation will likely be less than 10%. Based on this assumption, it is estimate that 200 license plates will be sold the first biennium and 100 the second biennium.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

Based on the above estimates, it is anticipated this bill will generate \$5,250 for the Highway Fund for the 2001-2003 biennium and \$6,000 for the 2003-2005 biennium.

B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

It is estimated the Department will spend \$1,600 to purchase and distribute the plates during the 2001-2003 biennium and \$800 during the 2003-2005 biennium.

C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the*

executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

The Department will require an appropriation of \$1,600 for the 2001-2003 biennium and \$800 for the 2003-2005 biennium to cover the cost of purchasing and distributing the new license plates.

Name:	Keith Kiser	Agency:	NDDOT
Phone Number:	328-2725	Date Prepared:	03/20/2001

FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 01/17/2001

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1289

Amendment to:

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$20,000		\$10,000
Expenditures				\$16,000		\$8,000
Appropriations				\$16,000		\$8,000

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
			\$920	\$560		\$460	\$280	

2. **Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

This bill provides for the issuance of special license plates for members of the North Dakota Firemen's Association. It is not possible to accurately estimate the number of firemen who will choose to purchase these plates. For purposes of this fiscal note, it is estimated that 2,000 plates will be purchased in the 2001-2003 biennium and 1,000 plates will be purchased in the 2003-2005 biennium.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

Each pair of plates sold will generate \$10 of revenue for the Highway Tax Distribution Fund.

B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

It is estimated that each pair of plates will cost \$8.00 to manufacture and distribute.

C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

The Motor Vehicle Division will need a budget enhancement to cover the cost of purchasing and distributing the license plates.

Name:	Keith Kiser	Agency:	NDDOT
Phone Number:	328-2725	Date Prepared:	01/18/2001

Date: 1/26/01
Roll Call Vote #:

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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House Transportation Committee

Subcommittee on _____
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 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Kelsch Seconded By Rep. Price

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Robin Weisz - Chairman	✓		Howard Grumbo	✓	
Chet Pollert - Vice Chairman	✓		John Mahoney	✓	
Al Carlson	✓		Arlo E. Schmidt	✓	
Mark A. Dosch	✓		Elwood Thorpe	A	
Kathy Hawken	✓				
Roxanne Jensen	✓				
RaeAnn G. Kelsch	✓				
Clara Sue Price	✓				
Dan Ruby	✓				
Laurel Thoreson	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Kelsch

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

