

**SENATE BILL NO. 2142**

Introduced by

Senators Mathern, Dever, Marcellais

Representatives Fehr, Wallman, Bellew

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 39-04-18 of  
2 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a purple heart recipient exemption from motor  
3 vehicle registration fees; and to amend and reenact section 39-04-10.10 of the North Dakota  
4 Century Code, relating to veterans' number plates.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-10.10 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **39-04-10.10. North Dakota veterans' number plates.**

- 9 1. The director may issue distinctive number plates to individuals eligible for interment in  
10 the North Dakota veterans' cemetery. The director shall issue a number plate under  
11 this section upon receiving:
- 12 a. Payment of all other fees required under this chapter for registration of a motor  
13 vehicle;
  - 14 b. Payment of an initial fee of fifteen dollars of which ten dollars is to be deposited in  
15 the highway tax distribution fund and five dollars is to be deposited in the  
16 veterans' cemetery maintenance fund unless for a plate issued to a veteran who  
17 has been awarded the purple heart, then there is not an initial fee; and
  - 18 c. Verification of subsequent payments of an annual surcharge of ten dollars paid to  
19 the adjutant general unless for a plate issued to a veteran who has been  
20 awarded the purple heart, then there is not an annual surcharge.
- 21 2. The department shall collect the fees and the ten dollar surcharge under this section.  
22 The department shall report to the legislative assembly on the funds collected under  
23 this section during each legislative session. The department shall pay the funds  
24 collected under subdivisions b and c of subsection 1 to the adjutant general monthly,

1           who then, within ten days of receipt of the funds, shall deposit five dollars of each  
2           initial fee in the veterans' cemetery maintenance fund and the ten dollar surcharge  
3           shall be divided with five dollars being deposited in the veterans' cemetery trust fund  
4           and five dollars being deposited in the veterans' cemetery maintenance fund in the  
5           state treasury. Investment of the fund is the responsibility of the state treasurer who  
6           shall have full authority to invest the fund only in the same manner as the state  
7           investment board is authorized to make investments. At the request of the adjutant  
8           general, the interest in the veterans' cemetery trust fund must be deposited in the  
9           veterans' cemetery maintenance fund for the purpose of funding salaries and  
10          maintenance of the veterans' cemetery.

11          3.    The veterans' cemetery trust fund may accept funds from private and federal sources.

12          **SECTION 2.** A new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 39-04-18 of the North Dakota  
13 Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

14                 Motor vehicles not exceeding twenty-six thousand pounds [11793.40 kilograms]  
15                 registered gross weight owned and operated by a veteran who was awarded the  
16                 purple heart is entitled to a distinctive license plate issued by the department.  
17                 This exemption applies to one motor vehicle owned by a veteran who was  
18                 awarded the purple heart.