

HOUSE BILL NO. 1346

Introduced by

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Senator Rust

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-04-11 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the display of number plates on a motorcycle.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **39-04-11. Display of number plates and tabs.**

7 Except as otherwise specifically provided, ~~a person~~an individual may not operate or drive a
8 vehicle on ~~the public highways~~a public highway of this state unless the vehicle has a distinctive
9 number assigned to it by the department, and two number plates, bearing the distinctive
10 number conspicuously displayed, horizontally and in an upright position, one on the front and
11 one on the rear of the vehicle, each securely fastened, except number plates assigned to a
12 ~~motorcycle, trailer, or housetrailer~~ must be attached to the rear ~~thereof~~of the trailer or
13 housetrailer. Number plates assigned to a motorcycle must be attached to the rear of the
14 motorcycle and may be displayed vertically. When only one number plate is furnished for an
15 apportioned vehicle licensed under the international registration plan as authorized in section
16 39-19-04, truck tractor, or semitrailer, the plate must be attached to the front of the apportioned
17 vehicle or truck tractor and the rear of the semitrailer. The bottom of each number plate must be
18 at a height of not less than twelve inches [30.48 centimeters] above the level surface upon
19 which the vehicle stands. Each plate must be mounted in a manner that does not cover any
20 words, letter, or number on the plate. As far as is reasonably possible, the plates must at all
21 times be kept free and clear of mud, ice, or snow so as to be clearly visible and all number
22 plates, markers, or evidence of registration or licensing except for the current year must be
23 removed from the vehicle. All vehicle license plates issued by the department continue to be the
24 property of the state of North Dakota for the period for which the plates are valid. An annual

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- 1 registration tab or sticker for the current registration year must be displayed on each number
- 2 plate, in the area designated by the department for the tab or sticker, in those years for which
- 3 tabs or stickers are issued in lieu of number plates.