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of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1084

Introduced by

Representatives Owens, Weisz, Dockter, Rich S. Becker, Sanford, Pollert, Olson, Streyle,
Damschen

Senators Laffen, Schaible, Meyer

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-04-08, 39-04-10.4, and 39-04-11 of the
2 North Dakota Century Code, relating to number plates.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **39-04-08. Number plates furnished by the department.**

7 The department shall furnish to ~~every~~a motor vehicle owner ~~two number plates for each~~
8 ~~registered motor vehicle, and one number plate for each registered~~ motor vehicle, motorcycle,
9 trailer, or housetrailer. ~~The department may, in its discretion, furnish only one number plate for~~
10 ~~each registered apportioned vehicle licensed under the international registration plan as~~
11 ~~authorized in section 39-19-04, truck tractor, or semitrailer.~~

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-10.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **39-04-10.4. Antique motor vehicles - License and fee - Use.**

15 1. ~~Any~~A motor vehicle ~~which~~that is at least forty years old may be permanently
16 ~~licensed~~registered by the department upon the payment of a registration fee of ten
17 dollars. The department shall design and issue a distinctive number plate for this
18 purpose. In lieu of the distinctive number plate, the owner of the motor vehicle may, at
19 the discretion of the director, display on the motor vehicle a number plate from the
20 year in which the motor vehicle was manufactured or in the case of military vehicles,
21 military identification numbers. The number plate from the year of manufacture or
22 military identification numbers may not be used in lieu of a distinctive number plate
23 ~~when it~~if the plate would create a duplication of a number in the recordkeeping system

1 of the department. A number plate from the year of manufacture or military
2 identification numbers must be legible and must be restored to the satisfaction of the
3 department. ~~Notwithstanding section 39-04-11, only one number plate needs to be~~
4 ~~displayed on a motor vehicle licensed under this subsection. Motor vehicles~~ A motor
5 vehicle registered under the provisions of this section may not be used in the routine
6 functions of a business or farming operation.

7 2. ~~Any~~ In lieu of registration under subsection 1, a motor vehicle ~~which~~ that is at least forty
8 years old may, ~~if not licensed under subsection 1, be permanently licensed~~ registered
9 using a personalized plate issued under section 39-04-10.3, ~~in which case upon~~
10 payment of a one-time fee of one hundred dollars ~~is due~~.

11 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is
12 amended and reenacted as follows:

13 **39-04-11. Display of number plates and tabs.**

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

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