

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 plug-in 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~~twenty dollars for each electric  
12 vehicle registered.

13 b. A plug-in hybrid vehicle road use fee of fifty dollars for each plug-in hybrid vehicle  
14 registered.

15 c. An electric motorcycle road use fee of twenty dollars for each electric motorcycle  
16 registered.

17 2. As used in this section:

18 a. "Electric motorcycle" means a motor vehicle that has a seat or saddle for the use  
19 of the rider, is designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with  
20 the ground, and is propelled by an electric motor powered by a battery or other  
21 electric device incorporated into the vehicle and not propelled by an engine  
22 powered by the combustion of a hydrocarbon fuel, including gasoline, diesel,  
23 propane, or liquid natural gas.

1 b. "Electric vehicle" means a vehicle propelled by an electric motor powered by a  
2 battery or other electric device incorporated into the vehicle and not propelled by  
3 an engine powered by the combustion of a hydrocarbon fuel, including gasoline,  
4 diesel, propane, or liquid natural gas.

5 ~~b. "Hybrid~~

6 c. "Plug-in hybrid vehicle" means a vehicle drawing propulsion energy from both an  
7 internal combustion engine and, an energy storage device, and employing a  
8 regenerative braking system to recover waste energy to charge the energy  
9 storage device providing propulsion energy a receptacle to accept grid electricity.

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

## 12 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - ELECTRIC VEHICLE**

13 **INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK.** During the 2019-20 interim, the legislative management shall  
14 consider studying current methods, using the electric vehicle infrastructure coalition, led by the  
15 department of transportation, to collaborate with the North Dakota utility industry, and North  
16 Dakota electric vehicle stakeholder groups, to design a jointly owned public and private network  
17 of electric vehicle infrastructure to support both commercial and noncommercial vehicles and  
18 make recommendations regarding electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The study must  
19 include the evaluation of the relative costs and benefits associated with various options for  
20 electric vehicle infrastructure support and estimate the future annual economic impact. The  
21 legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any  
22 legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-seventh legislative  
23 assembly.