

**1999 HOUSE FINANCE AND TAXATION**

**HB 1312**

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1312

House Finance and Taxation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 20, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		0.1
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jamie Stein</i>			

Minutes:

REP. BELTER Opened the hearing.

REP. JON MARTINSON, BISMARCK, Introduced the bill for an individual of North Dakota.

He read a letter from this individual who felt it was not fair that he had to pay for another license tag for his motorcycle after paying for one in the month of December. The motorcycle tabs are not prorated. He felt this was unfair.

KEITH KEISER, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Answered questions from the committee.

REP. BELTER Asked what the motorcycle fee was, fifteen dollars?

KEITH KEISER Stated that was correct. He stated there is another add on fee when you buy a motorcycle, six dollars for the public transportation fund, and five dollars for the motorcycle education program.

REP. HERBEL Asked Mr. Keiser to explain the fiscal note.

KEITH KEISER The fiscal note is based on when in the calendar year, the motorcycle is purchased, and based on past records. We know approximately how many motorcycles and trailers are sold in any given month, it is based on that.

REP. BELTER Asked what trailers require a license.

KEITH KEISER Boat trailers are exempt from registration except when used as part of a commercial enterprise. We exempt, by statute, trailers that are used to transport recreational vehicles.

REP. WARNER Stock trailers, gooseneck trailers used for agriculture are covered by this bill.

KEITH KEISER They are required to be licensed.

REP. GRANDE ATV's, and snowmobiles, are they prorated?

KEITH KEISER They are not, in the case of the snowmobiles, the registration is three dollars for two years, in the case of ATV's, there is a five dollar registration and five dollars for an education program, those fees are not prorated.

REP. GRANDE Automobiles are the only ones prorated?

KEITH KEISER Actually, automobiles and pickup trucks are covered under the staggered registration plan, the fee is not reduced but the registration triggers from the date it was purchased.

REP. GRANDE If you are going to change motorcycles, you should change it all.

KEITH KEISER The reason motorcycles and trailers are not in that, is because the fee is actually only five dollars and three dollars for two years. You can't hardly prorate that down, we wouldn't be covering the cost of the operation.

REP. KROEBER How would this affect your department, would this be much of a change for you?

KEITH KEISER I don't see any impact to do this.

REP. GROSZ The problem a lot of us in the country have, our older vehicles all come due on December 31, it is cold out, is there any way we can move it to April registrations, do we need something special for that?

KEITH KEISER On cars and pickups, you do have an option to have all of your vehicles come due at a time period you choose.

With no further testimony, the hearing was closed.

COMMITTEE ACTION 1-20-99, Tape 2, Side A, Meter #34.8

REP. GROSZ Made a motion for a DO PASS

REP. WARNER Second the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

10 Yes 5 No 0 Absent

REP. WARNER Was given the floor assignment.

# FISCAL NOTE

(Return original and 10 copies)

Resolution No.: HB 1312 Amendment to: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by Legislative Council Date of Request: 1-13-99

- Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, cities, and school districts. .

**Narrative:**

This bill provides for a monthly reduction in registration fees for motorcycles and trailers the first time they are registered in North Dakota. The amount of reduction is based on the date the vehicle first becomes subject to registration.

- State** fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

	1997-99 Biennium		1999-2001 Biennium		2001-03 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
<b>Revenues</b>				(\$50,400)		(\$50,400)
<b>Expenditures</b>						

- What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the budget for your agency or department:

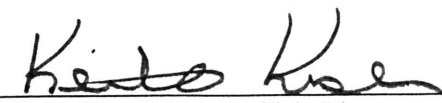
For rest of 1997-99 biennium: None

b. For the 1999-2001 biennium: Reduce available revenue to match federal highway funds

c. For the 2001-03 biennium: Reduce available revenue to match federal highway funds

- County, city, and school district** fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

1997-99 Biennium			1999-2001 Biennium			2001-03 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
			(\$18,400)	(\$11,200)		(\$18,400)	(\$11,200)	

Signed:   
 Typed Name: Keith Kiser, Motor Vehicle Director  
 Department: Department of Transportation  
 Phone Number: 328-2725  
 Date Prepared: 1-15-99

Please type or use black pen to complete

Date 1-20-99

Roll call vote # 1

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1312

House HOUSE FINANCE & TAX Committee

Subcommittee on \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Committee

} Identify or check where appropriate

Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Grosz Seconded By Rep. Warner

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
BELTER		✓	WINRICH	✓	
RENNERFELDT		✓			
CLARK	✓				
FROELICH		✓			
GRANDE		✓			
GROSZ	✓				
HERBEL		✓			
KROEBER	✓				
MICKELSON	✓				
NICHOLAS	✓				
RENNER	✓				
SCHMIDT	✓				
WARNER	✓				
WIKENHEISER	✓				

Total 10 5  
(Yes) (No)

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep Warner

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

DO NOT USE HIGHLIGHTER ON ANY FORMS

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
January 20, 1999 3:11 p.m.

Module No: HR-12-0919  
Carrier: Warner  
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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1312: Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Belter, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (10 YEAS, 5 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1312 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**1999 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS**

**HB 1312**



1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1312

House Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2/1/99

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		x	23.5-60.0
1	x		0.0-2.6
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Kevin Paul</i>			

Minutes:

**SUMMARY OF THE BILL:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-04-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the registration of the motorcycles and trailers.

(27.1) Rep. Maragos testified in support of HB 1312. He briefly summarized the bill and mentioned that the bill was introduced on behalf of a constituent.

(29.1) Rep. Martinson testified in support of HB 1312. "This bill was introduced by me, on behalf of a citizen of North Dakota. The bill's purpose is simply to treat motorcycles and trailers the same way that we treat motor vehicles. The registration fees for motor vehicles are prorated on a monthly basis, when the registration does not occur at the beginning of the registration period." He then read a letter from the constituent whom he proposed HB 1312 on behalf of: "Although I realize it will probably do no good. I have a concern or a complaint to make. I recently purchased a new motorcycle from Dakota Harley Davidson. I paid over \$16,000 for the bike, plus the paid title and tax. I picked up the bike in the first week of December and received my tag, transferred from my trade-in bike, which was paid through December of 1998. My new tag, was according to the dealer, paid through 1999. Two weeks later, I received a notice that I needed to purchase another sticker for the 1999 year. In short, with the purchase of a new motorcycle, I was required to pay the full price for 4 weeks and then required to pay the full price again, for the next year. The lady at the tag agency in Minot, was really understanding, and called Bismarck to see if anything could be done, but the rule is that motorcycles and trailers are handled differently than cars and trucks, so I had to buy another tag 3-4 weeks after I purchased the first one. The agency told me that it was a problem that comes up frequently and that it was a rip-off, and that I contact my legislatures. I agree that this is a rip-off. This is an extremely frustrating situation. I feel like I've been had by the great state of North Dakota, and hopefully this can be remedied in the future."

(33.0) Keith Kaiser, Director of the Motor Vehicle Division appeared in neutrality on the bill.

(49.1) Rep. Timm moved for a Do Not Pass.

(49.4) Rep. Carlson seconded the motion.

The motion failed to be passed, with a vote of 6 yes, 13 no, and 1 absent.

(1.2) Rep. Carlisle moved for a Do Pass.

(1.3) Rep. Wentz seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with a vote of 13 yes, 6 no, and 1 absent.

Date: 2/1  
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

**1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO.**

House **APPROPRIATION** Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Subcommittee on 1312  
 or  
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken DND - Do Not Pass

Motion Made By Timm Seconded By Carlson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Ole Aarsvold		✓	Rep. Ronald Nichols		✓
Rep. LeRoy G. Bernstein	✓		Rep. Jim Poolman		✓
Rep. James Boehm <u>Baume</u>	✓	✓	Rep. Ken Svedjan	✓	
Rep. Rex R. Byerly	✓		Rep. Mike Timm	✓	
Rep. Al Carlson	✓		Rep. Ben Tollefson		✓
Rep. Ron Carlisle		✓	Rep. Janet Wentz		✓
<del>Rep. Al Carlson</del>	<del>✓</del>		Chairman Jack Dalrymple		✓
Rep. Jeff Delzer	✓				
Rep. Pam Gulleason		✓			
Rep. Serenus Hoffner	✓				
Rep. Robert Huether <u>Hether</u>		✓			
Rep. James Kerzman		✓			
Rep. Ed Lloyd		✓			
Rep. David Monson		✓			

Total (Yes) 6 No 13  
 Absent 1

Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: 2/1/99  
 Roll Call Vote #: 2

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

House **APPROPRIATION** Committee

Subcommittee on 1312  
 or  
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken Do PASS

Motion Made By Carlisle Seconded By Wentz

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Ole Aarsvold	✓		Rep. Ronald Nichols	✓	
Rep. LeRoy G. Bernstein	✓	✓	Rep. Jim Poolman	✓	
Rep. James Boehm	✓		Rep. Ken Svedjan		✓
Rep. Rex R. Byerly		✓	Rep. Mike Timm		✓
Rep. Al Carlson		✓	Rep. Ben Tollefson	✓	
Rep. Ron Carlisle	✓		Rep. Janet Wentz	✓	
<del>Rep. Al Carlson</del>			Chairman Jack Dalrymple	✓	
Rep. Jeff Delzer		✓			
Rep. Pam Gulleon	✓				
Rep. Serenus Hoffner	→				
Rep. Robert Huether	✓				
Rep. James Kerzman	✓				
Rep. Ed Lloyd	✓				
Rep. David Monson	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 6

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Carlisle

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

**1999 SENATE FINANCE AND TAXATION**

**HB 1312**

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1312

Senate Finance and Taxation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 3-2-99

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Shila Wald</i>			

Minutes:

Sen Urlacher - opened the hearing on HB 1312. A BILL RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF MOTORCYCLES AND TRAILERS.

Rep. Jon Martinson - This bill states motorcycles and trailers should be pro-rated, like a car. An issue is registration fee is so small motorcycles \$15. and trailers \$20., so why pro rate? If fee is higher, fiscal note would show. I recommend that now is the time to do something about this.

Rep. Maragos - Encourage the Committee to Do Pass.

Keith Magnusson - NDDOT - The fee is \$20 for trailers and \$15 for motorcycles. If the committee does pro - rate, they can do what they want. It may affect the fiscal note. All the money in motor vehicle is shared with cities and counties. Last year 1348 motor vehicles were sold.

Sen. Stenehjem - The \$5. boat license is forever. On pg. 6, the minimum fee would be \$5., even if you prorate it?

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Sen. Kroeplin - Doing this, would it create extra work?

Keith Magnusson - No.

Sen. Stenehjem - How about snowmobiles, and ATV? Maybe we should prorate all licenses.

Keith Magnusson - We haven't gotten into this area, so we can't prorate these types of vehicles.

Sen. Urlacher - Uniformity on all registered equipment. Raise fees maybe the direction to go.

Sen. Stenehjem - One problem about registration is people tend to forget when the license is due.

Sen. Wardner - Isn't there a notice sent out? They shouldn't forget.

Keith Magnusson - Some put off paying until they use the vehicle.

Sen Stenehjem - What is registration fees for snowmobiles & ATV?

Keith Magnusson - I don't know the fees.

Sen. Urlacher closed the hearing.

DISCUSSION 3-3-99 TAPE 2 A

SEN. STENEHJEM MADE A

MOTION TO DO PASS AND SECONDED BY SEN. KROEPLIN. VOTE 7-0-0. CARRIER

WILL BE SEN. STENEHJEM.

Date: 3/3/99  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1312

Senate Senate Finance and Taxation Committee

Subcommittee on \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken As Pass

Motion Made By Sen Stenehjem Seconded By Sen. Kroeplin

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
SENATOR URLACHER	✓				
SENATOR CHRISTMANN	✓				
SENATOR SCHOBINGER	✓				
SENATOR STENEHJEM	✓				
SENATOR WARDNER	✓				
SENATOR KINNOIN	✓				
SENATOR KROEPLIN	✓				

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen Stenehjem

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



REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
March 3, 1999 3:28 p.m.

Module No: SR-38-3969  
Carrier: B. Stenehem  
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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1312: Finance and Taxation Committee (Sen. Urlacher, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1312 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.**