2017 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1447

2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1447
2/8/2019
#32450

☐ Subcommittee
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature Jeanette Cook

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A BILL relating to the display of a number plate on a motor vehicle owned by a collector.

Minutes:

Chairman Ruby opened the hearing on HB 1447.

Representative Owens, District 17, introduced HB 1447. This bill will allow for vehicles that are applying for Collector Plates, to have just the front license plate on their car. It is for vehicles that are 25 years or older. There are limitations for the Collector plates. The bill puts in law the same rights for a Collector Plate as the Pioneer Plates. A twenty-five-year-old vehicle does not have to be registered with Collector Plates, then it will not have the restrictions.

Representative Weisz: Is the only difference between Collector and Pioneer the age?

Representative Owens: Yes, except Pioneer may say the specific miles per year, but I don't think the Collector does.

Representative Nelson: Do you just get one plate, or do they give you two?

Representative Owens: If we change the law they will only get one when registering as Collector Plates.

There was no further support for HB 1447.
There was no opposition to HB 1447.
There was no neutral testimony on HB 1447.

Vice Chairman Rick C. Becker moved a DO PASS on HB 1447.
Representative Hanson seconded the motion.
A voice vote was taken on HB 1447: Aye 13 Nay 0 Absent 1
The motion carried.
Representative Hanson will carry HB 1447.

Date: 2-8-19
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1447

House Transportation Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: ☐ Adopt Amendment
☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☐ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar

Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Becker Seconded By Hanson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
CHAIRMAN RUBY	✓		REP LAURIEBETH HAGER	✓	
VICE CHAIR BECKER	✓		REP KARLA ROSE HANSON	✓	
REP JIM GRUENEICH	✓		REP MARVIN NELSON	✓	
REP TERRY JONES	✓				
REP TOM KADING	✓				
REP EMILY O'BRIEN	A				
REP MARK OWENS	✓				
REP BOB PAULSON	✓				
REP GARY PAUR	✓				
REP ROBIN WEISZ	✓				
REP GREG WESTLIND	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Hanson

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1447: Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1447 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2019 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1447

2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Lewis and Clark Room, State Capitol

HB 1447
3/7/2019
33402

☐ Subcommittee
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: Liz Stenehjem

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A bill relating to the display of a number plate on a motor vehicle owned by a collector.

Minutes: No Attachments

Representative Owens, District 17, Grand Forks: Currently our state law says that if you have a pioneer plate, which means you have a car more than 40-years old that you have registered as a pioneer vehicle. In order to get the pioneer plate, which means you can only drive it a certain amount a year, you can only do certain things with it, you can't drive it at will; you only have to have one license plate. This bill seeks to extend to the collector option. The collector plates that are authorized again have similar restrictions on use and number of miles per year and everything, because you drive them in parades and take them to shows and whatnot, so they have similar restrictions. So it's not just any car that's 25-years old, it has to 25-years old and registered with Department of Transportation as a collector, so that it's a collector plate. This bill simply looks to extend that single plate idea from the antique or the pioneer option of registering your car to the collector option of registering your car.

Chairman Rust: This means you only need one plate on a collector vehicle.

Representative Owens: Correct.

Chairman Rust: Not on every vehicle.

Representative Owens: No. I would love it to be on every vehicle, personally. But that's not what this bill does. This bill only recognizes 25-year old vehicles that are registered with Department of Transportation as collectors. So you can have a 25-year old vehicle and get regular tags and drive it all you want. However, it wouldn't fall under this law, you'd still require two license plates.

Senator Bakke: Would that plate be on the front of the vehicle or the back of the vehicle?

Representative Owens: Actually, the way the law reads is, the first plate goes on the back in the license plate, if you pay attention. Because if you look at what it says about the front

plate, this has always gotten me, because I brought a car up from Alabama and it doesn't have a front license plate holder. So I stuck it in the window and that was perfectly legal according to the current law which says, the front license plate must be affixed to the car and more than 12-inches off the ground.

Senator Bakke: And these would only be driven for limited amounts of time? I mean for limited events, they wouldn't be for general errands around town and that sort of stuff.

Representative Owens: I don't remember exactly what the definition of collector is, we can look it up in Chapter 39, but it has restrictions on the use of the vehicle.

Chairman Rust: All the bill does is allow for only one plate to be placed on a collector vehicle.

Representative Owens: If I may add, it is in the bill. "A motor vehicle qualifies as a collector's item under this section only if it is operated on public streets and highways for the purpose of driving the vehicle to and from active entry and participation in parades, car shows, car rallies, other public gatherings held for the purpose of displaying or selling the vehicle, and to and from service or storage facilities." So see, it's very restrictive.

Senator Bakke: What is the policy right now with collector cars? Do they have to pay the full fee, do they get two plates, do they pay a different fee, what do we do right now with collector automobiles?

Lindi Michlitsch, Director, Motor Vehicle Division, North Dakota Department of Transportation: Currently, yes they have to apply for the collector registration. I believe off the top of my head I think it's $160, I could be wrong on that, that's probably for a personalize one. Yes, we issue two plates. This bill, we would still issue two plates and it would be up to the owner's discretion on whether they wanted to display one or two plates.

Chairman Rust: Do you know how many collector's plates are issued?

Ms Michlitsch: At the end of 2018 we had 3606 active collector plates.

Senator Bakke: So are these plates more expensive than the average plates you buy for a vehicle, because they are collector's cars?

Ms Michlitsch: No. They only pay the registration once, because it's a lifetime plate. The fee is $60 for the lifetime of the plate.

Chairman Rust: $100 would be if they got a personalized one then I suppose.

Ms Michlitsch: It would be $160.

2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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HB 1447
3/7/2019
33415

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Committee Clerk: Liz Stenehjem

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

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Minutes: No Attachments

Senator Dwyer: I would just point out that unlike the sports cars that can be driven anywhere on any road any place. A collector vehicle can only be driven to parades, car shows, car rallies and other public gatherings held for the purpose of displaying that vehicle. So they're not road cars.

Chairman Rust: Extremely limited use. Extremely limited.

Senator Bakke: The Department told us they do get two plates, so it is up to them to decide whether they want to display the two or just the one.

Chairman Rust: 3600 vehicles, $60 per plate.

Senator Clemens: So a 25-year old car would make that a 1994. That's a pretty new car. I don't see, I guess they could be in a parade.

Chairman Rust: Again look at what you have to do. You have to do some stuff. An applicant for registration of a vehicle as a collector's motor vehicle shall file an affidavit with the director that states the owner's name and address, the make, year, and the manufacturer's identification number of the motor vehicle, and a statement that the motor vehicle is owned and operated solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes. If he's satisfied that the affidavit is true and correct, you can register the motor vehicle as collector's vehicle. If you want to register something as a collector's vehicle you have severely limited yourself in driving it.

Senator Bakke: Now with the sports car, the reason for one plate is that there is no place to put the plate on the front on some of these vehicle and also for the appearances. Why do they only need one plate for these?

Chairman Rust: I think because Representative Owens would like one plate period for everything. He did say that.

Senator Bakke: He did say that, but I'm just trying to figure out what is the purpose of only one plate, they're going to get two plates even though they only want one plate, they're only going to use one plate.

Chairman Rust: Some times on these collector's cars what they may do is they may put an American flag type plate on there, you've seen them. You know, different kinds, they may have something that is eye catching for the front. They may do that.

Senator Patten: I move a **Do Not Pass.**

Senator Clemens: I **Second** the motion.

Roll Call Vote Taken:
5-1-0 Do NOT Pass
Carrier: Clemens

Date: 3/7/2019
Roll Call Vote # 1

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Senate Transportation Committee

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Motion Made By Senator Patten Seconded By Senator Clemens

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Rust - Chairman		X	Senator Bakke	X	
Senator Clemens - Vice Chairman	X				
Senator Dwyer	X				
Senator Fors	X				
Senator Patten	X				

Total (Yes) 5 No 1

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Clemens

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1447: Transportation Committee (Sen. Rust, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (5 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1447 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.