

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1360**

Introduced by

Representatives Meier, Fehr, Karls, Lefor, Owens, Porter, Steiner, Toman, Trottier

Senators Carlisle, Oehlke

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 patriotic number plates; to amend and reenact subdivision j of
3 subsection 2 of section 39-04-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to disabled veteran
4 motor vehicle registration; and to provide an effective date.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 39-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **Patriotic number plates.**

- 9 1. The director shall issue patriotic plates under this section upon receiving:
- 10 a. Payment of all other fees required under this chapter for registration of a motor
11 vehicle;
- 12 b. Payment of an initial fee of twenty-five dollars of which twenty dollars is deposited
13 in the highway tax distribution fund and five dollars is deposited in the veterans'
14 postwar trust fund; and
- 15 c. Payment of an annual surcharge of twenty-five dollars of which ten dollars is
16 deposited in the highway tax distribution fund and fifteen dollars is deposited in
17 the veterans' postwar trust fund.
- 18 2. The department shall collect the initial fees and the annual surcharges under this
19 section. Deposits in the postwar trust fund under this section must be added to the
20 principal of the fund. Investment of the fund is the responsibility of the state treasurer
21 who shall have full authority to invest the fund only in the same manner as the state
22 investment board is authorized to make investments.
- 23 3. Patriotic plates must include a flag of the United States decal plate, bald eagle decal
24 plate, or boonie stomper decal plate.

1 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision j of subsection 2 of section 39-04-18 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3 j. Motor vehicles not exceeding twenty-six thousand pounds [11793.40 kilograms]
4 registered gross weight owned and operated by a disabled veteran under the
5 provisions of Public Law 79-663 [38 U.S.C. 3901], a disabled veteran who has a
6 one hundred percent service-connected disability as determined by the
7 department of veterans' affairs, or a disabled veteran who has an extra-schedular
8 rating to include individual unemployability that brings the veteran's total disability
9 rating to one hundred percent as determined by the department of veterans'
10 affairs is entitled to display either a distinctive license plate or a standard plate
11 that does not identify the veteran as a veteran or disabled veteran which is
12 issued by the department. This exemption applies to no more than two such
13 motor vehicles owned by a disabled veteran at any one time. A surviving spouse
14 of a disabled veteran who has not remarried and who is receiving department of
15 veterans' affairs dependency and indemnity compensation retains the exemption
16 of the deceased veteran who qualified under this subdivision for one vehicle.

17 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective for the issuance of United
18 States flag and bald eagle plates on July 1, 2017, and for the issuance of boonie stomper plates
19 on August 1, 2016.