Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015

HOUSE BILL NO. 1360
(Representatives Meier, Fehr, Karls, Lefor, Owens, Porter, Steiner, Toman, Trottier)
(Senators Carlisle, Oehlke)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 39-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to patriotic number plates; to amend and reenact subdivision j of subsection 2 of section 39-04-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to disabled veteran motor vehicle registration; and to provide an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

Patriotic number plates.

1. The director shall issue patriotic plates under this section upon receiving:

   a. Payment of all other fees required under this chapter for registration of a motor vehicle;

   b. Payment of an initial fee of twenty-five dollars of which twenty dollars is deposited in the highway tax distribution fund and five dollars is deposited in the veterans' postwar trust fund; and

   c. Payment of an annual surcharge of twenty-five dollars of which ten dollars is deposited in the highway tax distribution fund and fifteen dollars is deposited in the veterans' postwar trust fund.

2. The department shall collect the initial fees and the annual surcharges under this section. Deposits in the postwar trust fund under this section must be added to the principal of the fund. Investment of the fund is the responsibility of the state treasurer who shall have full authority to invest the fund only in the same manner as the state investment board is authorized to make investments.

3. Patriotic plates must include a flag of the United States decal plate, bald eagle decal plate, or boonie stomper decal plate.

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

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

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1360.

House Vote:	Yeas 91	Nays 0	Absent 3
Senate Vote:	Yeas 45	Nays 0	Absent 2

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at 9:52 A.M. on April 21, 2015.

Approved at 9:45 A.M. on April 22, 2015.

Governor

Filed in this office this 22nd day of April, 2015,

at 2:42 o'clock P. M.

Secretary of State