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

SENATE BILL NO. 2142
(Senators Mathern, Dever, Marcellais)
(Representatives Fehr, Wallman, Bellew)

AN ACT to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 39-04-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a purple heart recipient exemption from motor vehicle registration fees; and to amend and reenact section 39-04-10.10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to veterans' number plates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 39-04-10.10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

39-04-10.10. North Dakota veterans' number plates.

1. The director may issue distinctive number plates to individuals eligible for interment in the North Dakota veterans' cemetery. The director shall issue a number plate 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 fifteen dollars of which ten dollars is to be deposited in the highway tax distribution fund and five dollars is to be deposited in the veterans' cemetery maintenance fund <u>unless for a plate issued to a veteran who has been awarded the purple heart, then there is not an initial fee</u>; and

   c. Verification of subsequent payments of an annual surcharge of ten dollars paid to the adjutant general <u>unless for a plate issued to a veteran who has been awarded the purple heart, then there is not an annual surcharge</u>.

2. The department shall collect the fees and the ten dollar surcharge under this section. The department shall report to the legislative assembly on the funds collected under this section during each legislative session. The department shall pay the funds collected under subdivisions b and c of subsection 1 to the adjutant general monthly, who then, within ten days of receipt of the funds, shall deposit five dollars of each initial fee in the veterans' cemetery maintenance fund and the ten dollar surcharge shall be divided with five dollars being deposited in the veterans' cemetery trust fund and five dollars being deposited in the veterans' cemetery maintenance fund in the state treasury. 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. At the request of the adjutant general, the interest in the veterans' cemetery trust fund must be deposited in the veterans' cemetery maintenance fund for the purpose of funding salaries and maintenance of the veterans' cemetery.

3. The veterans' cemetery trust fund may accept funds from private and federal sources.

SECTION 2. A new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 39-04-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

> <u>Motor vehicles not exceeding twenty-six thousand pounds [11793.40 kilograms] registered gross weight owned and operated by a veteran who was awarded the purple heart is entitled to a distinctive license plate issued by the department. This exemption applies to one motor vehicle owned by a veteran who was awarded the purple heart.</u>

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2142.

Senate Vote:	Yeas 46	Nays 0	Absent 1
House Vote:	Yeas 91	Nays 0	Absent 3

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at 2:12 P.M. on March 12, 2015.

Approved at 10:23 A.M. on March 13, 2015.

Governor

Filed in this office this 13th day of March, 2015,

at 151 o'clock P M.

Secretary of State