

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

SENATE BILL NO. 2061
(Senators Kreun, Schaible, Wardner)
(Representatives Owens, Steiner, Delzer)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 39-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a road use fee for electric and hybrid vehicles; and to provide for a legislative management study.

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:

Electric and plug-in hybrid vehicle road use fee - Definitions.

1. In addition to all other fees required under this chapter for registration of a motor vehicle, the department shall collect at the beginning of each annual registration period:
 - a. An electric vehicle road use fee of one hundred twenty dollars for each electric vehicle registered.
 - b. A plug-in hybrid vehicle road use fee of fifty dollars for each plug-in hybrid vehicle registered.
 - c. An electric motorcycle road use fee of twenty dollars for each electric motorcycle registered.
2. As used in this section:
 - a. "Electric motorcycle" means a motor vehicle that has a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, is designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, and is propelled by an electric motor powered by a battery or other electric device incorporated into the vehicle and not propelled by an engine powered by the combustion of a hydrocarbon fuel, including gasoline, diesel, propane, or liquid natural gas.
 - b. "Electric vehicle" means a vehicle propelled by an electric motor powered by a battery or other electric device incorporated into the vehicle and not propelled by an engine powered by the combustion of a hydrocarbon fuel, including gasoline, diesel, propane, or liquid natural gas.
 - c. "Plug-in hybrid vehicle" means a vehicle drawing propulsion energy from an internal combustion engine, an energy storage device, and a receptacle to accept grid electricity.
3. The department shall deposit any moneys collected under this section into the highway tax distribution fund.

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK. During the 2019-20 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying current methods, using the electric vehicle infrastructure coalition, led by the department of transportation, to collaborate with the North Dakota utility industry, and North Dakota electric vehicle stakeholder groups, to design a jointly owned public and private network of electric vehicle infrastructure to support both commercial and noncommercial vehicles and make recommendations regarding electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The study must include the evaluation of the relative costs and benefits associated with various options for electric vehicle infrastructure support and estimate the future annual

economic impact. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-seventh legislative assembly.

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-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2061.

Senate Vote: Yeas 31 Nays 16 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 72 Nays 17 Absent 5

Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2019.

Governor

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Secretary of State