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HOUSE BILL NO. 1142

Introduced by: Representatives Frye-Mueller, Brunner, Chaffee, Dennert, Finck, Howard, Johnson (Chris), Livermont, Marty, Mills, Peterson (Sue), Pischke, Randolph, Rasmussen, Schoenfish, Weis, and Wiese and Senators Russell, Jensen (Phil), and Nelson

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding motor vehicle license
2 plates.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 32-5-83 be repealed.

5 ~~— 32-5-83. The number plates authorized by § 32-5-82 shall be of different design each five-~~
6 ~~year period and there shall be at all times a marked contrast between the color of the number~~
7 ~~plates and that of the numerals and letters on the plates.~~

8 ~~— Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, no new license plate design or the issuance~~
9 ~~of a new license plate design series may take place for the five-year design cycle that begins on~~
10 ~~January 1, 2011, and ends on December 31, 2011.~~

11 Section 2. That § 32-5-84 be amended to read:

12 32-5-84. The number plates authorized by § 32-5-82 shall be of metal or other suitable
13 material bearing the name of the state, either in full or by abbreviation, the number of and the
14 first year of the five-year period or the periods provided for in § 32-5-83 the plate was issued,



1 and a distinctive number for assignment to each vehicle. The distinctive number may be in
2 figures or a combination of figures and letters and shall be of a size clearly distinguishable by
3 law enforcement officers and individuals generally. The department may not introduce a new
4 design cycle to replace any number plates. A number plate shall only be replaced by the
5 department if the physical condition of the number plate requires replacement pursuant to the
6 provisions of this chapter. The department may not introduce a new design cycle to replace
7 number plates. The department shall issue either decals or tags made of some durable material
8 for the purpose of licensing snowmobiles. Such license shall be attached to each side of a
9 snowmobile below the windshield on the hood cowling.

10 Section 3. That § 32-5-99 be amended to read:

11 32-5-99. In the event of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of any plates issued under this
12 chapter, the owner of the registered vehicle may obtain a duplicate from the department through
13 the county treasurer upon filing an affidavit showing such facts and upon payment of a fee of
14 ten dollars in the office of the county treasurer. Vehicles licensed pursuant to §§ 32-5-8, 32-5-9
15 and 32-5-9.1 shall pay a fee of two dollars in lieu of the ten-dollar fee. ~~All duplicate fees shall~~
16 ~~be credited to the license plate revolving fund.~~ One-half of the fees collected pursuant to this
17 section shall be credited to the license plate revolving fund and the other half shall be credited
18 to the county treasurer of the proper county. If the plates are lost or stolen, the department may
19 not issue a duplicate set of plates until the loss or theft is reported to a law enforcement agency.

20 Section 4. That § 32-5-115 be amended to read:

21 32-5-115. The number plates authorized by § 32-5-113 shall be retained for the same period
22 of time as plates referred to in § ~~32-5-83~~ 32-5-84.

23 Section 5. That § 32-5-174 be amended to read:

24 32-5-174. Each emblem specialty plate authorized by § 32-5-167 shall be retained for the

1 same period of time as plates referred to in § ~~32-5-83~~ 32-5-84.