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SENATE BILL NO. 59

Introduced by: The Committee on Transportation at the request of the Department of Revenue

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to increase the penalty for the trafficking of vehicle license
2 plates and decals, to prohibit and provide a penalty for the unauthorized transfer of a vehicle
3 license plate or decal, and to impose a penalty for altering or forging certain vehicle
4 registration cards.

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

6 Section 1. That § 32-5-103 be amended to read as follows:

7 32-5-103. Any person, other than a public official designated by this title ~~so~~ to do so, who
8 buys, sells, or deals in the license plates or decals provided by this chapter during the time such
9 license plates or decals are valid, or deals with license plates or decals issued by a foreign state,
10 or counterfeits any such ~~number~~ license plate or decal or substitutes any marker, ~~shall be~~ is
11 guilty of a ~~Class 2~~ Class 1 misdemeanor.

12 Any person, other than a public official designated by this title to do so, who transfers any
13 registered license plate or decal from the motor vehicle to which it is registered to any other
14 motor vehicle is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

15 Section 2. That chapter 32-5 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as



1 follows:

2 No person may alter or forge, or may cause to be altered or forged, a motor vehicle
3 registration card or other temporary registration device or a copy of a card or device issued by
4 the department pursuant to this chapter. Any violation of this section is a Class 6 felony.