

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE BILL NO. 20

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

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

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

4 Section 1. That § 32-5-89.2 be repealed.

5 ~~— 32-5-89.2. Any owner of a motor vehicle, including a motorcycle, who is a resident of this~~  
6 ~~state, and who has complied with all laws of this state in regards to the registration of a motor~~  
7 ~~vehicle, may have the license plates replaced by special personalized license plates which shall~~  
8 ~~conform in size and color combinations as may be provided by the secretary. No personalized~~  
9 ~~license plate for a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle may contain more than seven letters~~  
10 ~~nor less than two letters. No personalized license plate for a motorcycle may contain more than~~  
11 ~~six letters nor less than two letters. There may be no duplication of the personalized license~~  
12 ~~plates issued by the secretary. The secretary may refuse to issue any letter combination which~~  
13 ~~carries connotations offensive to good taste and decency.~~

14 Section 2. That § 32-5-89.3 be repealed.

15 ~~— 32-5-89.3. Application for special personalized license plates shall be made on forms~~



1 ~~prescribed by the secretary. Upon the receipt of a properly completed application form and~~  
2 ~~payment of a fee of twenty-five dollars for any motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, the~~  
3 ~~department shall order the special plates. The fee for a personalized license plate for a~~  
4 ~~motorcycle is twenty dollars. Upon issuance of the personalized license plates, the owner shall~~  
5 ~~display the special plates on the assigned vehicle.~~

6 ~~— Personalized license plates shall be validated with stickers and are valid only for the~~  
7 ~~registration year for which the stickers are issued. The annual fee for personalized license plate~~  
8 ~~validation stickers for a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle is twenty-five dollars. The annual~~  
9 ~~fee for a personalized license plate validation sticker for a motorcycle is twenty dollars. During~~  
10 ~~the year originally issued, the personalized license metal plate fee includes the cost of that year's~~  
11 ~~validation sticker. The fees for personalized plates and validation stickers shall be credited to~~  
12 ~~a fund to be known as the license plate special revenue fund.~~

13 Section 3. That § 32-5-89.4 be repealed.

14 ~~— 32-5-89.4. If at any time a motor vehicle subject to the special personalized license plates~~  
15 ~~is sold, conveyed, or otherwise transferred by the person to whom such plates have been issued,~~  
16 ~~the owner shall remove the personalized license plate and may not attach the personalized plate~~  
17 ~~to any other vehicle until such time as the transfer is approved by the secretary. A violation of~~  
18 ~~this section is a petty offense.~~

19 Section 4. That § 32-5-89.5 be repealed.

20 ~~— 32-5-89.5. In the event of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of any special personalized~~  
21 ~~license plates, the owner of the registered vehicle may obtain a duplicate upon filing an affidavit~~  
22 ~~showing such facts and after paying a ten dollar fee to the department. The fee shall be credited~~  
23 ~~to the license plate special revenue fund.~~