

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

SENATE BILL NO. 2025  
(Appropriations Committee)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of veterans' affairs; to provide for a report; and to provide an exemption.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department of veterans' affairs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

|                                 | <u>Base Level</u> | <u>Adjustments or<br/>Enhancements</u> | <u>Appropriation</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|--|----------------------|
| Veterans' affairs               | \$1,200,129       | \$301,821                              | \$1,501,950          |
| State approving agency          | 285,658           | 6,366                                  | 292,024              |
| Grants - transportation program | 800,000           | 420,000                                | 1,220,000            |
| Transport vans                  | 18,800            | 0                                      | 18,800               |
| Service dogs                    | 50,000            | 0                                      | 50,000               |
| Veterans' home cemetery         | <u>0</u>          | <u>291,500</u>                         | <u>291,500</u>       |
| Total all funds                 | \$2,354,587       | \$1,019,687                            | \$3,374,274          |
| Less estimated income           | <u>1,085,657</u>  | <u>717,993</u>                         | <u>1,803,650</u>     |
| Total general fund              | \$1,268,930       | \$301,694                              | \$1,570,624          |
| Full-time equivalent positions  | 7.00              | 1.00                                   | 8.00                 |

**SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly for the 2019-21 biennium and the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

| <u>One-Time Funding Description</u> | <u>2019-21</u> | <u>2021-23</u> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Grant database enhancements         | \$7,500        | \$0            |
| Temporary loan and grant position   | 140,000        | 0              |
| Veterans' home cemetery             | <u>291,500</u> | <u>291,500</u> |
| Total all funds                     | \$439,000      | \$291,500      |
| Less estimated income               | <u>291,500</u> | <u>291,500</u> |
| Total general fund                  | \$147,500      | \$0            |

The 2021-23 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2023-25 biennium. The department of veterans' affairs shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-eighth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

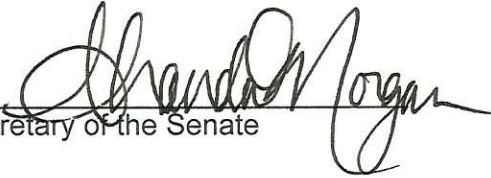
**SECTION 3. EXEMPTION - POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER SERVICE DOG PROGRAM.** The \$50,000 appropriated from the general fund for the posttraumatic stress disorder service dog program in section 1 of chapter 25 of the 2019 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any unspent funds from this program are available for the program during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.



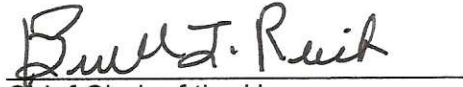
President of the Senate



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-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2025.

Senate Vote: Yeas 43 Nays 3 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 2 Absent 1



Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at 10:52 A.M. on April 16, 2021.



Governor

Filed in this office this 16th day of April, 2021,  
at 2:50 o'clock P. M.



Secretary of State