

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1389
(Representatives Hanson, Kiefert, Pyle, Schauer)
(Senators Bekkedahl, Weber, Wobbema)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 37-15-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the provision of basic and long-term care to service members and veterans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 37-15-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

37-15-02. Object of veterans' home.

The object of the veterans' home is to provide basic care as defined under chapter 23-09.3 and long-term care as defined under chapter 23-16 for:

1. All veterans as defined in section 37-01-40 ~~and all honorably discharged soldiers;~~
2. All service members of the North Dakota United States armed forces, national guard who heretofore or hereafter, or reserve who were discharged or released under other than dishonorable conditions and who do not meet the definition of a veteran but who are or may become permanently disabled from any cause while in line and discharge of duty, and who are enrolled in veterans' affairs health care before admission to the veterans' home; and
- 2.3. The spouses and spouse or surviving spouses of those mentioned in subsection 1 if they meet spouse of an individual in subsection 1 or 2 if the spouse or surviving spouse meets the requirements for admission under section 37-15-10.

Dennis E Johnson
Speaker of the House

Tammy Miller
President of the Senate

Bull J. Reist
Chief Clerk of the House

Brandi Meyer
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1389.

House Vote: Yeas 90 Nays 3 Absent 1

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 0 Absent 2

Bull J. Reist
Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at 10:36 AM. on March 23, 2023.

Doug Burgum
Governor

Filed in this office this 23rd day of March, 2023,

at 11:23 o'clock A.M.

Michael Howe
Secretary of State