

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1135
(Representatives Pyle, Christy, Novak, O'Brien, Vetter)
(Senators Weston, Wobbema)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 37-14-04 and 37-14-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the veterans' aid fund.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 37-14-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

37-14-04. Veterans' aid fund - Purpose.

The purpose of the veterans' aid fund is to make loans to any veteran and to a surviving spouse of a veteran. A qualified applicant may be permitted to receive more than one loan providing the total amount of all loans does not exceed fiveeight thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 37-14-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

37-14-06. Department may provide aid.

If the department of veterans' affairs is satisfied that an applicant is a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran and has not remarried, and that the applicant is a citizen and resident of this state, and that the applicant meets the criteria set forth in rules adopted pursuant to section 37-14-10 regarding qualifications to obtain a loan, the department may loan to the applicant a sum from the veterans' aid fund not to exceed fiveeight thousand dollars. Additional loans may be made to an applicant if the applicant still meets the loan criteria and if the total of all loans does not exceed fiveeight thousand dollars. If an applicant is provided more than one loan, the amounts will be consolidated into one payment.

Rob Weisig
Speaker of the House

Michelle L. Strider
President of the Senate

Buell J. Reel
Chief Clerk of the House

Manda Mogn
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1135.

House Vote: Yeas 90 Nays 0 Absent 4

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

Buell J. Reel
Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at 11:30 A.M. on March 13, 2025.

Approved at 1:46 P.M. on March 14, 2025.

[Signature]
Governor

Filed in this office this 14th day of March, 2025,

at 4:35 o'clock P M.

Michael Howe
Secretary of State