

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 37-15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to admission requirements for spouses and surviving spouses of veterans at the  
3 veterans' home; and to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **37-15-10. Admittance to veterans' home - Requirements governing.**

- 8 1. ~~No~~ An applicant may not be admitted to the veterans' home unless the applicant  
9 has been a bona fide resident of this state for at least one year ~~next~~ immediately  
10 preceding the applicant's application for admission ~~thereto~~. The one-year  
11 residency ~~immediately preceding application~~ requirement may be waived if the  
12 applicant served in a North Dakota regiment or was accredited to this state.
- 13 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of those mentioned in subsection 1 of section  
14 37-15-02 may be admitted upon the same footing as the veteran; provided;  
15 ~~however,~~ that ~~such~~ the spouse or surviving spouse ~~has entered into~~ the contract of  
16 marriage to the veteran at least ~~five years prior to~~ one year before the date of  
17 application ~~and has attained the age of forty-five years at date of application~~.
- 18 3. ~~No person~~ An individual may not be admitted to the home until that ~~person~~  
19 individual has made formal application and furnished such proof as may be  
20 required by the administrative committee on veterans' affairs and the application  
21 has been approved by the board of admissions of the institution that the committee  
22 has designated.
- 23 4. When a member of the home who is not eligible for veterans' administration  
24 hospitalization and care becomes unable from any cause to care for oneself under

1           ~~the rules prescribed~~ adopted by the administrative committee on veterans' affairs  
2           for the admission and care of members in the home, the member ~~shall become~~  
3           becomes a charge of the county of residence at the time of admission. ~~No~~ An  
4           individual may not gain or lose legal residence by reason of residence in or being a  
5           member of the veterans' home.

6           **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.