

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments**Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2007**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the veterans' home
2 and department of veterans' affairs; and to provide legislative intent regarding veterans' home
3 management, budgeting, and accounting practices and related budget section reports.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the
6 funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in
7 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal
8 funds and other income, to the veterans' home and the department of veterans' affairs for the
9 purpose of defraying their expenses, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending
10 June 30, 1999, as follows:

11 Subdivision 1.

12 VETERANS' HOME

13 Salaries and wages	\$5,142,487
14 Operating expenses	1,797,976
15 Equipment	44,900
16 Capital improvements	<u>336,700</u>
17 Total all funds	\$7,322,063
18 Less estimated income	<u>5,283,559</u>
19 Total general fund appropriation	\$2,038,504

20 Subdivision 2.

21 VETERANS' AFFAIRS

22 Salaries and wages	\$ 367,127
23 Operating expenses	79,611
24 Equipment	<u>3,000</u>

1	Total all funds	\$ 449,738
2	Less estimated income	<u>26,345</u>
3	Total general fund appropriation	\$ 423,393
4	Grand total general fund appropriation S.B. 2007	\$2,461,897
5	Grand total special funds appropriation S.B. 2007	\$5,309,904
6	Grand total all funds appropriation S.B. 2007	\$7,771,801

7 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** The estimated income line item included in
8 subdivision 1 of this Act includes \$577,866, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to be
9 made available to the veterans' home operating fund from the veterans' home improvement
10 fund.

11 **SECTION 3. VETERANS' HOME MANAGEMENT, BUDGETING, AND**
12 **ACCOUNTING PRACTICES - BUDGET SECTION REPORTING.** The commandant of the
13 veterans' home shall improve the veterans' home's management, budget, and accounting
14 functions including those identified in the veterans' home audit report for the fiscal year ending
15 June 30, 1996, and by the legislative audit and fiscal review committee, including budgeting
16 procedures that reduce frequent line item transfers and requests for additional funding authority
17 approvals by the emergency commission, a physical inventory of fixed assets, appropriate
18 bidding for improvement projects, and proper accounting for items not included in the statewide
19 accounting management information system. The commandant shall develop a corrective plan
20 of action to address the improvements and periodically report to the budget section regarding
21 the development of the corrective plan of action and its implementation.