

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 37-15-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the veterans' home membership contribution; and to declare an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-15-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **37-15-14.1. Membership contribution for residents of veterans' home - ~~Creation of~~**
7 **~~special~~ Special fund.**

8 1. The administrative committee on veterans' affairs may establish a membership
9 contribution to be paid by members of the veterans' home. The fee must be based
10 on the adjusted income of each member, but ~~in no case may it~~ not exceed
11 forty-nine percent of the average daily per-member cost. The membership
12 contribution must be set under a formula determined by the administrative
13 committee and designed to assure dignity and equity in the charge. The
14 administrative committee may, ~~from time to time~~, reconsider its action establishing
15 a membership contribution, amend or rescind the contribution charge, or reinstate
16 a contribution charge previously rescinded. The commandant shall collect monthly
17 any membership contribution levied.

18 2. As used in subsection 1, "adjusted income" means all moneys received from any
19 source, including social security benefits, less amounts received or expended as
20 follows:

21 a. ~~Moneys received as service-connected compensation.~~

22 b. Moneys earned during authorized leaves or furloughs from the veterans'
23 home.

24 c. b. Moneys expended by the member for hospitalization due to illness or injury.

1 ~~e.~~ c. Moneys expended by the member for other medical care or treatment, or for
2 required medicines.

3 ~~e.~~ d. Such other receipts or expenditures as the administrative committee may
4 permit to be deducted in individual cases.

5 3. All moneys received as a result of charging the membership contribution
6 authorized by subsection 1 must be deposited in the veterans' home operating
7 fund.

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