

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2299

Page 1, line 1, after "37-15-07" insert ", 37-15-10.1,"

Page 1, line 2, replace "commandant" with "administrator" and after "home" insert "and priorities for admission to the veterans' home"

Page 1, line 7, overstrike "**Commandant**" and insert immediate thereafter "**Administrator**" and overstrike "- **Term** -"

Page 1, line 8, overstrike "**Salary**" and remove "The governor shall appoint the commandant of the veterans' home after consultation"

Page 1, remove line 9

Page 1, line 10, remove "resident of this state. The commandant shall serve at the pleasure of the governor."

Page 1, line 11, remove the overstrike over "~~appointment, qualifications, term of office, and~~" and remove "administrative committee on veterans' affairs"

Page 1, line 12, remove "shall determine the", overstrike "commandant" and insert immediately thereafter "administrator", and remove the overstrike over "~~of the veterans' home must be~~"

Page 1, after line 13, insert:

**"SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-15-10.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**37-15-10.1. Priorities for admission to veterans' home.** If the veterans' home is full and a waiting list for admission is necessary, further admission to the veterans' home must be according to the following listing of priorities, so long as the individual meets the admission requirements of sections 37-15-02 and 37-15-10:

1. ~~Veterans with service-connected disability.~~
2. ~~American ex-prisoners of war.~~
3. ~~Wartime veterans with nonservice-connected disability.~~
4. ~~Wartime veterans.~~
5. ~~Discharged North Dakota national guard members who became disabled in the line and discharge of duty.~~
6. ~~Veterans with nonservice-connected disability.~~
7. ~~Veterans.~~
8. ~~Spouses.~~
9. ~~Surviving spouses.~~

~~An individual whose priority is higher than another individual's must be admitted before that other individual~~ priorities for admission to the facility appropriate to the different levels of care that are provided by the veterans' home. The priorities for admission must be established by rule as provided under chapter 28-32.

Page 1, line 16, overstrike "**subcommittees**" and insert immediately thereafter "**subcommittee and governing board**"

Page 1, line 19, overstrike "from the"

Page 1, overstrike lines 20 through 24

Page 2, overstrike lines 1 through 9

Page 2, line 10, overstrike "thereof is required for any action" and insert immediately thereafter "a seven-member governing board for administration of the veterans' home, from within or outside the committee, subject to ratification of a majority vote of the committee, and shall establish term lengths for service on the governing board. The governing board has all ordinary powers required of a governing board, including the power to establish qualifications for and selection of an administrator and to establish an appropriate salary structure, subject to limitations of legislative appropriation. The administrator serves at the pleasure of the governing board"

Page 2, line 11, overstrike "The committee shall detail the specific powers and duties of each subcommittee"

Page 2, overstrike line 12

Page 2, line 13, overstrike "provided by the veterans' home and the department of veterans' affairs" and insert immediately thereafter "The chairman and secretary of the committee jointly shall appoint a subcommittee to be responsible for supervision and government of the department of veterans' affairs. Once appointed, a subcommittee member may continue to serve as long as the member remains a voting member of the committee, unless removed from the subcommittee by joint action of the committee chairman and secretary. A member of the subcommittee may not serve on the governing board of the veterans' home. Each nominating organization listed in section 37-18.1-01 must have at least one voting member nominated by the organization serving on the subcommittee. The subcommittee shall select by majority vote of the members a chairman to preside for the term of one year"

Page 2, line 17, remove "The"

Page 2, line 18, remove "term", overstrike "of office", remove "is", and overstrike "two years, commencing on July"

Page 2, line 19, replace "first of an odd-numbered year" with "The commissioner serves at the pleasure of the committee"

Page 2, line 20, overstrike "salaries" and insert immediately thereafter "salary" and overstrike "the commandant of the veterans' home and"

Page 2, line 22, overstrike "commandant of the veterans' home and the"

Page 2, line 23, overstrike "their respective"

Page 2, line 24, overstrike "subcommittees" and insert immediately thereafter "the subcommittee", overstrike "commandant and the", and overstrike "have" and insert immediately thereafter "has"

Page 2, line 25, overstrike "subcommittees" and insert immediately thereafter "subcommittee"

Page 2, line 26, overstrike "each of its subcommittees" and insert immediately thereafter "the board or the subcommittee"

Page 3, line 4, after the period insert "The board governing the veterans' home and the subcommittee governing the department of veterans' affairs shall conduct an annual performance evaluation of the administrator and commissioner, respectively, with the evaluation presented to the committee. The board and subcommittee shall create and implement a strategic plan for the veterans' home and the department of veterans' affairs, respectively. The board and the committee annually shall report as to the status of the respective strategic plan to the committee. After receiving a report, the committee shall submit the report to the governor."

Renumber accordingly