

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1029
(Legislative Council)
(Budget Committee on Government Administration)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 37-15-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the veterans' home membership contribution; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

1. The administrative committee on veterans' affairs may establish a membership contribution to be paid by members of the veterans' home. The fee must be based on the adjusted income of each member, but ~~in no case~~ may it not exceed forty-nine percent of the average daily per-member cost. The membership contribution must be set under a formula determined by the administrative committee and designed to assure dignity and equity in the charge. The administrative committee may, ~~from time to time~~, reconsider its action establishing a membership contribution, amend or rescind the contribution charge, or reinstate a contribution charge previously rescinded. The commandant shall collect monthly any membership contribution levied.
2. As used in subsection 1, "adjusted income" means all moneys received from any source, including social security benefits, less amounts received or expended as follows:
 - a. ~~Moneys received as service-connected compensation.~~
 - ~~b.~~ b. Moneys earned during authorized leaves or furloughs from the veterans' home.
 - ~~c.~~ b. Moneys expended by the member for hospitalization due to illness or injury.
 - ~~d.~~ c. Moneys expended by the member for other medical care or treatment, or for required medicines.
 - ~~e.~~ d. Such other receipts or expenditures as the administrative committee may permit to be deducted in individual cases.
3. All moneys received as a result of charging the membership contribution authorized by subsection 1 must be deposited in the veterans' home operating fund.

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1029 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 90 Nays 0 Absent 4

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2003,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State