

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.

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

4 **SECTION 1. BASE LEVEL FUNDING INFORMATION.** The amounts identified in this  
5 section represent the base level funding component appropriated to the veterans' home and  
6 department of veterans' affairs in section 3 of this Act as follows:

7 Subdivision 1.

8 VETERANS' HOME

9 Salaries and wages	\$7,975,737
10 Operating expenses	2,711,704
11 Capital assets	<u>329,754</u>
12 Total all funds - Base level	\$11,017,195
13 Less estimated income - Base level	<u>7,971,123</u>
14 Total general fund - Base level	\$3,046,072

15 Subdivision 2.

16 VETERANS' AFFAIRS

17 Total all funds - Base level	\$524,292
18 Less estimated income - Base level	<u>43,494</u>
19 Total general fund - Base level	\$480,798
20 Total general fund - Section 1	\$3,526,870
21 Total special funds - Section 1	\$8,014,617
22 Total all funds - Section 1	\$11,541,487

23 **SECTION 2. FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS INFORMATION.** The  
24 amounts identified in this section represent the funding adjustments or enhancements to the

1 base funding level for the veterans' home and department of veterans' affairs which are  
2 included in the appropriation in section 3 of this Act as follows:

3 Subdivision 1.

4 VETERANS' HOME

5 Salaries and wages	(\$247,032)
6 Operating expenses	463,074
7 Capital assets	<u>20,852</u>
8 Total all funds - Adjustments/enhancements	\$236,894
9 Less estimated income - Adjustments/enhancements	<u>(996,290)</u>
10 Total general fund - Adjustments/enhancements	\$1,233,184

11 Subdivision 2.

12 VETERANS' AFFAIRS

13 Total all funds	\$125,291
14 Less estimated income	<u>(43,494)</u>
15 Total general fund - Adjustments/enhancements	\$168,785
16 Total general fund - Section 2	\$1,401,969
17 Total special funds - Section 2	(\$1,039,784)
18 Total all funds - Section 2	\$362,185

19 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the  
20 funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
21 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and  
22 other income, to the veterans' home and department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of  
23 defraying the expenses of that agency, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and ending  
24 June 30, 2007, as follows:

25 Subdivision 1.

26 VETERANS' HOME

27 Salaries and wages	\$7,728,705
28 Operating expenses	3,174,778
29 Capital assets	<u>350,606</u>
30 Total all funds	\$11,254,089

Fifty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly

1	Less estimated income	<u>6,974,833</u>
2	Total general fund appropriation	\$4,279,256
3	Subdivision 2.	
4	VETERANS' AFFAIRS	
5	Veterans' affairs	<u>\$649,583</u>
6	Total general fund appropriation	\$649,583
7	Grand total general fund appropriation - S.B. 2007	\$4,928,839
8	Grand total special funds appropriation - S.B. 2007	\$6,974,833
9	Grand total all funds appropriation - S.B. 2007	\$11,903,672

10       **SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - VETERANS' HOME STAFFING POLICY.** It is  
11 the intent of the fifty-ninth legislative assembly that the veterans' home review its policy of  
12 staffing for basic care services, including the number of licensed practical nurses as compared  
13 to certified nurse assistants scheduled for each shift, and to present a report to the  
14 appropriations committees of the sixtieth legislative assembly during the agency's budget  
15 presentation regarding justification for the staffing policy and information on savings that may  
16 be realized from changes in the policy.