

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

Introduced by

(At the request of the Veterans' Home)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 37-15 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to telephone services at the veterans' home; amend and reenact section  
3 37-15-10 and 37-15-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to admission to and fees  
4 paid by residents of the veterans' home.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 37-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Telephone service.** Notwithstanding any other law, the veterans' home may purchase  
9 or arrange for independent third-party telephone services.

10 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
11 amended and reenacted as follows:

12 **37-15-10. Admittance to veterans' home - Requirements governing.**

13 1. An applicant may not be admitted to the veterans' home unless the applicant is a  
14 bona fide resident of this state preceding the applicant's application for admission.

15 The residency requirement may be waived if the applicant served in a North  
16 Dakota regiment or was accredited to this state.

17 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of those mentioned in subsection 1 of section  
18 37-15-02 may be admitted upon the same footing as the veteran.

19 3. An individual may not be admitted to the home until that individual has made formal  
20 application and furnished ~~such~~ the proof as may be required by the ~~administrative~~  
21 ~~committee on veterans' affairs~~ home and the application has been approved by the  
22 board of admissions of the ~~institution that the committee has designated~~ home.

23 4. When a member of the home who is not eligible for veterans' administration  
24 hospitalization and care becomes unable from any cause to care for oneself under

rules adopted by the ~~administrative committee on veterans' affairs~~ veterans' home governing board for the admission and care of members in the home, the member becomes a charge of the county of residence at the time of admission. An individual may not gain or lose legal residence by reason of residence in or being a member of the veterans' home.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-15-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

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

1. The ~~administrative committee on veterans' affairs~~ veterans' home governing board may establish a ~~membership contribution fees~~ to be paid by members of the veterans' home. The fee must be based on the adjusted income of each member, but may not exceed forty-nine percent of the average daily per member cost. The ~~membership contribution fees~~ must be set under a formula determined by the ~~administrative committee~~ veterans' home governing board and designed to assure dignity and equity in the charge. The ~~administrative committee~~ veterans' home governing board may reconsider its action establishing a ~~membership contribution fee~~, amend or rescind the ~~contribution charge fees~~, or reinstate a ~~contribution charge fee~~ previously rescinded. The administrator of the veterans' home shall collect monthly any ~~membership contribution fees~~ 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 earned during authorized leaves or furloughs from the veterans' home.~~
  - b. Moneys expended by the member for hospitalization due to illness or injury.
  - e. b. Moneys expended by the member for other medical care or treatment, or for required medicines.
  - e. c. Such other receipts or expenditures as the ~~administrative committee~~ veterans' home governing board may permit to be deducted in individual cases.

- 1           3. All moneys received as a result of charging the ~~membership contribution~~ fees  
2           authorized by subsection 1 must be deposited in the veterans' home operating  
3           fund.