

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.