

Sixty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1129**

Introduced by

Representatives Laning, Trottier

Senator Marcellais

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 37-18-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to duties of the commissioner of veterans' affairs.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-18-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **37-18-04. Duties of commissioner.**

7 ~~It is the duty of the commissioner to coordinate agencies or instrumentalities of the state set~~  
8 ~~up to render service and benefits to returning veterans; to have charge of~~To provide services  
9 and benefits to veterans and the veterans' dependents, the commissioner shall:

10 1. Coordinate with any federal agency or public or private entity of this state or any other  
11 state as required to fulfill the commissioner's duties;

12 2. Supervise and implement programs and benefits authorized by statute; ~~to assist~~

13 3. Assist or represent veterans or their widows, administrators, executors, guardians, or  
14 heirs, in processing claims; ~~to advise~~

15 4. Advise and assist veterans in taking advantage of the provisions of the Servicemen's  
16 Readjustment Act of 1944 [Pub. L. 78-346; 58 Stat. 291], or any similar or related  
17 measures benefits and services for veterans afforded by the federal government; ~~to~~  
18 provide

19 5. Provide counties with recommended qualifications and standards for county veterans'  
20 service officers; ~~to assist~~

21 6. Assist counties with training of county veterans' service officers; ~~to provide~~

22 7. Provide county veterans' service officers with educational materials; ~~to assist~~

23 8. Assist county veterans' service officers in the performance of their duties; ~~to~~  
24 disseminate

- 1        9.    Disseminate information; and ~~to do any and~~
- 2        10.   Do all things necessary and proper for the purpose of carrying out the intent and
- 3        purposes of this chapter.