

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1129
(Representatives Laning, Trottier)
(Senator Marcellais)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 37-18-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to duties of the commissioner of veterans' affairs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

37-18-04. Duties of commissioner.

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

1. Coordinate with any federal agency or public or private entity of this state or any other state as required to fulfill the commissioner's duties;
2. Supervise and implement programs and benefits authorized by statute; ~~to assist~~
3. Assist or represent veterans or their widows, administrators, executors, guardians, or heirs, in processing claims; ~~to advise~~
4. Advise and assist veterans in taking advantage of the ~~provisions of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 [Pub. L. 78-346; 58 Stat. 291], or any similar or related measures~~benefits and services for veterans afforded by the federal government; ~~to provide~~
5. Provide counties with recommended qualifications and standards for county veterans' service officers; ~~to assist~~
6. Assist counties with training of county veterans' service officers; ~~to provide~~
7. Provide county veterans' service officers with educational materials; ~~to assist~~
8. Assist county veterans' service officers in the performance of their duties; ~~to disseminate~~
9. Disseminate information; and ~~to do any and~~
10. Do all things necessary and proper for the purpose of carrying out the intent and purposes of this chapter.

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 Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1129.

House Vote: Yeas 90 Nays 0 Absent 4

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2019.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2019.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2019,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State