Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2204

Introduced by

Senators Meyer, Clemens, Larsen, Wobbema

Representatives Pyle, M. Ruby

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 37-14-01.1, 37-14-03.3, and 37-14-04 of the
- 2 North Dakota Century Code, relating to veterans' relief and rehabilitation.

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

- 4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-14-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
- 5 amended and reenacted as follows:
- 6 **37-14-01.1. Definition of veteran.**
- 7 <u>1.</u> As used in this chapter, "veteran" means an:
- 8 <u>a.</u> An individual who served in the armed forces of the United States on federal active duty:
- 10 <u>1.</u> (1) For reasons other than training and who has been discharged under other than dishonorable conditions; or
- 12 <u>2. (2)</u> To whom the United States veterans administration has assigned a service-connected disability rating;
 - b. Current members of the national guard or reserve; or
- 15 <u>c. Former members of the national guard or reserve who have been discharged</u>
 under other than dishonorable conditions.
- 17 <u>2. Subdivisions b and c of subsection 1 do not apply to section 37-14-14.</u>
- 18 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-14-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
- 20 **37-14-03.3. Revolving fund.**

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- The moneys in the permanent revolving fund of the veterans' aid fund are available for:
- 1. Making loans to any veteran and to a surviving spouse of a veteran if the spouse has not remarried:

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- Collecting loans if in the opinion of the department a person has the financial means to
 repay and that person deliberately refuses to repay; and
- 3 3. Paying administrative expenses related to the making and collection of loans made4 from the fund.
- 5 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-14-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
- 7 **37-14-04. Veterans' aid fund Purpose.**
- The purpose of the veterans' aid fund is to make loans to any veteran and to a surviving spouse of a veteran if the spouse has not remarried. A qualified applicant may be permitted to receive more than one loan providing the total amount of all loans does not exceed five
- 11 thousand dollars.