

Sec. 2. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars nor more than Three Hundred Dollars.

Sec. 3. REPEAL.) All Acts and parts of Acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved February 14, 1919.

## SOLDIERS' FUND

### CHAPTER 206.

(H. B. No. 128—Caddell.)

#### RETURNED SOLDIERS' FUND.

An Act Levying a Tax of One-half of One Mill Upon Each Dollar of Assessed Valuation of all Taxable Property Within the State for each Year for the Purpose of Creating a Fund to be Known as the "Returned Soldiers' Fund"; Providing for the Payment Thereof to Returned Soldiers; Defining the Powers and Duties of the Adjutant General and of the Industrial Commission with Reference Thereto; Making an Appropriation Therefor.

*Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

Sec. 1. There shall be levied upon each dollar of assessed valuation of all taxable property within this State for the year 1919 and every year thereafter, to be paid during said years, one-half of one mill, and all such revenues as may be collected thereby shall be paid into a special fund to be known as the "Returned Soldiers' Fund," which shall be used for the following and no other purpose:

To enable returned soldiers to secure a home or a farm home, or to complete their education as hereinafter provided. Whenever there is sufficient money in said fund to fully pay said sums as hereinafter provided, the said levy shall cease and any moneys remaining therein shall be returned to the general fund.

Sec. 2. The term "returned soldier," as used in this Act, shall include any citizen of this State who has been honorably discharged from the military or naval service of the United States, or any citizen of this State who has been engaged or associated with either the military or naval forces of any of the governments associated with the United States government in the present war and who has been honorably discharged from such service. The term "any citizen" as used in this Act shall include any person who at the time of enlistment or induction into any such military or naval service was a resident of the State of North Dakota.

Sec. 3. Any returned soldier, as herein defined, upon proof thereof to the satisfaction of the Adjutant General of the State of North Dakota, and after application, in such form as the

Adjutant General may prescribe therefor, shall be entitled to receive from said fund twenty-five dollars per month for each and every month or fraction thereof that any such returned soldier was engaged in the service of the United States or the service of any government associated with the United States in the present war, for the purpose of purchasing a home or farm home, under the terms and in compliance with the provisions of an Act of the Sixteenth Legislative Assembly entitled "For an Act declaring the purpose of the State of North Dakota to engage in the enterprise of providing homes for residents of this State and to that end to establish a business system operated by the State under the name of the Home Building Association of North Dakota, and defining the scope and manner of its operation and the powers and duties of the persons charged with its management."

Or, in lieu thereof, a like sum of twenty-five dollars per month for each month of said service to enable any such returned soldier to pursue or complete his educational training.

Payment shall be made from said fund annually to such returned soldiers, pro rata, out of any funds available therefor, on vouchers issued by the Adjutant General and approved by the State Auditor.

Sec. 4. The Adjutant General of the State of North Dakota, under the supervision of the Industrial Commission, shall have charge and supervision of all such payments and the carrying out of the provisions of this Act. The Adjutant General is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt and establish all rules and regulations necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Industrial Commission and the Adjutant General to co-operate with the United States government and endeavor to secure further and additional aid and assistance for such returned soldiers.

Sec. 6. The Adjutant General of the State of North Dakota, subject to the supervision of the Industrial Commission, is hereby authorized and empowered to employ the necessary clerical help for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act and shall fix the compensation and bond of all such help and pay such compensation, together with all other expenses, on vouchers therefor approved by the State Auditor; provided, that the total amount of such salaries, compensation and other expenses shall not exceed the amount appropriated therefor by the Legislative Assembly.

Sec. 7. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars.

Approved March 6, 1919.