

**Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven**

SENATE BILL NO. 2007
(Appropriations Committee)
(At the request of the Governor)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the veterans' home and department of veterans' affairs; and to provide legislative intent regarding veterans' home management, budgeting, and accounting practices and related budget section reports.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the veterans' home and the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of defraying their expenses, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999, as follows:

Subdivision 1.

VETERANS' HOME

Salaries and wages	\$5,142,487
Operating expenses	1,797,976
Equipment	44,900
Capital improvements	<u>336,700</u>
Total all funds	\$7,322,063
Less estimated income	<u>5,283,559</u>
Total general fund appropriation	\$2,038,504

Subdivision 2.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Salaries and wages	\$ 367,127
Operating expenses	79,611
Equipment	<u>3,000</u>
Total all funds	\$ 449,738
Less estimated income	<u>26,345</u>
Total general fund appropriation	\$ 423,393
Grand total general fund appropriation S.B. 2007	\$2,461,897
Grand total special funds appropriation S.B. 2007	\$5,309,904
Grand total all funds appropriation S.B. 2007	\$7,771,801

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. The estimated income line item included in subdivision 1 of this Act includes \$577,866, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to be made available to the veterans' home operating fund from the veterans' home improvement fund.

SECTION 3. VETERANS' HOME MANAGEMENT, BUDGETING, AND ACCOUNTING PRACTICES - BUDGET SECTION REPORTING. The commandant of the veterans' home shall improve the veterans' home's management, budget, and accounting functions including those identified in the veterans' home audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and by the legislative audit and fiscal review committee, including budgeting procedures that reduce frequent line item transfers and requests for additional funding authority approvals by the emergency commission, a physical inventory of fixed assets, appropriate bidding for improvement projects, and proper accounting for items not included in the statewide accounting management information system. The commandant shall develop a corrective plan of action to address the improvements and periodically report to the budget section regarding the development of the corrective plan of action and its implementation.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2007.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 2

House Vote: Yeas 96 Nays 0 Absent 1

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1997,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State