

**SECOND ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments**

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2418

Introduced by

Senators Stenehjem, Nething, Robinson

Representatives Berg, DeKrey, Metcalf

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide a contingent appropriation to the veterans' home for the purpose of
2 building a new facility; to provide for the issuance of evidences of indebtedness; to provide for
3 an exception to the moratorium on expansion of long-term care bed capacity; and to provide for
4 reports to the budget section.

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

6 **SECTION 1. CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME**

7 **CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in
8 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$6,483,226, or so much of the sum
9 as may be necessary, and \$12,040,278 from federal funds, to demolish the existing veterans'
10 home and to build a new structure. The general fund appropriation is to only be made available
11 upon the veterans' home obtaining approval for a federal state home construction grant from
12 the federal department of veterans' affairs. The general fund share of the veterans' home
13 construction project is limited to thirty-five percent of the total project cost or \$6,483,226,
14 whichever is less. The veterans' home shall ensure the appropriate engineering studies are
15 conducted prior to construction of the new facility.

16 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME CONSTRUCTION PROJECT -**

17 **ADDITIONAL BED CAPACITY - BOND ISSUANCE AUTHORIZATION.** The industrial
18 commission, acting as the North Dakota building authority, shall arrange through the issuance
19 of evidences of indebtedness under chapter 54-17.2 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007,
20 and ending June 30, 2009, for project costs associated with expanding the veterans' home
21 construction project from the 121-bed capacity facility, as provided for in section 1 of this Act, to
22 a 150-bed facility declared to be in the public interest. The industrial commission shall issue
23 evidences of indebtedness under this section with the condition that repayments need not
24 begin until July 1, 2009. The authority of the industrial commission to issue evidences of

1 indebtedness under this section ends June 30, 2009, but the industrial commission may
2 continue to exercise all other powers granted to it under chapter 54-17.2 and this Act and
3 comply with any covenants entered into before that date. The proceeds of the evidences of
4 indebtedness and other available funds in the amount of \$2,575,152 are appropriated to the
5 veterans' home for this project. Non-general fund sources must be used for the retirement of
6 the evidences of indebtedness for the costs associated with this project.

7 **SECTION 3. EXCEPTION TO THE MORATORIUM ON EXPANSION OF**
8 **LONG-TERM CARE BED CAPACITY.** Notwithstanding North Dakota Century Code section
9 23-16-01.1, after completion of the veterans' home construction project, the veterans' home
10 may add to the state's licensed nursing facility capacity by converting fourteen licensed basic
11 care beds to licensed nursing facility beds.

12 **SECTION 4. REPORTS TO THE BUDGET SECTION - VETERANS' HOME**
13 **CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.** The veterans' home shall provide periodic reports to the budget
14 section regarding the status of the veterans' home construction project during the 2007-08
15 interim.