

SENATE BILL NO. 2115

Introduced by

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

(At the request of the Adjutant General)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 37-01-04, 37-07.2-01, 37-28-01, 37-28-02,
2 and 37-28-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the governor's authority to call out
3 the national guard for training, national guard tuition grants, the definition of resident for military
4 adjusted compensation, and the time period for filing claims; and to declare an emergency.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-01-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **37-01-04. Governor's authority to order out national guard - Reserve militia**
9 **ordered out.** In case of insurrection, invasion, tumult, riot, breach of the peace, or imminent
10 danger thereof, to provide a presence at state ceremonial events, ~~or~~ to provide assistance to
11 political entities in search and rescue efforts or to respond to a potential natural or
12 environmental hazard or nuisance, or to perform training activities, the governor may order into
13 the active service of this state any part of the national guard that the governor may deem
14 proper. When the national guard of this state, or a part thereof, is called forth under the
15 Constitution of the United States and the laws of the United States, the governor shall order out
16 for service the remaining troops or such part thereof as may be necessary. If the number of
17 available troops is insufficient, the governor shall order out such part of the reserve militia as
18 the governor may deem necessary.

19 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-07.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **37-07.2-01. National guard tuition grants - Terms of grants.** Any qualifying member
22 of the national guard who enrolls in ~~any private nonprofit college or university~~ an accredited
23 postsecondary institution in North Dakota ~~granting a four-year baccalaureate degree~~ may,
24 subject to the limitations of available appropriated funds and subject to national guard rules

1 ~~promulgated~~ adopted by the adjutant general, receive a grant in an amount equal to the
2 payments made pursuant to chapter 37-07.1 for similar courses and credit hours for each
3 qualifying member of the national guard who is enrolled at the university of North Dakota. Any
4 ~~private nonprofit college or university~~ accredited postsecondary institution that agrees to
5 participate in such a program must waive twenty-five percent of the tuition for qualifying national
6 guardsmen ~~in an amount equal to the difference between the tuition grant received by the~~
7 ~~national guard member and the tuition charged for similar courses and credit hours at the~~
8 ~~university of North Dakota. The use of the grant may not be restricted to the payment of tuition~~
9 ~~fees by the member of the national guard.~~ These grants must be distributed according to rules
10 promulgated by the adjutant general and are available only so long as the member maintains
11 satisfactory performance with the guard, meets the qualification requirements of the rules, and
12 pursues a course of study which satisfies the normal requirements of the school. As used in
13 this chapter, the word "tuition" has the same meaning as provided in section 37-07.1-02.

14 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-28-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
15 amended and reenacted as follows:

16 **37-28-01. Statement of public purpose.** In order to ease the financial hardships and
17 personal and family sacrifice sustained by ~~these North Dakota~~ members of the North Dakota
18 national guard, and North Dakota residents of the reserve, and active duty component who
19 were mobilized after December 5, 1992, in support of military operations around the world it is
20 the intent of the legislative assembly that additional compensation be provided to those resident
21 veterans of North Dakota and payment of that compensation is declared to be a public purpose.
22 It is the further intent of the legislative assembly to encourage those North Dakota resident
23 veterans to continue their voluntary membership in the national guard, reserve component, and
24 active military force.

25 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-28-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
26 amended and reenacted as follows:

27 **37-28-02. Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

- 28 1. "Adjutant general" means the adjutant general of North Dakota.
- 29 2. "Beneficiary" in relation to a deceased veteran, means, in the order named:
 - 30 a. The surviving unremarried husband or wife as of the date of signing the
 - 31 application;

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- 1 b. The surviving child or children and the lawful issue of a deceased child or
- 2 children by right of representation;
- 3 c. The surviving person standing in loco parentis; or
- 4 d. The surviving parent or parents.
- 5 3. "Domestic service" means service by a veteran during the period of service which
- 6 is not foreign service.
- 7 4. "Foreign service" means service by a veteran after December 5, 1992, for which
- 8 the veteran received an armed forces expeditionary medal or campaign badge.
- 9 5. "Honorable and faithful" means service evidenced by:
- 10 a. An honorable discharge, or its equivalent;
- 11 b. In the case of an officer, a certificate of service; and
- 12 c. In the case of a veteran who has not been discharged, a certificate from the
- 13 appropriate service authority that the veteran's service was honorable and
- 14 faithful.
- 15 6. "Period of service" means the period of time beginning December 5, 1992, and
- 16 ending June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009.
- 17 7. ~~"Resident" means a person who has filed a North Dakota income tax return for the~~
- 18 ~~year prior to making application for benefits under this section and who:~~
- 19 a. ~~Was born in and lived in the state of North Dakota until entrance into the~~
- 20 ~~armed forces of the United States;~~
- 21 b. ~~Was born in, but was temporarily living outside the state of North Dakota, not~~
- 22 ~~having abandoned North Dakota residence at the time of entrance into the~~
- 23 ~~armed forces of the United States; or~~
- 24 e. ~~Was born elsewhere but had resided within the state of North Dakota for the~~
- 25 ~~last six months before entrance into military service and had prior to or during~~
- 26 ~~that six month period:~~
- 27 (1) ~~Voted in the state of North Dakota;~~
- 28 (2) ~~Was an emancipated minor during such period of residence or had~~
- 29 ~~lived with a parent or person standing in loco parentis who was a~~
- 30 ~~resident; or~~
- 31 (3) ~~Was not registered for voting in another state after being a resident.~~

1 **SECTION 6. EMERGENCY.** Sections 3, 4, and 5 of this Act are declared to be an
2 emergency measure.