

SENATE BILL NO. 2025

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act providing an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the veterans' home
2 for the purpose of building a new facility; to amend and reenact sections 1 and 2 of chapter 55
3 of the 2007 Session Laws, relating to the veterans' home construction project; to provide an
4 exemption; and to declare an emergency.

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

6 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
7 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$12,036,404 or so
8 much of the sum as may be necessary, and from special funds derived from federal funds, the
9 sum of \$1,291,582 or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the veterans' home for the
10 purpose of building a new facility, for the period beginning January 1, 2009, and ending
11 June 30, 2011.

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Sections 1 and 2 of chapter 55 of the 2007 Session Laws
13 are amended and reenacted as follows:

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

15 **CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the permanent oil
16 tax trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$6,483,226, or so
17 much of the sum as may be necessary, and \$12,040,278 from federal funds, to ~~demolish the~~
18 ~~existing veterans' home and to~~ build a new structure. The appropriation from the permanent oil
19 tax trust fund is to only be made available upon the veterans' home obtaining approval for a
20 federal state home construction grant from the federal department of veterans' affairs. ~~The~~
21 ~~state share of the veterans' home construction project authorized in this section is limited to~~
22 ~~thirty five percent of the total project cost or \$6,483,226, whichever is less.~~ The veterans' home
23 shall ensure the appropriate engineering studies are conducted prior to construction of the new
24 facility.

1 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME CONSTRUCTION PROJECT -**
2 **ADDITIONAL BED CAPACITY - BOND ISSUANCE AUTHORIZATION.** The industrial
3 commission, acting as the North Dakota building authority, shall arrange through the issuance
4 of evidences of indebtedness under chapter 54-17.2 for the biennium beginning July 1, ~~2007~~
5 2009, and ending June 30, ~~2009~~ 2011, for project costs associated with expanding the
6 veterans' home construction project from the 121-bed capacity facility, as provided for in
7 section 1 of this Act, to a 150-bed facility declared to be in the public interest. The industrial
8 commission shall issue evidences of indebtedness under this section with the condition that
9 repayments need not begin until July 1, ~~2009~~ 2011. The authority of the industrial commission
10 to issue evidences of indebtedness under this section ends June 30, ~~2009~~ 2011, but the
11 industrial commission may continue to exercise all other powers granted to it under chapter
12 54-17.2 and this Act and comply with any covenants entered into before that date. The
13 proceeds of the evidences of indebtedness and other available funds in the amount of
14 \$2,575,152 are appropriated to the veterans' home for this project. Non-general fund sources
15 must be used for the retirement of the evidences of indebtedness for the costs associated with
16 this project.

17 **SECTION 3. EXEMPTION.** The amounts appropriated for the purpose of building a
18 new facility, as contained in section 1 of this Act and section 1 of chapter 55 of the 2007
19 Session Laws are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11. Any unexpended funds
20 from the amount appropriated by the 2007 and 2009 legislative assemblies for this purpose are
21 available during the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011, for the
22 purpose of building a new facility.

23 **SECTION 4. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.