Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017

SENATE BILL NO. 2183
(Senators Sorvaag, Campbell, Dever)
(Representatives M. Johnson, Kading, Kasper)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the conferment of a veterans commemorative memorial coin; to provide a statement of legislative intent; and to provide for retroactive application.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Commemorative memorial coin - Eligibility.

1. The department of veterans' affairs shall create and confer a commemorative memorial coin upon a family member of a deceased North Dakota veteran during military funeral honors for that veteran if the deceased veteran:

   a. Served on active duty, in the national guard, or in the selected reserve and departed the armed forces or national guard under conditions other than dishonorable;

   b. Completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in the selected reserve and departed under conditions other than dishonorable or was discharged from the selected reserve due to a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty;

   c. Died while serving on active duty, in the national guard, or in the selected reserve; or

   d. Was a member of the commissioned officer corps of the public health service, the national oceanic and atmospheric administration, or a civilian or contractual group of individuals given active duty service determinations and considered a veteran under Public Law No. 95-202.

2. A family member of a deceased North Dakota veteran may purchase a commemorative memorial coin from the department of veterans' affairs at a cost determined by the department.

3. As used in this section:

   a. "Family member" means a spouse, parent, child, or other individual related by blood.

   b. "North Dakota veteran" means an individual who meets the requirements of subsection 1 and who was a resident of North Dakota during any period of the individual's life.

4. Under section 37-18-12, the department may expend any gifts, grants, or donations received for the creation and conferment of commemorative memorial coins.

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - COMMEMORATIVE MEMORIAL COINS. It is the intent of the sixty-fifth legislative assembly that the administrative committee on veterans' affairs consider providing funding from the veterans' postwar trust fund to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of funding at least four thousand commemorative memorial coins for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

SECTION 3. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION. Subsection 2 of Section 1 of this Act applies to all family members of a deceased North Dakota veteran, regardless of the date of death of the veteran.

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 Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2183.

Senate Vote:	Yeas 46	Nays 0	Absent 1
House Vote:	Yeas 87	Nays 0	Absent 7

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____M. on _____, 2017.

Approved at _____M. on _____, 2017.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____day of _____, 2017,

at _____ o'clock _____M.

Secretary of State