

**SECOND ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2025**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of
2 veterans' affairs.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and
7 other income, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of defraying the expenses of
8 the department of veterans' affairs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending
9 June 30, 2019, as follows:

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
12 Veterans' affairs	\$1,379,982	(\$211,967)	\$1,168,015
13 Agent orange	50,000	(50,000)	0
14 State approving agency	288,018	(16,020)	271,998
15 Grants - transportation program	0	1,719,520	1,719,520
16 Transport vans	<u>0</u>	<u>37,200</u>	<u>37,200</u>
17 Total all funds	\$1,718,000	\$1,478,733	\$3,196,733
18 Less estimated income	<u>288,018</u>	<u>1,803,553</u>	<u>2,091,571</u>
19 Total general fund	\$1,429,982	(\$324,820)	\$1,105,162
20 Full-time equivalent positions	9.00	(2.00)	7.00

21 **SECTION 2. HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASES.** The salaries and wages line item in
22 section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$18,581, of which \$15,431 is from the general fund, for
23 increases in employee health insurance premiums from \$1,130 to \$1,241 per month.

1 **SECTION 3. ONE-TIME FUNDING.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding
2 items approved by the sixty-fourth legislative assembly for the 2015-17 biennium:

3 <u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2015-17</u>	<u>2017-19</u>
4 Service dogs	\$50,000	\$0
5 Desktop support hardware	26,895	0
6 Transport vans	<u>0</u>	<u>18,600</u>
7 Total general fund	\$76,895	\$18,600

8 The 2017-19 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the
9 2019-21 biennium. The department of veterans' affairs shall report to the appropriations
10 committees of the sixty-sixth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the
11 biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

12 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - SERVICE DOGS.** There is appropriated out of any
13 moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
14 \$50,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of veterans' affairs for
15 the purpose of training up to four service dogs to assist North Dakota veterans with post
16 traumatic stress disorder, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.