

HOUSE BILL NO. 1182

Introduced by

Representatives M. Ruby, Bellew, Kasper, Martinson, Steiner

Senators Dever, Larsen, Meyer, Paulson, Wobbema

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to ~~creation of the military honors funeral funds and~~ reimbursement for
3 funeral services; and to provide an appropriation; ~~and to provide a continuing appropriation.~~

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

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

7 ~~**Military honors funeral fund – Veterans' service organization reimbursement –**~~
8 ~~**Continuing appropriation.**~~

9 1. ~~A special fund is established in the state treasury and designated as the military~~
10 ~~honors funeral fund.~~

11 ~~2. All money deposited in the fund is appropriated as a continuing appropriation to the~~
12 ~~department of veterans' affairs for use in providing reimbursements under this section.~~

13 ~~3. The department shall administer a program to reimburse a veterans' service~~
14 ~~organization for providing a funeral service at a military honors funeral.~~

15 ~~4.2. Upon the request of a veterans' service organization, the department shall reimburse~~
16 ~~up to fifty dollars to one veterans' service organization per funeral for providing a~~
17 ~~funeral service during a military honors funeral. If a veterans' service organization has~~
18 ~~received federal reimbursement for providing a funeral service for a military honors~~
19 ~~funeral, the veterans' service organization may not apply for reimbursement under this~~
20 ~~section.~~

21 ~~5.3. The veterans' service organization may authorize the playing of taps on a ceremonial~~
22 ~~bugle or a high-quality recording during a military honors funeral held in this state for a~~
23 ~~deceased veteran.~~

24 ~~6.4. As used in this section, a "funeral service" includes a:~~

- 1 a. Folding of the flag;
- 2 b. Presentation of the flag;
- 3 c. Presentation of the state coin;
- 4 d. Playing of taps; and
- 5 e. Three volley salute.

6 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS - FUNERAL**
7 **SERVICE REIMBURSEMENT.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in

8 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$200,000~~\$135,000, or so much of the
9 sum as may be necessary, to the department of veterans' affairs ~~for deposit in the military~~
10 ~~honors funeral fund~~ for the purpose of providing reimbursement to a veterans' service
11 organization that provides a funeral service under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium
12 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.