AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 37-14-01.1, 37-14-03.3, and 37-14-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to veterans' relief and rehabilitation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 37-14-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

37-14-01.1. Definition of veteran.
1. As used in this chapter, "veteran" means any:
   a. An individual who served in the armed forces of the United States on federal active duty:
      1. For reasons other than training and who has been discharged under other than dishonorable conditions; or
   2. To whom the United States veterans administration has assigned a service-connected disability rating;
   b. Current members of the national guard or reserve; or
   c. Former members of the national guard or reserve who have been discharged under other than dishonorable conditions.
2. Subdivisions b and c of subsection 1 do not apply to section 37-14-14.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 37-14-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

37-14-03.3. Revolving fund.
The moneys in the permanent revolving fund of the veterans' aid fund are available for:
1. Making loans to any veteran and to a surviving spouse of a veteran if the spouse has not remarried;
2. Collecting loans if in the opinion of the department a person has the financial means to repay and that person deliberately refuses to repay; and
3. Paying administrative expenses related to the making and collection of loans made from the fund.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 37-14-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

37-14-04. Veterans' aid fund - Purpose.
The purpose of the veterans' aid fund is to make loans to any veteran and to a surviving spouse of a veteran if the spouse has not remarried. A qualified applicant may be permitted to receive more than one loan providing the total amount of all loans does not exceed five thousand dollars.
This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2204.

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1
House Vote: Yeas 82 Nays 5 Absent 7

Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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