

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2007**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the veterans' home;  
2 to create and enact a new section to chapter 37-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating  
3 to meals provided to employees of the veterans' home; to provide an exemption; to provide for a  
4 legislative management study; and to declare an emergency.

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

6 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
7 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
8 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and  
9 federal funds, to the veterans' home for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the veterans'  
10 home, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
13 <del>Salaries and wages</del>	<del>\$20,582,989</del>	<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$20,582,989</del>
14 <del>Operating expenses</del>	<del>6,061,325</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>6,061,325</del>
15 <del>Capital assets</del>	<del>407,252</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>407,252</del>
16 <del>Total all funds</del>	<del>\$27,051,566</del>	<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$27,051,566</del>
17 <del>Less other funds</del>	<del>20,833,167</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>20,833,167</del>
18 <del>Total general fund</del>	<del>\$6,218,399</del>	<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$6,218,399</del>
19 <del>Full-time equivalent positions</del>	<del>114.79</del>	<del>0.00</del>	<del>114.79</del>
20 <u>Salaries and wages</u>	<u>\$20,582,989</u>	<u>\$1,615,877</u>	<u>\$22,198,866</u>

1	<u>New and vacant FTE pool</u>	0	852,924	852,924
2	<u>Operating expenses</u>	6,061,325	1,107,368	7,168,693
3	<u>Capital assets</u>	407,252	725,055	1,132,307
4	<u>Total all funds</u>	\$27,051,566	\$4,301,224	\$31,352,790
5	<u>Less other funds</u>	20,833,167	4,301,224	25,134,391
6	<u>Total general fund</u>	\$6,218,399	\$0	\$6,218,399
7	<u>Full-time equivalent positions</u>	114.79	0.00	114.79

~~**SECTION 2. OTHER FUNDS -- SOLDIERS' HOME FUND -- ADMINISTRATOR HOUSING STIPEND.** The other funds appropriation in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$48,000 from the soldiers' home fund for the purpose of providing a \$2,000 monthly housing stipend to the veterans' home administrator for housing costs off the veterans' home campus.~~

**SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which the entity shall report to the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>
Building maintenance	\$390,000
Resident garages and storage units	175,000
Equipment	<u>22,050</u>
Total	\$587,050

**SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The veterans' home may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE pool line item in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to transfer funds from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the salaries and wages line item in accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

**SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 37-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

1 Meals provided to employees of the veterans' home.

2 In the event of a disruption of operations, the veterans' home may provide meals at a fair  
3 value or without a charge to employees of the veterans' home as required by the job  
4 assignments of the employees.

5 **SECTION 5. EXEMPTION - LINE ITEM TRANSFERS - REPORT.** Notwithstanding section  
6 54-16-04, the director of the office of management and budget may transfer up to \$400,000  
7 from special funds from the salaries and wages line item to the operating expenses line item in  
8 section 1 of chapter 7 of the 2023 Session Laws, during the period beginning with the effective  
9 date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2025, as requested by the veterans' home. The veterans'  
10 home shall notify the legislative council of any transfers made pursuant to this section.

11 **SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - VETERANS' HOME FACILITIES.**

12 During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the usage of the  
13 veterans' home facilities. The study must consider any organizational changes necessary to  
14 increase resident census at the veterans' home, potential uses for unoccupied space, and  
15 federal requirements. The legislative management shall report its findings and  
16 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
17 the seventieth legislative assembly.

18 **SECTION 7. EMERGENCY.** Section 5 of this Act and the sum of \$175,000 appropriated  
19 from the Melvin Norgard memorial fund for resident garages and storage units in the other  
20 funds line item in section 1 of this Act are declared to be an emergency measure.