

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments**

ENGROSSED 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>
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13	Salaries and wages	\$20,582,989	\$3,034,340
14	Operating expenses	6,061,325	1,207,368
15	Capital assets	<u>407,252</u>	<u>725,055</u>
16	Total all funds	\$27,051,566	\$32,018,329
17	Less other funds	<u>20,833,167</u>	<u>4,375,222</u>
18	Total general fund	\$6,218,399	\$591,541
19	Full-time equivalent positions	114.79	0.00
			114.79

20 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO**
21 **SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding
22 items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's

1 base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which the entity shall report to the appropriations
2 committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

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

8 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 37-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
9 and enacted as follows:

10 **Meals provided to employees of the veterans' home.**

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

14 **SECTION 4. EXEMPTION - LINE ITEM TRANSFERS - REPORT.** Notwithstanding section
15 54-16-04, the director of the office of management and budget may transfer up to \$600,000
16 from special funds from the salaries and wages line item to the operating expenses line item in
17 section 1 of chapter 7 of the 2023 Session Laws, during the period beginning with the effective
18 date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2025, as requested by the veterans' home. The veterans'
19 home shall notify the legislative council of any transfers made pursuant to this section.

20 **SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - VETERANS' HOME FACILITIES.**

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

27 **SECTION 6. EMERGENCY.** Section 4 of this Act and the sum of \$175,000 appropriated
28 from the Melvin Norgard memorial fund for resident garages and storage units in the other
29 funds line item in section 1 of this Act are declared to be an emergency measure.