

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**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>
13 <del>Salaries and wages</del>	<del>\$20,582,989</del>	<del>\$1,615,877</del>	<del>\$22,198,866</del>
14 <del>New and vacant FTE pool</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>852,924</del>	<del>852,924</del>
15 <del>Operating expenses</del>	<del>6,061,325</del>	<del>1,107,368</del>	<del>7,168,693</del>
16 <u>Salaries and wages</u>	<u>\$20,582,989</u>	<u>\$3,034,340</u>	<u>\$23,617,329</u>
17 <u>Operating expenses</u>	<u>6,061,325</u>	<u>1,207,368</u>	<u>7,268,693</u>
18 Capital assets	<u>407,252</u>	<u>725,055</u>	<u>1,132,307</u>
19 <del>Total all funds</del>	<del>\$27,051,566</del>	<del>\$4,301,224</del>	<del>\$31,352,790</del>
20 <del>Less other funds</del>	<del>20,833,167</del>	<del>4,301,224</del>	<del>25,134,391</del>

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1	<del>Total general fund</del>	<del>\$6,218,399</del>	<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$6,218,399</del>
2	Total all funds	\$27,051,566	\$4,966,763	\$32,018,329
3	Less other funds	20,833,167	4,375,222	25,208,389
4	Total general fund	\$6,218,399	\$591,541	\$6,809,940
5	Full-time equivalent positions	114.79	0.00	114.79

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

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

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

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

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

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

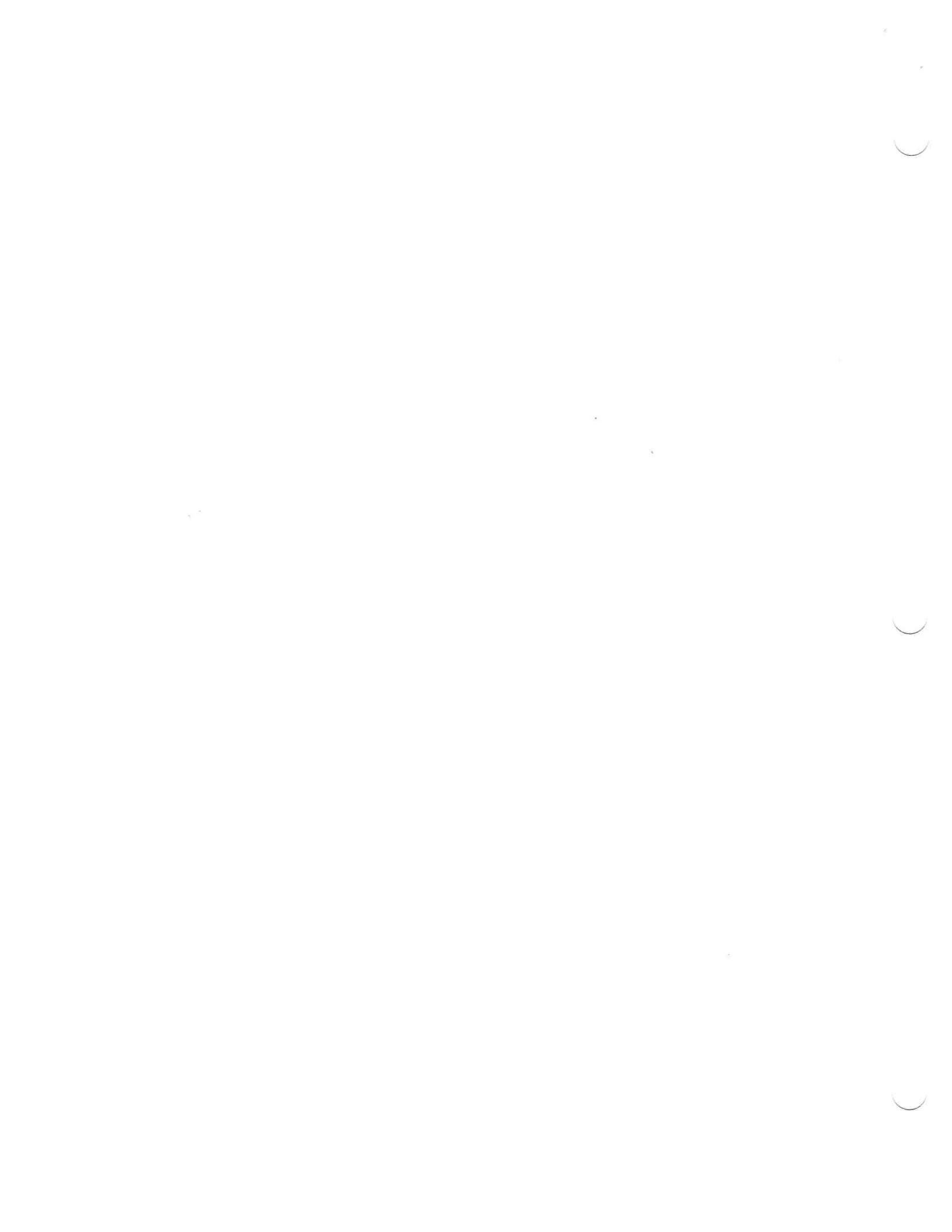
28       **SECTION 4. EXEMPTION - LINE ITEM TRANSFERS - REPORT.** Notwithstanding section  
29 54-16-04, the director of the office of management and budget may transfer up to  
30 ~~\$400,000~~ \$600,000 from special funds from the salaries and wages line item to the operating  
31 expenses line item in section 1 of chapter 7 of the 2023 Session Laws, during the period

1 beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2025, as requested by the  
2 veterans' home. The veterans' home shall notify the legislative council of any transfers made  
3 pursuant to this section.

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

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

11 **SECTION 6. EMERGENCY.** Section ~~54~~ of this Act and the sum of \$175,000 appropriated  
12 from the Melvin Norgard memorial fund for resident garages and storage units in the other  
13 funds line item in section 1 of this Act are declared to be an emergency measure.





**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**Senate Bill No. 2007 - Veterans' Home - House Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$20,582,989	\$22,198,866	\$1,418,463	\$23,617,329
New and vacant FTE pool		852,924	(852,924)	
Operating expenses	6,061,325	7,168,693	100,000	7,268,693
Capital assets	407,252	1,132,307		1,132,307
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$27,051,566</b>	<b>\$31,352,790</b>	<b>\$665,539</b>	<b>\$32,018,329</b>
Less estimated income	20,833,167	25,134,391	73,998	25,208,389
General fund	\$6,218,399	\$6,218,399	\$591,541	\$6,809,940
FTE	114.79	114.79	0.00	114.79

**Department 313 - Veterans' Home - Detail of House Changes**

	Adjusts Funding from Special Funds to the General Fund <sup>1</sup>	Adds Funding to Replace 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool <sup>2</sup>	Adds Funding for Nursing Salary Equity Increases <sup>3</sup>	Adds Funding for Resident Food Costs <sup>4</sup>	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages		\$1,218,463	\$200,000		\$1,418,463
New and vacant FTE pool		(852,924)			(852,924)
Operating expenses				\$100,000	100,000
Capital assets					
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$365,539</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$665,539</b>
Less estimated income	(591,541)	365,539	200,000	100,000	73,998
General fund	\$591,541	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$591,541
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding is adjusted from the soldiers' home special fund to the general fund for salaries and wages, including funding for salary increases, health insurance increases, and the 2023-25 new and vacant FTE pool.

<sup>2</sup> Funding is added from the soldiers' home special fund to replace funding for the 2025-27 biennium new and vacant FTE pool, removing the Veterans' Home from the new and vacant FTE pool. The Senate included the Veterans' Home in the 2025-27 new and vacant FTE pool.

<sup>3</sup> Adds \$200,000 from the soldiers' home special fund for nursing salary equity increases to provide a total of \$750,000 from special funds. The Senate provided \$550,000 in special funds for nursing salary equity increases.

<sup>4</sup> Adds \$100,000 from the soldiers' home special fund for resident food costs to provide a total increase of \$200,000 from special funds. The Senate added \$100,000 in special funds for resident food costs.

**Senate Bill No. 2007 - Other Changes - House Action**

This amendment also:

- Removes the section providing for the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item. The Senate included this section in the bill.
- Provides authority for the Veterans' Home to transfer up to \$600,000 from special funds from the salaries and wages line item to the operating expenses line item during the 2023-25 biennium. The Senate authorized the Veterans' Home to transfer up to \$400,000 from special funds from the salaries and wages line item to the operating expenses line item during the 2023-25 biennium.

