

2017 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SB 2183

2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Sheyenne River Room, State Capitol

SB 2183

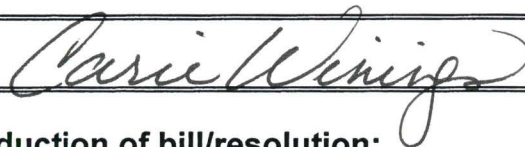
1/19/2017

Job Number 27111

☐ Subcommittee

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Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the conferment of a veterans commemorative memorial coin; and to provide an appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs.

Minutes:

Attachments: 1-2

Chairman Poolman: Opened the hearing on SB 2183.

Senator Sorvaag, District 45: See Attachment #1 for testimony to explain and in support of the bill.

(4:05) Senator Vedaa: Have you considered a contest to design the coin to create more excitement about the coin?

Senator Sorvaag: Everything is on the table. The bill is not written for it to be the responsibility of the Veteran's Administration to get it designed. I would hope they would use that as a possibility too. The appropriation for designing it might not be necessary and I put it in there for a matter of discussion. I think there are a lot of ways that things could be done for no cost. I left it for the VA to come up with a criteria and how they want to do it. I just wanted some dollar amount that would cap it out so that we would know what we are going for.

Senator Bekkedahl: Are you meaning one per decedent when you say one per family?

Senator Sorvaag: If they get a flag, they would get a coin.

Senator Bekkedahl: What about prior deceased? Would the family be able to apply for the coin even though it did not exist when they actually deceased?

Senator Sorvaag: That was never part of any discussion.

Senator Bekkedahl: Could it be?

Senator Sorvaag: It is something I thought about to, but in looking at dollars you have to decide where to stop and where to start. I never realized the numbers of veterans we have a year. If the committee would want to go back, you can but I don't know how far you go.

Senator Bekkedahl: Is this appropriation for this biennium or next or ongoing? Is this for an extended period of time at those rates of death?

Senator Sorvaag: My understanding is that going forward is that this would now be part of the VA budget. It would be a matter of dollars that are appropriated when they do their budget. There is no sunset clause so that would be negotiated on how many dollars it would be each biennium.

Senator Marcellais: If we get our flag from US government, can't we get the memorial coin from them too?

Senator Sorvaag: The intent would be that it would be a North Dakota coin to thank all veterans and guard members from the state of North Dakota and the idea was that the state would pay for it as a thank you.

(8:34) James Nelson, Amvets Post 9, Chaplain: Testified in support of the bill. See Attachment #2 for an example of coin pricing for a coin personally designed. (Passed around several "challenge" coins as suggestions/examples) I was shocked by the figures on the fiscal note. Once the initial coin is given, then subsequently family members could request one but they would be charged a nominal fee. I believe based on the charts that I provided you a lot could be taken away from the fiscal note on this bill. If you were to sell the additional coins for even \$5 then you would potentially be at a 100% increase. As a chaplain I go to a lot of funeral and I think it is a great idea that the state of North Dakota would give its respect to the veteran. It could eventually become self-sufficient. The proceeds from sale of the coins could offset the cost of future orders and once the coin is on file there are no additional set up charges etc. I think it is high on the estimate of cost.

(12:30) Chairman Poolman: When we pass this bill, we are going to pass this on to appropriations. Are you willing to go to them and explain this and I think they would find that very helpful?

James Nelson: I could do that.

Chairman Poolman: The more specific you could be in Appropriations the better. I had the opportunity to attend war college and as part of that I was given a coin and it was such a neat token and I think families will think this is a special touch.

(13:50) Lt. Colonel Davina French, North Dakota National Guard: Testified in a neutral position on the bill and for information. We have a little over 52,000 veterans and 22% of them are over the age of 75. Charging of \$5 for every coin after the initial coin does have potential to make its own pot of funding. I am a commander that lost 3 soldiers in combat and I have seen what family members do. They literally make shrines in their homes and it is for many different reasons but there is nothing quite like a military shrine in a house hold. When those soldiers are killed in action all of the commands that are attached to that soldier will

give a coin from their command and those family members usually have those proudly displayed and this coin would add to the pride of that family.

Chairman Poolman: Asked for further testimony and there was none. Closed the hearing on SB 2183.

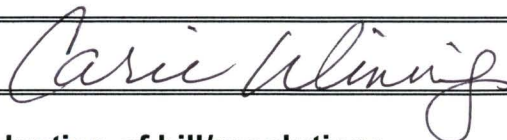
2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Sheyenne River Room, State Capitol

SB 2183
1/27/2017
Job Number 27535

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Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the conferment of a veteran's commemorative memorial coin; to provide an appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs; and to provide for retroactive application.

Minutes:

Attachments: 1

Chairman Poolman: Opened SB 2183 for committee discussion.

Senator Bekkedahl: See Attachment #1 for amendment proposed to the committee. (Walked through the amendment.) The amendment addresses the retroactive nature as well as who can purchase coins. Senator Sorvaag really just wants every family of a deceased veteran to get a coin provided by the state of North Dakota and if they want more he is fine with them purchasing them.

(6:45) Senator Bekkedahl: Moved Amendment 17.0306.03002.

Senator Vedaa: Seconded.

Chairman Poolman: Asked the committee for committee discussion.

Senator Vedaa: Just to clarify, if a father died in 1972 and a family member comes in for a coin, that family member will have to pay for that coin, correct?

Senator Bekkedahl: That is correct. The original sponsor said that they could get one coin at no cost but he did not address the fact that families of prior deceased might want a coin so we came up with the compromise that it would be available at cost for them.

Senator Marcellais: I think what we are looking at is the startup cost for the program and then after that the families will contribute to continue the program is what I am hearing.

Chairman Poolman: Correct. In my discussion with the veterans who were here, they think it will be even less than that and they are willing to testify in front of Appropriations to that.

Senator Sorvaag just said to get the policy right here in GVA and let Appropriations figure out what that number is going to be. He just wanted to make sure the cap was there in terms of what they could raise for that program.

Senator Marcellais: Being a tribal veteran service officer, I just hope that the funeral home keeps up on this. Right now I having problems with free headstones and grave markers. The families don't understand that is free from the federal government. I am trying to help the families that have not done that get the markers that they can have.

Chairman Poolman: It is something to consider in education for funeral home directors; making sure everyone is on the same page as to what is available to veterans.

A Roll Call Vote Was Taken: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Motion Carried.

Senator Vedaa: Moved a Do Pass As Amended and Rerefer to Appropriations.

Senator Marcellais: Seconded.

A Roll Call Vote Was Taken: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Motion Carried.

Senator Marcellais will carry the bill.

January 27, 2017

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2183

Page 1, line 2, remove "and"

Page 1, line 3, after "affairs" insert "; and to provide for retroactive application"

Page 2, line 1, after "2." insert: "A family member of a deceased veteran may purchase a commemorative memorial coin from the department of veterans' affairs at a cost determined by the department."

3."

Page 2, line 7, replace "a" with "at least four thousand"

Page 2, line 7, replace "coin" with "coins"

Page 2, after line 9, insert:

"SECTION 3. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION. Subsection 2 of Section 1 of this Act applies to all family members of a deceased veteran, regardless of the date of death of the veteran."

Renumber accordingly

Date: 1/27
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2183

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: 17.0306. 03002

Recommendation: ☒ Adopt Amendment
☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☐ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar
Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Bekkedahl Seconded By Vedaa

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Poolman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Senator Marcellais	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Vice Chairman Davison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Senator Bekkedahl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Senator Meyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Senator Vedaa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 1/27
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2183

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: ☐ Adopt Amendment
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☒ As Amended ☒ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar
Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Vedaa Seconded By Marcellais

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Poolman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Senator Marcellais	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Vice Chairman Davison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Senator Bekkedahl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Senator Meyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Senator Vedaa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Marcellais

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2183: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Poolman, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2183 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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2017 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2183

2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Harvest Room, State Capitol

SB 2183
2/7/2017
JOB # 27975

- ☐ Subcommittee
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A BILL for an Act relating to the conferment of a veteran's commemorative memorial coin; to provide an appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs; and to provide for retroactive application.

Minutes:

1. Senator Ron Sorvaag Testimony
2. Jim Nelson Testimony

V. Chairman Bowman: Called the Committee to order on SB 2183. All committee members were present except Senator Holmberg. Levi Kinnischtzke, Legislative Council and Lori Laschkewitsch, OMB were also present.

Senator Sorvaag: District 45 in Cass County, is a sponsor of the bill and provided testimony attached # 1 in support of this bill. This is about a memorial coin that would come from the state of ND to all veterans and all guard members at their funeral. It would be a gift from the state of ND. Some states have it. When we come to put a fiscal note together, there would actually be about 1600 eligible per year, 3200 per biennium. If you look at the fiscal note, Commissioner Wagen worked with me, we found coins for \$10 or \$2. But if this goes forward, we wanted something of value. I finally chose a coin for \$7 that comes out to be about \$30,000 or so. After some discussion, and seeing how some other things come in and the tightness of the budget, we come up with, that they would have to raise funds for part of this. They would have to buy 4000 in the year and the state would provide \$8500. They could not spend more than \$4000 for design. Let's use an example, if they get the coin for free, the state would pay the first \$8500. The VA would be in charge of designing, distribution, and the state would be liable for the first \$8500. The GVA committee also added in section 1, subsection 2, if people had a military member die before this, the family could purchase one. The state would only provide one per family. The one from Missouri is the example.

Senator Grabinger: The picture you gave us shows military funeral, but on the back it says it is from the president. Would our state have the same kind of language or would it say the state is recognizing this?

Senator Sorvaag: That would be up to them when they design it. I chose not to go there at all in the bill. The intent is it would be coming from the state of ND. That is why I think it is critical that some of the funds come from the state.

Senator Wanzek: So if the numbers aren't quite right, or if it happens to be one biennium when there are more military deaths, what would happen?

Senator Sorvaag: They would have to raise more money.

Senator Wanzek: I am sure someone would step up?

Senator Sorvaag: I would certainly hope so. Again the 4000 is based upon the fact they need about 3200. Presumably they would sell them for more than what they paid for. They would have to use their creativity during the biennium. Just trying to get a workable figure.

Senator Hogue: Are you aware what the success of fundraising is for the ND Veterans Cemetery Association? Are they behind us on providing any funds? Where is the private money coming from?

Senator Sorvaag: I would use the reference of the PDSD dogs. They do raise half the money for the dogs. The VA would have to raise that money for this bill. There are no directives for that.

Senator Dever: You mentioned the dollars for each. Is that the cost of the selling price? If we are going to allow them to sell them for a profit, is there a purpose for that profit, or could they use that for a fund raiser to provide other services?

Senator Sorvaag: That was our cost. If they would want to put more on there for selling, that is not addressed in the bill. It is not addressed on what they could add to a sale. I would think if they go through with this there might be some clarifications on generated funds.

Senator Dever: It seems to me the purpose of the coin is a good one, so they should be kept affordable.

Senator Sorvaag: The purpose for the coin is to give a free one to every family. The first is free. If they choose to purchase others they could purchase one. This was brought in by Senator Bekkedahl and he would like to have one because his father died within the last year. That is where this was initiated. The bill as I wrote it, will provide for only those who die from when it goes into effect. Do we want to keep it affordable where they can buy as many as they want? I will leave that part of the discussion. The purpose is one free from the state.

Senator Dever: My father passed away in 1988 and my mother got the flag. If each of my four brothers would have purchased a coin, the 25% profit would have paid for the coin that was given to my mother.

Senator Sorvaag: That would be correct but, that would be your choice.

Senator Kilzer: On the first page subsection 1, under section 1, I questioned whether the veteran qualifies if the veteran just met A, or B, or C, or the other possibility was if the veteran has to meet all three? Then it goes on to D. The veteran meets the threshold by being qualified under just one of those. Could I have a little explanation on the form?

Levi Kinnischtzke: I would have to confirm with the legal staff who drafted this amendment to the bill. My understanding it could be anyone of A, B, C, or D.

Senator Sorvaag: The wording was provided to me by the veterans' group. The direction from the legal staff said whoever gets a flag gets one of these. That was the direction given that whoever qualifies for a flag qualifies for this coin. I am presuming the language does state the directions.

Senator Kilzer: Would that have been better to state that under subsection 1 before you list A, B, or C, that it qualifies under anyone of the subsections?

Levi Kinnischtzke: I believe that the way it was written by the legal staff follows the Legislative Council drafting manual, so therefore to state exclusively that that item wouldn't be necessary. I believe the way it is written now to include the word "or" after letter C, I believe that serves the purpose that the bill wants.

Vice-Chairman Bowman: No other questions? Any further testimony on SB 2183?

Jim Nelson: ND AMVETS Chaplain: I speak in behalf of ND Coordinating Council consisting of the American Legion, Amvets, DAV, Vietnam Veterans of American, and the VFW in support of this bill. He has testimony #2. He is a member of the honor guard and serving as chaplain. The ability of other family members to purchase this coin is a wonderful thing for the family.

Vice Chairman Bowman: Any questions? There was no more testimony. The hearing was closed on SB 2183.

2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Harvest Room, State Capitol

SB 2183
2/10/2017
JOB # 28230

☐ Subcommittee
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A DO PASS on a BILL for the Veterans' Commemorative Memorial Coin.

Minutes:

Chairman Holmberg: called the Committee to order on SB 2183 at 11:00 am. All committee members were present except Senator Wanzek. Alex Cronquist, Legislative Council and Becky Deichert, OMB were also present.

Senator Dever: explained the purpose of the Bill. **He moved a DO PASS. 2nd by V. Chairman Krebsbach.**

V. Chairman Bowman: Call the roll on a Do Pass on SB 2183.

A Roll Call vote was taken. Yea: 13 Nay: 0 Absent: 1. This goes back to GVA. Senator Marcellais will carry the bill.

The hearing was closed on SB 2183.

Date: 2-10-17
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2183

Senate Appropriations Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: ☐ Adopt Amendment
☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☐ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar
Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Dever Seconded By Krebsbach

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Holmberg	✓		Senator Mathern	✓	
Vice Chair Krebsbach	✓		Senator Grabinger	✓	
Vice Chair Bowman	✓		Senator Robinson	✓	
Senator Erbele	✓				
Senator Wanzek	A				
Senator Kilzer	✓				
Senator Lee	✓				
Senator Dever	✓				
Senator Sorvaag	✓				
Senator Oehlke	✓				
Senator Hogue	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment GVA (Marcellais)

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2183, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
Engrossed SB 2183 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2017 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SB 2183

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Fort Union, State Capitol

SB 2183
3/9/2017
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☐ Subcommittee
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Carmen Hart

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to the conferment of a veterans' commemorative memorial coin; and to provide an appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs

Minutes:

Attachments 1-2

Chairman Kasper opened the hearing on SB 2183.

Senator Bekkedahl representing Senator Sorvaag. He is unable to be here because of a budget hearing. Attachment 1. (:01:56-:03:00)

Jim Nelson, the local AmVets Commander, appeared in support. Attachment 2. (:03:28-:06:10)

Chairman Kasper: Has there been an organization found that will produce the coins?

Jim Nelson: We have looked into that, and there are two or three would do what we want to do. Artwork is normally free. If this would be approved, we would follow the lead like the USS ND with opening it up to the state. We are looking at initially 4,000 coins. The purchase price would probably be in a \$2-\$3 per coin range. My guess we would sell it for \$5-\$7.

Chairman Kasper: Do you have a committee that would determine what coin would be selected?

Jim Nelson: I believe that working with the Department of Veterans' Affairs that would be developed. I would guess the National Guard and the veterans' service organizations would have representatives on that board.

Rep. Laning: I have a concern that we are going to continue to come up with paraphernalia and eventually cheapen the value of giving the American flag to the veteran's family. Has there been any discussion at all regarding that? Maybe we are trying to give too many things.

Jim Nelson: There has been no discussion that I am aware of. I would not see it personally as a degradation of what the American flag represents, because that represents the nation.

There are about 26 other states that have a funeral coin. They are very dignified. It is just a nice little thing for the state to say thank you.

Rep. Rohr: Can we see some from some other states. I did see an example on the handout.

Jim Nelson: There is a national coin that you can purchase that would accommodate the flag.

Rep. Steiner: How would it work technically? My father-in-law is buried at the Veterans' Cemetery. If I wanted to purchase those coins and heard about this program, who do I contact and write the check to and how does it work?

Jim Nelson: Those are things we are working out if this gets passed. I am guessing it would be the Veterans' Affairs and the National Guard, because the National Guard is the military honors group for the state. You would probably make the check to the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs, because I am guessing they would be the primary source.

Rep. P. Anderson: I would love to give my four grandchildren a coin and talk about my father being in a submarine in Guam, and they would love that story. I think these coins are a great idea.

Rep. C. Johnson: This looks very similar to what the military call the challenge coins. Is there a way to personalize these memorial coins?

Jim Nelson: Yes, there are companies that now make a personalized coin.

Chairman Kasper: I personally would like a coin for myself and sons. Have you thought about having a type of authenticity certificate naming the service person's name and when they served?

Jim Nelson: That hasn't been discussed, but that is an excellent idea.

Rep. Olson: The coin can be purchased by a family member of a deceased veteran. Say a veteran lived in another state and died in another state, and that person moves here later in life. Would they be able to purchase a coin from the state of North Dakota commemorating an individual who never lived here?

Jim Nelson: The intent is ND, because it is ND thanking the family for their loved one's service. They would have to apply to their particular state if that state has one.

Rep. Olson: It doesn't look like there is anything in the language that would limit it?

Jim Nelson: Perhaps an amendment should be put on that it is for North Dakota people only.

Lt. Col. Davina French, ND National Guard, appeared in support. We are dealing with state institutes, both ND Veterans' Affairs and the ND National Guard, and we have federal funds involved through us. There is going to be an official way we have to do it based on

funding both through state if you fund this and the federal funds. The funds can't cross over. You can be guaranteed there will be a process to this. By law we have to number the coins and keep track of who gets those coins. There is a process you can follow to request a national coin if your state doesn't have one. There is something about when a soldier dies. I have seen every family member have a place in their house that is memorializing them. I can tell you that coin that they would receive would go in a special place in their home, because there is something about service to country that our citizens really respect.

Rep. Rohr: You pay your fee to get the headstone, and you get the flag. Is the coin automatically provided to the family for free?

Lt. Col. French: There will always be one coin that goes to the family for free. Then you will have the option of how you apply for additional coins.

Rep. Rohr: Does every family that has a member out there going to be entitled to a free coin retroactively?

Lt. Col. French: I do not have an answer for that at this time. I didn't read it.

Chairman Kasper: We certainly want to be sure that the bill does not require if it is not the intent to be retroactive.

Rep. Rohr: Being retroactive now, would that get them one free coin? Then information should go out to the family members, and we should have that option to purchase one then since we have somebody out there.

Lt. Col. French: I would agree with you for the process. We have 64,000 veterans currently in the state.

Rep. Rohr: How many do we have at our veterans' cemetery?

Pam Helbling Schafer, Director of the ND Veterans' Cemetery, appeared. Currently, we have over 7,500 burials at the veterans' cemetery. I don't want to give you a wrong number as opposed to spouses, dependents versus the veterans. I certainly can get back to you with that information.

Chairman Kasper: I have one clarification on my comment about the certificate. I didn't mean it to be authenticity. I meant it to be to honor that person.

Blake Crosby, Bismarck citizen, appeared in support. He talked about having a favorite relative who served in World War II and purchasing a coin for that relative's spouse and could see her proudly displaying this coin in her home.

Chairman Kasper closed the hearing. I would like to have Megan just verify with Legislative Council that this would be retroactive.

Rep. Rohr: Section 3 says retroactive application.

Chairman Kasper: He read it. It is retroactive.

Rep. Laning: I am not opposed to that. I think we are going to establish a date when this takes place and any retroactivity will probably be at the cost of the family.

Rep. Olson: The retroactivity is Subsection 2 of Section 1. It looks like the only way the retroactivity enables you to get a coin is by purchasing the coin. That dovetails into my question of how is this limited to North Dakota? It appears that getting a coin occurs during military funeral honors which must be occurring I am assuming in the state. That limits it to North Dakota. We may want to figure out whether we want the purchasing of a coin to be limited only to a member who had funeral honors in ND.

Rep. B. Koppelman: Rep. Olson brings up a good point. There are many military veterans that may be buried in a national cemetery. Ft. Snelling in St. Paul, MN is a good example where some of the military veterans that served here, passed away here, or etc., were buried there. Would they still be eligible?

Chairman Kasper: We are going to hold this bill to try to come up with some answers. A subcommittee of Rep. Laning, Chair, Rep. Steiner, and Rep. Olson was formed.

Minutes of the

(HOUSE) (SENATE) BILL NO. 2183 SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE

GVA STANDING COMMITTEE

Meeting location: House Floor

Date of meeting: 3-9-2017

Time meeting called to order: 1500 3:00 pm

Members present: Chris Olson, Vickie Steiner, Vernon Lanning

Others present (may attach attendance sheet):

Topics discussed:

Amending 2183 - Commemorative Coin bill

Motion and vote:

Chris Olson moved we remove the appropriation and
give the dept. of veterans affairs the authority to collect
funds and establish a program for a NO
commemorative coin. Vernon seconded Motion Carried

Time of adjournment: 1530 hrs 3:30

Note: If a motion is made, a description of the motion must be provided along with the member seconding the motion. A recorded roll call vote must be taken and reported for any nonprocedural motion.

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Fort Union, State Capitol

SB 2183
3/10/2017
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Carmen Hart

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to the conferment of a veterans' commemorative memorial coin; and to provide an appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs

Minutes:

Attachment 1

Chairman Kasper opened the meeting on SB 2183.

Rep. Laning: The subcommittee met. They proposed an amendment which he went through. Attachment 1. (:01:20-:03:38) I would move the amendment to SB 2183.

Rep. Olson seconded the motion.

Rep. Rohr: Did they give you an idea how long it would take them to raise money to at least design the coin?

Rep. Laning: Not really. I told them this most likely would not be in effect until August 1. He felt it shouldn't take them much longer than that to get going. That was based on the \$8,500 being given to them.

Rep. P. Anderson: It doesn't have to go to appropriations if it is under \$5,000?

Chairman Kasper: Correct.

Rep. P. Anderson: What if we amend it to say we give them the \$4,000? I so move that as an amendment to the amendment.

Rep. Schneider seconded the motion.

Rep. Laning: I am trying to avoid any expenditures out of this state as well. I would probably resist the amendment.

Rep. Dockter: It is stated too they don't have a problem really raising the money, so by putting this in, they would get the funding privately. I really support the program with no funding for this biennium.

Rep. B. Koppelman: I don't think this is the time to lower the amount just so we can bypass the appropriations committee. I am going to resist the amendment to the amendment.

Rep. Rohr: It is going to be tough, but we heard about the charitable thing yesterday. They can submit an application.

Rep. Olson: We have done without a coin forever. Not every other state has anything like this. I don't think this is an emergency that this start right now and get going on it. They were anticipating raising over \$25,000. I think it is a great idea to give them the authority here. They have the fund. They have the continuing appropriation, and they have the continuing revenue from the sale of the coin to make it a self-sufficient program. Taking the public money out of it makes it something that nobody can argue with, and that is the beautiful thing about it.

Rep. Schneider: This is for our heroes who don't ask for very much. I would like some of those older veterans be able to see the design as soon as possible.

Rep. Dockter: Since it is for the veterans, there will be some ad agency design that I bet will do it for free.

Chairman Kasper: Another possibility could be to have a design competition.

Rep. Olson: I designed coins in the past for my firm. I plan on giving some of my own money to this, and I am going to contact the department to give them some advice, because I know some really good sculptors that can design the 3d rendering and make beautiful dyes for striking the coins.

Rep. P. Anderson: I will withdraw my motion.

Rep. Schneider: I will withdraw my second.

Rep. Steiner: Is it just ND vets?(Difficult to hear)

Rep. Laning: Anyone can buy a coin. When a vet dies, they have to request the support of the legion or somebody to get the flag. It is not automatic. So at the same time the vets' groups would be notified, and they can give the family a coin if they asked for a flag as well.

Chairman Kasper: If they are a ND citizen, they get it free.

Rep. Laning: Yes. If somebody dies out of state, they still have to notify someone. The vets' organizations do not have the responsibility to watch every obituary. They will be notified if the family then wants a coin. There is one free coin for the family.

Rep. Steiner: All buried veterans across the country?

Rep. Laning: It is going in effect August 1.

Rep. Steiner: Moving forward? Buried in Ohio, you get a free coin?

Rep. Olson: I think the intent of the bill was to provide a free coin to those being buried honors within the state of North Dakota. However, if they are buried outside of the state of ND, we are making them available for purchase of a coin. We wanted to make it clear and put it in our amendment that is for a North Dakota veteran.

Rep. Steiner: If they don't have the money to do the free coin, then they have the option to say no, we haven't raised the money. We don't have the money.

Rep. Olson: Yes. That would be contingent, of course, on them having raised enough money and produced enough of the coins ahead of time to give them away.

Voice vote again on Rep. Laning's proposed amendment. Motion carried.

Rep. Steiner: I know what the intent of the committee, but that is not what the bill says. If they can't raise the money, I don't want them to feel like they have to give away free coins when they don't have the money. It says they shall do this. Maybe you want to change shall to may so they have some flexibility.

Rep. Olson: However, that same problem exists without this amendment, because we were only going to appropriate to them \$8,500 of which \$4,000 would have been spent on the design of the coin. They estimated the cost of the coin as being \$7 each. If you have \$4,500 left, dividing that by 7 provides for 642 coins. You want to buy as many coins as you can in a single batch, because you are going to significantly reduce the cost.

Rep. B. Koppelman: Senator Sorvaag's testimony said the fiscal note reflects the need for designing and requires an initial purchase of 4,000 coins. You take $4,000 \times \$7$. You need \$28,000 plus the \$4,000 for design.

Chairman Kasper: The bill does not require that now.

Rep. B. Koppelman: Senator Sorvaag's testimony is suggesting they are not going to get minted unless they can buy 4,000.

Rep. Olson: Prior to the amendment, in Section 2, Line 9, Page 2, it states providing funding for at least 4,000 commemorative memorial coins. If you take the \$4,500 from the \$8,500, add it to the \$25,500, you have \$30,000 and dividing that by 4,000 is \$7.50 per coin. They were required to purchase at least 4,000 coins upon raising the \$25,500. What we are saying now is purchase however many coins you want, at any time you want, whenever you raise whatever amount of money you deem to be necessary.

Rep. Dockter: That basically was a number that he came up with that are eligible. I think they would be fine.

Rep. Olson made a motion for a DO PASS AS AMENDED on SB 2183.

Rep. Johnston seconded the motion.

Chairman Kasper: Keep in mind, there are a lot of people in North Dakota who support veterans' activities with donations. I wouldn't be concerned with the money.

Rep. Dockter: Maybe they will donate some of their gambling money.

Rep. Steiner: Page 1, Line 9, says the department of veterans' affairs shall create and confer a coin. If it is your intent that they shall create that coin, then they are given the directive to raise the money and do it. They are responsible to create that coin.

Chairman Kasper: That is what the bill does at their request. They wanted the bill. They want the coin. They understand the responsibility. They understand with the appropriation gone, they are going to have to raise the money, and if there is no leadership in the veterans' affairs organizations to raise the money, then I would be terribly surprised.

Rep. Olson: That shall create existed under the same conditions as you must do at least 4,000 meaning you must raise at least \$25,500.

Chairman Kasper: Striking Section 2 and the amendment makes the bill a whole lot better.

A roll call vote was taken. 13 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

Rep. Laning will carry the bill.

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Fort Union, State Capitol

SB 2183
3/17/2017
29414

☐ Subcommittee
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Carmen Hart

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to the conferment of a veterans' commemorative memorial coin; and to provide an appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs

Minutes:

Attachment 1

Chairman Kasper opened the meeting on SB 2183.

Rep. C. Johnson made a motion to reconsider our action on SB 2183.

Rep. Rohr seconded the motion.

Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Rep. Laning explained the amendment and what happened. Attachment 1. (:00:32-:01:38)
He made a motion to adopt the amendment.

Rep. Vetter seconded the motion.

Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Rep. Laning made a motion for a DO PASS AS AMENDED on SB 2183.

Rep. Johnston seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. 13 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

Rep. Laning will carry the bill.

3/10/17 DL

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2183

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Commemorative memorial coin fund - Continuing appropriation.

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 - a. Any moneys appropriated or transferred to the department of veterans' affairs for the purposes set forth in section 1 of this Act; and
 - b. Any gifts, grants, and donations received by the department for the purposes set forth in section 1 of this Act.
2. All moneys in the commemorative memorial coin fund are appropriated to the department of veterans' affairs on a continuing basis for the purposes set forth in section 1 of this Act."

Renumber accordingly

March 17, 2017

3/17/2017

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2183

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Page 1, line 2, remove "; to"

Page 1, line 3, remove "provide an appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs"

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Page 2, line 1, after "deceased" insert "North Dakota"

Page 2, after line 4, insert:

"4. Pursuant to section 37-18-12, the department may expend any gifts, grants, or donations received for the creation and conferment of commemorative memorial coins."

Page 2, remove lines 5 through 11

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

This amendment removes the appropriation to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for veterans' commemorative memorial coins and clarifies that the department has authority under North Dakota Century Code Section 37-18-12 to expend any gifts, grants, or donations for the creation and conferment of memorial coins.

Date: 3-9-17
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2183

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☒ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: 17.0306.04001

Recommendation: ☒ Adopt Amendment
☐ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☐ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar
Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Olson Seconded By Laning

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Jim Kasper-Chairman			Pamela Anderson		
Scott Louser-Vice Chairman			Mary Schneider		
Jason Dockter					
Craig A. Johnson					
Daniel Johnston					
Karen Karls					
Ben Koppelman					
Vernon Laning					
Christopher D. Olson					
Karen M. Rohr					
Vicky Steiner					
Steve Vetter					

*Vote
motion
carried*

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Remove the appropriation and give the dept. of veterans' affairs the authority to collect funds and establish a program for a commemorative coin.

Date: 3-10-17
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2183

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: 17. 0306. 04001

Recommendation: ☒ Adopt Amendment
☐ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☐ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar

Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Laming Seconded By Olson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Jim Kasper-Chairman			Pamela Anderson		
Scott Louser-Vice Chairman			Mary Schneider		
Jason Dockter					
Craig A. Johnson					
Daniel Johnston					
Karen Karls					
Ben Koppelman					
Vernon Laming					
Christopher D. Olson					
Karen M. Rohr					
Vicky Steiner					
Steve Vetter					

*Voices
Vote
motion
carried*

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 3-10-17
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2183

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: ☐ Adopt Amendment
☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☒ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar
Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Olson Seconded By Johnston

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
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Scott Louser-Vice Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Mary Schneider	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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Vicky Steiner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Steve Vetter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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Floor Assignment Laning

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 3-17-17
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2183

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: ☐ Adopt Amendment
☐ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☐ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar
Other Actions: ☒ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Johnson Seconded By Rohr

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Jim Kasper-Chairman			Pamela Anderson		
Scott Louser-Vice Chairman			Mary Schneider		
Jason Dockter					
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Vernon Laning					
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Vicky Steiner					
Steve Vetter					

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Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 3-17-17
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2183

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: 17.0306.04002

Recommendation: ☒ Adopt Amendment
☐ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☐ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar
Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐

Motion Made By Laning Seconded By Vetter

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Jim Kasper-Chairman			Pamela Anderson		
Scott Louser-Vice Chairman			Mary Schneider		
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*Vote
motion
carries*

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 3-17-17
Roll Call Vote #: 3

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2/83

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: ☐ Adopt Amendment
☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☒ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar
Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Laning Seconded By Johnston

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Jim Kasper-Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Pamela Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Scott Louser-Vice Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Mary Schneider	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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Floor Assignment Laning

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2183, as engrossed: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Kasper, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2183 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

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2017 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

SB 2183

2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Sheyenne River Room, State Capitol

SB 2183
4/4/2017
Job Number 29921

☐ Subcommittee
☒ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the conferment of a veterans commemorative memorial coin; and to provide an appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs.

Minutes:

No Attachments

Senator Bekkedahl: Opened the conference committee on SB 2183. Asked for the House to give an explanation on the changes.

Representative Laning: I am looking at the 4003 version. All we did was remove the appropriation section and added the sub-paragraph 4 above that. The thinking was rather than start an appropriation that came out of general fund or anything, since the veteran's organizations were already looking at raising \$25,000 themselves we just thought we should allow them to raise the entire amount. They can manage it themselves and not have to worry about appropriations from the state. It did need to have a fund set up more or less. We had a little bit of an argument among ourselves on the appropriations part, but we settled on the sub-paragraph 4 that says "the department may expend any gifts, grants or donations received for the creation and conferment of commemorative memorial coins. I had discussions with Jim Nelson of the coordinating council, and he was ok with everything. We left the amendments the Senate put on with the retroactive applications etc.

Representative Anderson: I was the one that thought we should leave in the \$4000 for the design of the coin, but that did not go anywhere. Other than that, I was fine with taking the rest of the appropriation out.

Senator Bekkedahl: From the Senate perspective, the intent of the sponsor of the bill was obviously to get the coin out there as a commemorative. It is based on other state programs that are out there where they give a coin. The sponsor was pretty adamant about wanting the state of North Dakota to put some money in as a display of gratitude for what the veteran did upon their final act; which was their burial. Removing the appropriation means that it probably could still occur, but there will not be any true gratitude from the state of North Dakota without some appropriation. I think he was willing to let us work on the amount of the

appropriation and the language that specifies the design. Maybe do the design at no cost. I think we are all going to the same place, it is just how we get there and how do we work in the appropriation.

Representative Olson: I would follow up on the thought of the state putting something into it with the fact that the amount of time that we are spending by hearing the bill, having committee hearings, conference committee hearings – all of this costs money. Just the passage of the bill itself represents a significant investment on behalf of the state outside of just appropriated dollars. I do not think that the state did not put anything in just because we do not have an appropriation.

Representative Laning: We did have discussions on the collection mechanism to some degree and we felt that the veterans are very heavily supported in North Dakota and that the funds would not be difficult to raise. In fact, we had some volunteering from our committee members that would even like to kick in on something like that as well. There were a few of us interested in the retroactive aspect that the Senate added on there as well. We did think there was importance in this being a self-supporting thing from the veteran's in North Dakota as well. They need to have ownership in the program, and it is something that they can be proud of as well.

Senator Bekkedahl: What I would like to do is bring the committee discussion to the prime sponsor and the Senate would be happy to bring back any recommendations from that discussion to the House. (The Representative agreed to that.) I am happy that you agree to the additional language about the deceased veteran's family being able to purchase a coin. I asked for that to be in there because I would like to have one for my father who just passed away.

Representative Laning: Our understanding is that there is only one free coin to be given at the funeral from the state of North Dakota and any others will be available to them, but at their cost.

Senator Bekkedahl: I am glad we agree on that one. Closed the conference committee on SB 2183.

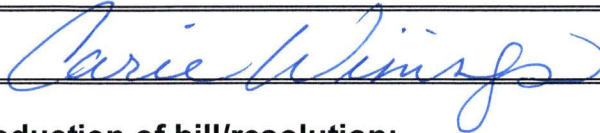
2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Sheyenne River Room, State Capitol

SB 2183
4/5/2017
Job Number 29948

☐ Subcommittee
☒ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the conferment of a veterans commemorative memorial coin; and to provide an appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs.

Minutes:

Attachments: 1-2

Chairman Bekkedahl: Opened the conference committee on SB 2183. Asked House conferee members if they have any comments to make after the last conference meeting and there were none.

Senator Vedaa: See Attachment # 1 for a proposed amendment (walks through the amendment). See Attachment #2 for Christmas tree version of the bill.

Senator Vedaa: Moved amendment 17.0306.04004.

Senator Marcellais: Seconded.

Representative Laning: We had some discussion on this and I had mentioned that we had previously discussed in the House the Post War Trust Fund. The legislative body does not have the authority to appropriate funds out of the Post War Trust Fund. I talked to the treasurer's office and a few others. That is a permanent fund that is set up. A COLA group gets the gain out of that fund each year. It gets appropriated to them. They already have the ability, if they want, to take the interest that is gained out of the fund and spend it however they choose. We, as a legislature, do not have the authority to tell them how to spend those funds. If they want, that ability is already there for them to spend out of that fund for these coins. I do not think the amendment can fly the way that it is since it is not within our power. I talked to Jim Nelson who is the veteran who introduced the bill. His comment was, "I see the coin bill is back in committee. Could you discuss the issues that are causing the problem? Since there is no longer a fiscal note, I do not understand." I sent him back a note and let him know that the Senate had not concurred. I asked if I could still use his support for the amendment that we put on, and his response was that they were solidly behind the coin state money or not. He represented the five veteran's groups within the state of North Dakota.

They want the bill and we do too. The the appropriation seems to be the hang up. We would prefer to stay where the last amendment in the House was.

Chairman Bekkedahl: I appreciate you for the conversation on this earlier and digging into it. I would bring to the committee's attention. My research also talks about Article 10, Section 25 of the North Dakota state Constitution. (Reads from the section.) I would be in agreement with your interpretation that it is really up to them. I think what we are attempting to do here is to maybe have some language that could come out of the committee that suggests that we would look to them to use some of this at their discretion. It may not be necessary, but if we can have some time to discuss that I would appreciate it.

Representative Anderson: There is over \$6 million in the fund. It seems to me that is a good alternative to suggest that they use some of that.

Representative Laning: They cannot spend the principle either. The entire fund is set up and they live off of the gain in this fund.

Chairman Bekkedahl: From the state treasurer's website, as of March 1st, 2017, the value was just slightly under \$6 million. In the 2013-2015 biennium, there was \$952,000 in total earnings and expenditures of approximately \$273,000; \$67,000 went back to the principle. There has been activity in the fund.

A Roll Call Vote Was Taken: 2 yeas, 4 nays, 0 absent.

Motion Failed.

Chairman Bekkedahl: Adjourned the conference committee on SB 2183.

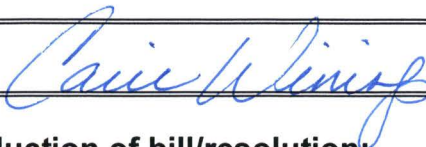
2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee
Sheyenne River Room, State Capitol

SB 2183
4/7/2017
Job Number 29990

☐ Subcommittee
☒ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the conferment of a veterans commemorative memorial coin; and to provide an appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs.

Minutes:

Attachments: 1

Chairman Bekkedahl: Opened the conference committee on SB 2183.

Senator Vedaa: See Attachment #1 for proposed amendment.

Moved the House recede from the House Amendments and Amend Further with 17.0306.04006.

Senator Marcellais: Seconded.

Chairman Bekkedahl: Any discussion?

Representative Laning: I do not think we have any problem at all with the amendments and we would be in favor of moving ahead.

A Roll Call Vote Was Taken: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

Motion Carried.

Senator Bekkedahl and Representative Laning will carry the bill.

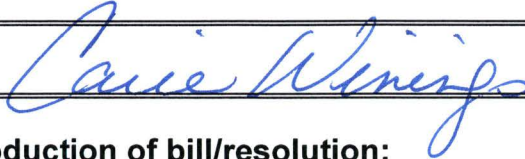
2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee
Sheyenne River Room, State Capitol

SB 2183
4/13/2017
Job Number 30101

☐ Subcommittee
☒ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the conferment of a veterans commemorative memorial coin; and to provide an appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs.

Minutes:

Attachments: 1

(The prior conference committee report failed on the Senate floor and the bill was brought back to committee for additional amendments.)

Chairman Bekkedahl: Opened the conference committee on SB 2183. See Attachment #1 for amendments proposed to the committee. We missed this in both the House and Senate as well as the conference committee. There was a concern brought up on the floor about the definition of a North Dakota veteran and who would be included. (Explained amendment.)

Representative Laning: I think we are micromanaging. I think the veteran's groups could have taken care of that very easily by themselves. The families have to request a coin in the first place. If they are not even in North Dakota, I don't think we have to worry about it too much. I do think we are going further than we would have needed to.

Chairman Bekkedahl: I don't disagree.

Representative Laning: Moved the House to recede from the House amendments and amend with 17.0306.04007.

Representative Olson: Seconded.

A Roll Call Vote Was Taken: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

Motion Carried.

Senator Bekkedahl and Representative Laning will carry the bill.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2183

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Page 2, after line 4, insert:

"4. Pursuant to section 37-18-12, the department may expend any gifts, grants, or donations received for the creation and conferment of commemorative memorial coins."

Page 2, line 5, remove "general"

Page 2, line 6, replace "fund in the state treasury" with "veterans' postwar trust fund"

Renumber accordingly

April 6, 2017

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4/7/17

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Renumber accordingly

April 12, 2017

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Renumber accordingly

Date: 4/5
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2017 SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2183 as (re) engrossed

Senate "Enter committee name" Committee

- Action Taken ☐ SENATE accede to House Amendments
☐ SENATE accede to House Amendments and further amend
☐ HOUSE recede from House amendments
☒ HOUSE recede from House amendments and amend as follows

- ☐ Unable to agree, recommends that the committee be discharged and a new committee be appointed

Adopt Amendment 17.0306.04004

Motion Made by: Vedaa Seconded by: Marcellais

Senators	4/4	4/5		Yes	No	Representatives	4/4	4/5		Yes	No
Senator Bekkedahl (Chair)	✓	✓			✓	Representative Laning	✓	✓			✓
Senator Vedaa	✓	✓		✓		Representative Olson	✓	✓			✓
Senator Marcellais	✓	✓		✓		Representative Anderson	✓	✓			✓
Total Senate Vote						Total Rep. Vote					

Failed

Vote Count Yes: 2 No: 4 Absent: 0

Senate Carrier _____ House Carrier _____

LC Number _____ of amendment

LC Number _____ of engrossment

Emergency clause added or deleted

Statement of purpose of amendment

Date: 4/7
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2017 SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2183 as (re) engrossed

Senate "Enter committee name" Committee

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Senator Marcellais	<u>✓</u>		<u>✓</u>		Representative Anderson	<u>✓</u>		<u>✓</u>	
Total Senate Vote					Total Rep. Vote				

Vote Count Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 0

Senate Carrier Bekkedahl House Carrier Laning

LC Number 17.0306.04006 of amendment

LC Number _____ of engrossment

Emergency clause added or deleted

Statement of purpose of amendment

**2017 SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES**

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2183 as (re) engrossed

Senate Senate GVA Committee

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Motion Made by: Rep. Laning Seconded by: Rep. Olson

Senators	4/13			Yes	No		Representatives	4/13			Yes	No
Senator Bekkedahl (Chair)	✓			✓			Representative Laning	✓			✓	
Senator Vedaa	✓			✓			Representative Olson	✓			✓	
Senator Marcellais	✓			✓			Representative Anderson	✓			✓	
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Vote Count Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 0

Senate Carrier Bekkedahl House Carrier Laning

LC Number 17.0306.04007 . _____ of amendment

LC Number _____ . _____ of engrossment

Emergency clause added or deleted

Statement of purpose of amendment

Insert LC: 17.0306.04006
Senate Carrier: Bekkedahl
House Carrier: Laning

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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Renumber accordingly

Engrossed SB 2183 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

Insert LC: 17.0306.04007
Senate Carrier: Bekkedahl
House Carrier: Laning

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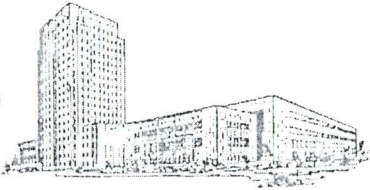
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2017 TESTIMONY

SB 2183



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COMMITTEES:
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January 18, 2017

Chair Poolman and Members of the Government and Veterans Affairs Committee,

SB2183 involves the State of ND providing a Commemorative memorial coin to the families of all Veterans and National Guard members at their funerals. This medallion would be presented to the same eligible family member that receives the folded flag. There are other states that present this gift and I have attached a sheet with the example of the memorial coin given by the state of Missouri.

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There would be about 1600 eligible recipients per year for this memorial coin. The fiscal note reflects the need for designing and presumes an initial purchase of 4000 coins. We allotted \$4,000 for design and estimated \$7 for each coin. These dollar numbers could be high, but was used as a starting point. I feel that if this is something we go forward with, it should be done right with a special medallion that families would be proud to pass down for generations.

The appropriation was based on the above numbers and because of the tight budget felt that if this goes forward 75% should be raised privately.

I would be supportive of the committee if they choose to go forward with this bill to adjust the numbers to amount and percentage that they feel appropriate.

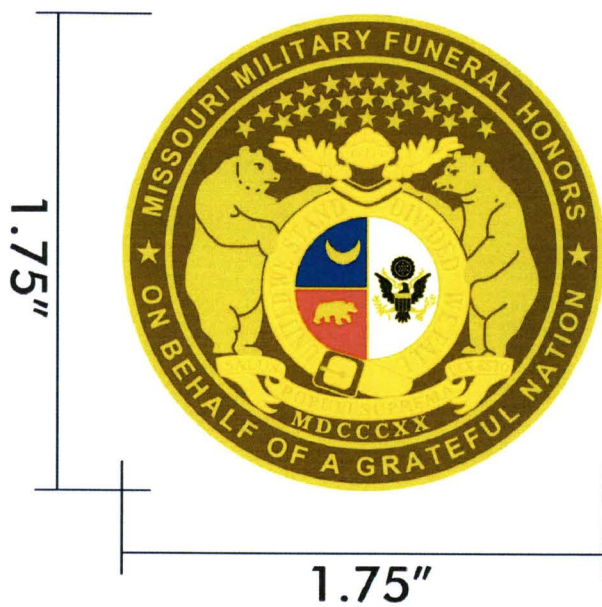
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Sen. Ronald Sorvaag

District 45

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Die Struck Coin Sample

COIN SIZE	50	100	200	300	500	1,000	3,000	5,000
1.50"	\$4.85	\$2.99	\$2.75	\$2.56	\$2.51	\$2.45	\$2.25	\$2.10
1.75"	\$5.50	\$3.29	\$3.00	\$2.84	\$2.78	\$2.73	\$2.60	\$2.55

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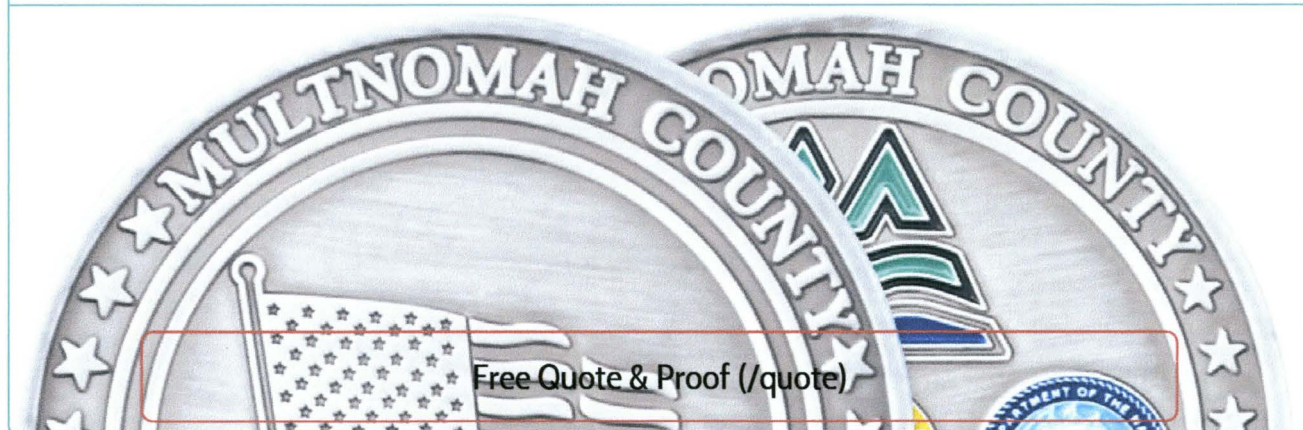
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2.00"	\$5.75	\$3.59	\$3.32	\$3.11	\$3.00	\$2.98	\$2.85	\$2.75
2.25"	\$6.75	\$4.50	\$3.90	\$3.45	\$3.40	\$3.30	\$3.18	\$3.00
2.50"	\$7.50	\$5.00	\$4.51	\$3.99	\$3.95	\$3.80	\$3.43	\$3.30
2.75"	\$9.75	\$5.45	\$5.14	\$5.14	\$4.92	\$4.69	\$4.09	\$3.82
3.00"	\$11.05	\$6.40	\$6.35	\$6.28	\$5.89	\$5.57	\$4.74	\$4.33

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ONE SIDE COLOR COIN PRICING

One Side Color Coin Sample



COIN SIZE	50	100	200	300	500	1,000	3,000	5,000
1.50"	\$5.25	\$3.25	\$2.98	\$2.78	\$2.73	\$2.67	\$2.43	\$2.35
1.75"	\$5.75	\$3.59	\$3.35	\$3.18	\$3.11	\$3.06	\$2.75	\$2.54
2.00"	\$6.35	\$3.95	\$3.79	\$3.58	\$3.51	\$3.44	\$2.98	\$2.83
2.25"	\$7.20	\$4.76	\$4.58	\$4.43	\$4.38	\$4.11	\$3.05	\$2.86
2.50"	\$8.65	\$5.70	\$5.50	\$5.25	\$4.75	\$4.43	\$3.25	\$3.00
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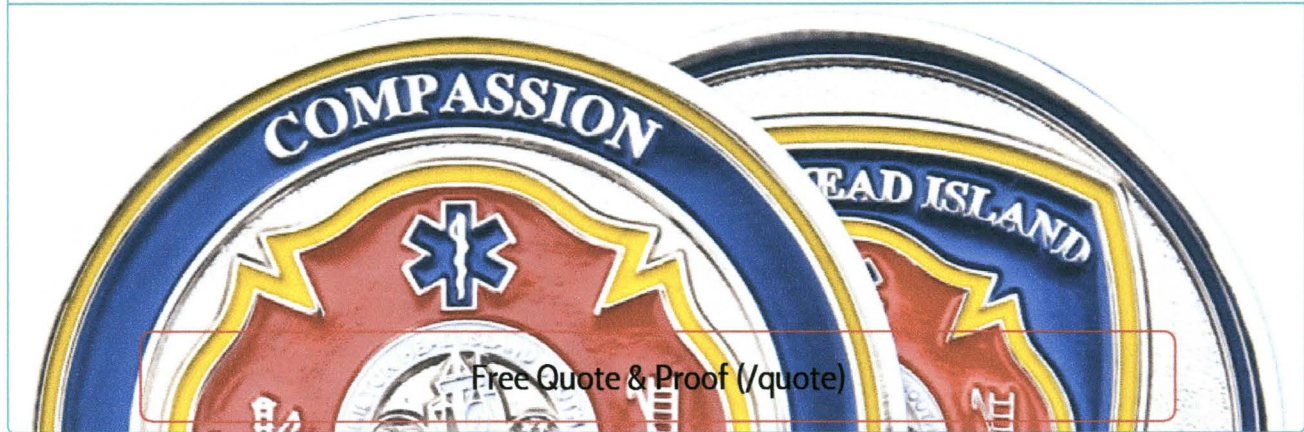
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BOTH SIDES COLOR COIN PRICING

Both Sides Color Coin Sample



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January 26, 2017

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2183

Page 1, line 2, remove "and"

Page 1, line 3, after "affairs" insert "; and to provide for retroactive application"

Page 2, line 1, after "2." insert: "A family member of a deceased veteran may purchase a commemorative memorial coin from the department of veterans' affairs at a cost determined by the department.

3."

Page 2, line 7, replace "a" with "at least four thousand"

Page 2, line 7, replace "coin" with "coins"

Page 2, after line 9, insert:

"SECTION 3. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION. Subsection 2 of Section 1 of this Act applies to all family members of a deceased veteran, regardless of the date of death of the veteran."

Renumber accordingly

27-17 SB 2183
NORTH DAKOTA SENATE



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February 7, 2017

Chairman Holmberg and Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee,

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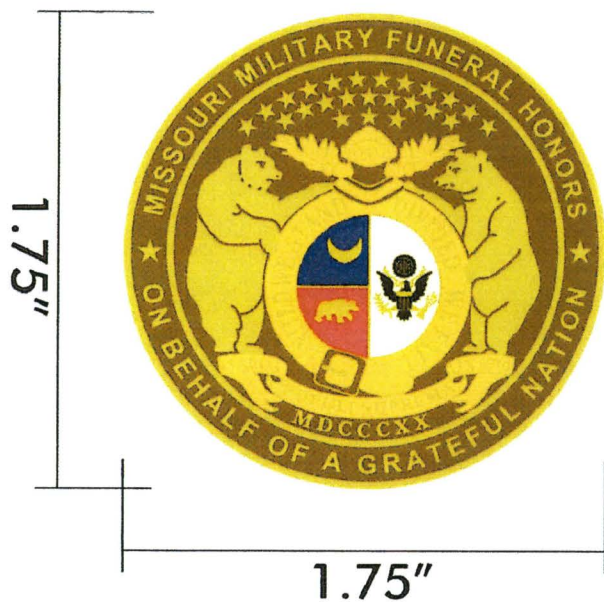
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TESTIMONY ON SB 2183

JANUARY 19, 2017

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Vice Bowman
~~MADAM~~ CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

Jim Nelson

I SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE NORTH DAKOTA COORDINATING COUNCIL CONSISTING OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, AMVETS, DAV, VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA AND THE VFW IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL. THE AMERICAN FLAG IS PRESENTED TO A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES AND THIS COIN WOULD BE PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA FOR THE DECEASED VETERANS FAITHFUL AND HONORABLE SERVICE TO THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA.

BEING A MEMBER OF AN HONOR GUARD SERVING AS CHAPLAIN I BELIEVE THIS COIN WOULD A PERFECT FIT IN THE CEREMONIES SURROUNDING THE BURIAL OF A VETERAN. THE ABILITY OF OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS BEING ABLE TO PURCHASE COINS IS A WONDERFUL THING FOR THE FAMILY AND I BELIEVE WOULD BE EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED AND UTILIZED.

THANK YOU AND I WILL ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

*BY Jim Nelson State Chaplain ND AMVETS
& #9 post Commander Bismarck ND*

A + Attachment 1
2183
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NORTH DAKOTA SENATE



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COMMITTEES:
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March 9, 2017

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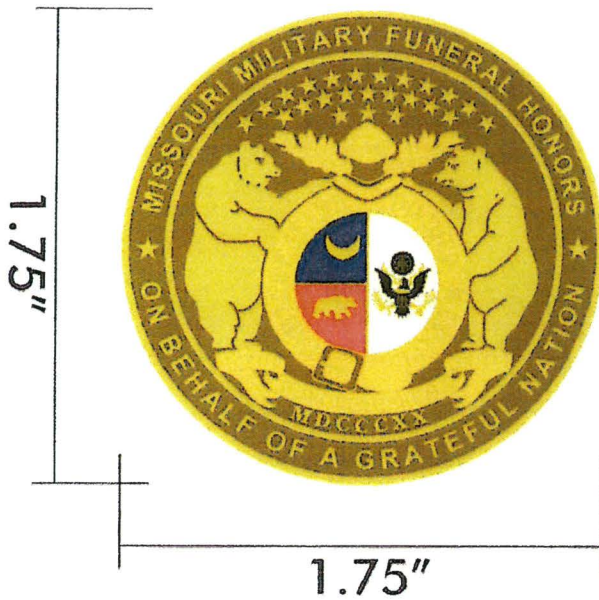
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Sen. Ronald Sorvaag
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TESTIMONY ON SB 2183

MARCH 9, 2017

CHAIRMAN KASPER AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

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THANK YOU AND I WILL TRY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2183

Page 1, line 1, replace "a" with "two"

Page 1, line 1, replace "section" with "sections"

Page 1, line 3, replace "an" with "a continuing"

Page 1, line 10, after "deceased" insert "North Dakota"

Page 2, line 1, after "deceased" insert "North Dakota"

Page 2, replace lines 5 through 11 with:

"**SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Commemorative memorial coin fund - Continuing appropriation.

1. There is created in the state treasury a commemorative memorial coin fund which consists of:
 - a. Any moneys appropriated or transferred to the department of veterans' affairs for the purposes set forth in section 1 of this Act; and
 - b. Any gifts, grants, and donations received by the department for the purposes set forth in section 1 of this Act.
2. All moneys in the commemorative memorial coin fund are appropriated to the department of veterans' affairs on a continuing basis for the purposes set forth in section 1 of this Act."

Renumber accordingly

17.0306.04002
Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for Representative Laning 3-17-17
March 16, 2017

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2183

In lieu of the amendments adopted by the House as printed on page 933 of the House Journal, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2183 is amended as follows:

Page 1, line 2, remove "; to"

Page 1, line 3, remove "provide an appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs"

Page 1, line 10, after "deceased" insert "North Dakota"

Page 2, line 1, after "deceased" insert "North Dakota"

Page 2, after line 4, insert:

"4. Pursuant to section 37-18-12, the department may expend any gifts, grants, or donations received for the creation and conferment of commemorative memorial coins."

Page 2, remove lines 5 through 11

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

This amendment removes the appropriation to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for veterans' commemorative memorial coins and clarifies that the department has authority under North Dakota Century Code Section 37-18-12 to expend any gifts, grants, or donations for the creation and conferment of memorial coins.

17.0306.04004
Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Senator Bekkedahl
April 4, 2017

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2183

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 870 and 871 of the Senate Journal and pages 1032 and 1033 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2183 be amended as follows:

Page 2, after line 4, insert:

"4. Pursuant to section 37-18-12, the department may expend any gifts, grants, or donations received for the creation and conferment of commemorative memorial coins."

Page 2, line 5, remove "general"

Page 2, line 6, replace "fund in the state treasury" with "veterans' postwar trust fund"

Renumber accordingly

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2183

Introduced by

Senators Sorvaag, Campbell, Dever

Representatives M. Johnson, Kading, Kasper

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 the conferment of a veterans commemorative memorial coin; to
3 provide an appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs; and to provide for retroactive
4 application.

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

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

8 **Commemorative memorial coin - Eligibility.**

9 1. The department of veterans' affairs shall create and confer a commemorative
10 memorial coin upon a family member of a deceased veteran during military funeral
11 honors for that veteran if the deceased veteran:

12 a. Served on active duty, in the national guard, or in the selected reserve and
13 departed the armed forces or national guard under conditions other than
14 dishonorable;

15 b. Completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in
16 the selected reserve and departed under conditions other than dishonorable or
17 was discharged from the selected reserve due to a disability incurred or
18 aggravated in the line of duty;

19 c. Died while serving on active duty, in the national guard, or in the selected
20 reserve; or

21 d. Was a member of the commissioned officer corps of the public health service, the
22 national oceanic and atmospheric administration, or a civilian or contractual
23 group of individuals given active duty service determinations and considered a
24 veteran under Public Law No. 95-202.

1 2. A family member of a deceased veteran may purchase a commemorative memorial
2 coin from the department of veterans' affairs at a cost determined by the department.

3 3. As used in this section "family member" means a spouse, parent, child, or other
4 individual related by blood.

5 4. Pursuant to section 37-18-12, the department may expend any gifts, grants, or
6 donations received for the creation and conferment of commemorative memorial
7 coins.

8 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the **general**
9 ~~fund in the state treasury~~veterans' postwar trust fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
10 \$8,500, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, and from the funds derived from private
11 donations, the sum of \$25,500, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department
12 of veterans' affairs for the purpose of providing funding for at least four thousand
13 commemorative memorial coins for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30,
14 2019. Of the funds appropriated, the department of veterans' affairs shall use up to \$4,000 for
15 the design of the coin.

16 **SECTION 3. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.** Subsection 2 of Section 1 of this Act applies
17 to all family members of a deceased veteran, regardless of the date of death of the veteran.

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2183

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Introduced by

Senators Sorvaag, Campbell, Dever

Representatives M. Johnson, Kading, Kasper

- 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 the conferment of a veterans commemorative memorial coin; to
3 provide ~~an appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs~~ a statement of legislative intent;
4 and to provide for retroactive application.

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

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

8 **Commemorative memorial coin - Eligibility.**

- 9 1. The department of veterans' affairs shall create and confer a commemorative
10 memorial coin upon a family member of a deceased North Dakota veteran during
11 military funeral honors for that veteran if the deceased veteran:
- 12 a. Served on active duty, in the national guard, or in the selected reserve and
13 departed the armed forces or national guard under conditions other than
14 dishonorable;
- 15 b. Completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in
16 the selected reserve and departed under conditions other than dishonorable or
17 was discharged from the selected reserve due to a disability incurred or
18 aggravated in the line of duty;
- 19 c. Died while serving on active duty, in the national guard, or in the selected
20 reserve; or
- 21 d. Was a member of the commissioned officer corps of the public health service, the
22 national oceanic and atmospheric administration, or a civilian or contractual
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7 donations received for the creation and conferment of commemorative memorial
8 coins.

9 ~~SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general~~
10 ~~fund in the state treasury veterans' postwar trust fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of~~
11 ~~\$8,500, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, and from the funds derived from private~~
12 ~~donations, the sum of \$25,500, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department~~
13 ~~of veterans' affairs for the purpose of providing funding for at least four thousand~~
14 ~~commemorative memorial coins for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30,~~
15 ~~2019. Of the funds appropriated, the department of veterans' affairs shall use up to \$4,000 for~~
16 ~~the design of the coin.~~

17 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** It is the intent of the sixty-fifth legislative assembly
18 that the administrative committee on veterans' affairs consider providing funding from the
19 veterans' postwar trust fund to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of funding at
20 least four thousand commemorative memorial coins for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017,
21 and ending June 30, 2019.

22 **SECTION 3. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.** Subsection 2 of Section 1 of this Act applies
23 to all family members of a deceased North Dakota veteran, regardless of the date of death of
24 the veteran.

17.0306.04007
Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Senator Bekkedahl
April 12, 2017

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2183

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 870 and 871 of the Senate Journal and pages 1032 and 1033 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2183 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 3, replace "an appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs" with "a statement of legislative intent"

Page 1, line 10, after "deceased" insert "North Dakota"

Page 2, line 1, after "deceased" insert "North Dakota"

Page 2, line 3, after "section" insert: "

a."

Page 2, line 3, replace "family" with "Family"

Page 2, after line 4, insert:

"b. "North Dakota veteran" means an individual who meets the requirements of subsection 1 and who was a resident of North Dakota during any period of the individual's life.

4. Under section 37-18-12, the department may expend any gifts, grants, or donations received for the creation and conferment of commemorative memorial coins.

Page 2, replace lines 5 through 11 with:

"SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - COMMEMORATIVE MEMORIAL COINS. It is the intent of the sixty-fifth legislative assembly that the administrative committee on veterans' affairs consider providing funding from the veterans' postwar trust fund to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of funding at least four thousand commemorative memorial coins for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019."

Page 2, line 13, after "deceased" insert "North Dakota"

Renumber accordingly