

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the veterans' home
2 and department of veterans' affairs; to provide for a performance audit of the veterans' home; to
3 provide for a report to the legislative assembly; and to provide for a legislative council study.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the
6 funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
7 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and
8 other income, to the veterans' home and the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of
9 defraying their expenses, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003,
10 as follows:

11 Subdivision 1.

12 VETERANS' HOME

13 Salaries and wages	\$6,861,243
14 Operating expenses	2,137,631
15 Equipment	88,675
16 Capital improvements	<u>344,460</u>
17 Total all funds	\$9,432,009
18 Less estimated income	<u>6,099,935</u>
19 Total general fund appropriation	\$3,332,074

20 Subdivision 2.

21 VETERANS' AFFAIRS

22 Total all funds	\$514,319
23 Less estimated income	<u>20,789</u>
24 Total general fund appropriation	\$493,530

1	Grand total general fund appropriation S.B. 2007	\$3,825,604
2	Grand total special funds appropriation S.B. 2007	\$6,120,724
3	Grand total all funds appropriation S.B. 2007	\$9,946,328

4 **SECTION 2. NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS' HOME - PERFORMANCE AUDIT.** The
5 state auditor shall conduct a performance audit of the veterans' home during the biennium
6 beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003. The state auditor may use the services of a
7 consultant, as needed, and the cost of such consultant may be assessed to the veterans'
8 home. The performance audit may include a review of the contractual arrangements for
9 physician services at the veterans' home. The results of the performance audit must be
10 presented to the appropriations committees during the agency's budget presentation during the
11 fifty-eighth legislative assembly.

12 **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - VETERANS' HOME MANAGEMENT**
13 **STRUCTURE AND OVERSIGHT.** The legislative council shall consider studying during the
14 2001-02 interim the management structure and oversight of the veterans' home and the
15 selection process for the commandant or administrator of the home. The study, if conducted,
16 may review the timing of expenditures by the veterans' home from the general fund.

17 **SECTION 4. VETERANS' POSTWAR TRUST FUND - REPORT.** The department of
18 veterans' affairs shall report on the use of moneys in the veterans' postwar trust fund to the
19 appropriations committees of the fifty-eighth legislative assembly. The report must be
20 presented during the agency's budget presentation.