

**SENATE BILL NO. 2025**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act providing an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the veterans home  
2 for the purpose of building a new facility; to amend and reenact section 1 and section 2 of  
3 chapter 55 of the 2007 Session Laws; to provide an exemption; and to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
6 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$12,036,404 or so  
7 much of the sum as may be necessary, and from special funds derived from federal funds, the  
8 sum of \$1,291,582 or so much of the sum as may be necessary to the veterans home for the  
9 purpose of building a new facility, for the period beginning January 1, 2009, and ending  
10 June 30, 2011.

11 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 1 of chapter 55 of the 2007 Session Laws is  
12 amended and reenacted as follows:

13 **SECTION 1. CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME**

14 **CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the permanent oil  
15 tax trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$6,483,226, or so  
16 much of the sum as may be necessary, and \$12,040,278 from federal funds, to ~~demolish the~~  
17 ~~existing veterans' home and to~~ build a new structure. The appropriation from the permanent oil  
18 tax trust fund is to only be made available upon the veterans' home obtaining approval for a  
19 federal state home construction grant from the federal department of veterans' affairs. ~~The~~  
20 ~~state share of the veterans' home construction project authorized in this section is limited to~~  
21 ~~thirty five percent of the total project cost or \$6,483,226, whichever is less.~~ The veterans' home  
22 shall ensure the appropriate engineering studies are conducted prior to construction of the new  
23 facility.

1           **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 2 of chapter 55 of the 2007 Session Laws is  
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3           **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME CONSTRUCTION PROJECT -**  
4 **ADDITIONAL BED CAPACITY - BOND ISSUANCE AUTHORIZATION.** The industrial  
5 commission, acting as the North Dakota building authority, shall arrange through the issuance  
6 of evidences of indebtedness under chapter 54-17.2 for the biennium beginning July 1, ~~2007~~  
7 2009, and ending June 30, ~~2009~~ 2011, for project costs associated with expanding the  
8 veterans' home construction project from the 121-bed capacity facility, as provided for in  
9 section 1 of this Act, to a 150-bed facility declared to be in the public interest. The industrial  
10 commission shall issue evidences of indebtedness under this section with the condition that  
11 repayments need not begin until July 1, ~~2009~~ 2011. The authority of the industrial commission  
12 to issue evidences of indebtedness under this section ends June 30, ~~2009~~ 2011, but the  
13 industrial commission may continue to exercise all other powers granted to it under chapter  
14 54-17.2 and this Act and comply with any covenants entered into before that date. The  
15 proceeds of the evidences of indebtedness and other available funds in the amount of  
16 \$2,575,152 are appropriated to the veterans' home for this project. Non-general fund sources  
17 must be used for the retirement of the evidences of indebtedness for the costs associated with  
18 this project.

19           **SECTION 4. EXEMPTION.** The amounts appropriated for the purpose of building a  
20 new facility, as contained in section 1 of this Act and section 1 of chapter 55 of the 2007  
21 Session Laws are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11. Any unexpended funds  
22 from the amount appropriated by the 2007 and 2009 legislative assemblies for this purpose are  
23 available during the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011, for the  
24 purpose of building a new facility.

25           **SECTION 5. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.