

HOUSE BILL NO. 1308

Introduced by

Representatives Thoreson, Wieland, Guggisberg

Senator Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 37-15-21 and 37-15-23 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the administration of the local fund and appropriations from the Melvin
3 Norgard memorial fund.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-15-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **37-15-21. Administrator may accept gifts, donations, or bequests.**

8 The administrator for and in behalf of the veterans' home may accept and expend funds
9 from any source, including federal or private sources and donations, gifts, or bequests offered
10 or tendered to, or for the benefit of, the veterans' home to be used to benefit the veterans'
11 home. All moneys received or accepted must be used for the specific purposes for which they
12 were given or donated. This authority applies and is retroactive to any or all gifts, donations, or
13 bequests already tendered, offered, or made. The veterans' home ~~may~~shall establish and
14 maintain its own local fund to administer moneys received under this section. All interest, rent,
15 or income from moneys or property received under this section must be deposited in the
16 veterans' home ~~operating~~local fund unless by the terms of acquisition the moneys are required
17 to be maintained in a different manner. The administrator shall expend all interest, rent, or
18 income deposited in the local fund for the benefit of the veterans' home. Any expenditure by the
19 administrator of ten thousand dollars or more ~~from the local fund~~of interest, rent, or income on a
20 single project must be approved in advance by the governing board of the veterans' home.

21 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-15-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is
22 amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **37-15-23. Melvin Norgard memorial fund - Creation.**

2 There is created in the state treasury the Melvin Norgard memorial fund. All income related
3 to a bequest made to the veterans' home by Melvin Norgard, including mineral lease income,
4 royalties, and sale proceeds, must be transferred or deposited into the Melvin Norgard
5 memorial fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the state treasurer shall invest
6 moneys in the fund in accordance with section 21-10-07. Investment income of the fund must
7 be retained in the fund. Moneys in the fund are available, subject to ~~legislative appropriations,~~
8 ~~that must be made~~budget section approval solely for projects and programs ~~recommended to~~
9 ~~the administrative committee on veterans' affairs~~approved by the governing board of the
10 veterans' home to benefit and serve the residents of the veterans' home. The legislative
11 assembly shall consider recommendations of the governing board of the veterans' home when
12 determining appropriations from this fund for projects and programs to benefit and serve the
13 residents of the veterans' home.