

Introduced by

Representatives Thoreson, Amerman, Owens, Ruby

Senators G. Lee, Marcellais, Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for appropriations to the department of veterans' affairs for
2 programs to serve veterans, the purchase of transport vans, stand down events, and legal
3 services to veterans, and to provide for a transfer.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - TRANSFER - VETERANS' POSTWAR TRUST FUND.**

6 There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise
7 appropriated, the sum of ~~\$2,000,000~~\$500,000, which the office of management and budget
8 shall transfer to the veterans' postwar trust fund to increase the principal balance of the fund to
9 generate additional income for programs authorized by law to benefit and serve veterans or
10 their dependents, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.

11 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
12 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000, or so much of the
13 sum as may be necessary, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of providing a
14 grant to the administrative committee on veterans' affairs for programs authorized by law to
15 benefit and serve veterans or their dependents, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and
16 ending June 30, 2015.

17 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
18 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$50,000, or so much of the
19 sum as may be necessary, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of purchasing
20 vans for the transport of veterans or their dependents, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013,
21 and ending June 30, 2015.

22 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
23 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$20,000, or so much of the
24 sum as may be necessary, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of holding

1 "stand down" events to coordinate benefits and provide services to needy veterans in this state,
2 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015. The department of
3 veterans' affairs may only provide funding for a "stand-down" event to the extent private
4 matching funds are used to provide a dollar-for-dollar or in-kind match. The department of
5 veterans' affairs may not spend more than five thousand dollars for a single "stand down" event.

6 **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
7 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$10,000, or so much of the
8 sum as may be necessary, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of providing
9 legal services to veterans involved in veterans' preference appeals, for the biennium beginning
10 July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.