

**SECOND ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2007**

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 legislative intent; to provide an exemption; and to
3 declare an emergency.

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 funds
6 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 department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of
9 defraying the expenses of the veterans' home and department of veterans' affairs, for the
10 biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015, as follows:

11 Subdivision 1.

12 VETERANS' HOME

		Adjustments or		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
13				
14				
15	Salaries and wages	\$13,916,861	\$1,958,006	\$15,874,867
16	Accrued leave payments	0	458,196	458,196
17	Operating expenses	5,942,285	(533,435)	5,408,850
18	Capital assets	705,500	916,540	1,622,040
19	Shop addition	0	788,200	788,200
20	New veterans' home	<u>332,000</u>	<u>(332,000)</u>	<u>0</u>
21	Total all funds	\$20,896,646	\$3,255,507	\$24,152,153
22	Less estimated income	<u>15,343,323</u>	<u>1,086,477</u>	<u>16,429,800</u>
23	Total general fund	\$5,553,323	\$2,169,030	\$7,722,353
24	Full-time equivalent positions	120.72	0.00	120.72

1 Subdivision 2.

2 VETERANS' AFFAIRS

		Adjustments or		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
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4				
5	Veterans' affairs	\$1,099,626	\$225,954	\$1,325,580
6	Transport vans	0	30,000	30,000
7	Accrued leave payments	<u>0</u>	<u>10,123</u>	<u>10,123</u>
8	Total general fund	\$1,099,626	\$266,077	\$1,365,703
9	Full-time equivalent positions	7.00	1.00	8.00

10 Subdivision 3.

11 BILL TOTAL

		Adjustments or		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
12				
13				
14	Grand total general fund	\$6,652,949	\$2,435,107	\$9,088,056
15	Grand total special funds	<u>15,343,323</u>	<u>1,086,477</u>	<u>16,429,800</u>
16	Grand total all funds	\$21,996,272	\$3,521,584	\$25,517,856
17	Full-time equivalent positions	127.72	1.00	128.72

18 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO**

19 **SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time
 20 funding items approved by the sixty-second legislative assembly for the 2011-13 biennium and
 21 the 2013-15 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2011-13</u>	<u>2013-15</u>
22			
23	Veterans' home		
24	Demolition of old veterans' home	\$0	\$1,121,000
25	Shop addition	0	788,200
26	Department of veterans' affairs		
27	Website	15,593	15,000
28	Discharge project	22,000	0
29	In lieu of post war trust fund income	210,000	0
30	Vans	50,000	30,000
31	Stand down events	<u>20,000</u>	<u>0</u>

1	Total all funds	\$317,593	\$1,954,200
2	Less estimated income	<u>0</u>	<u>1,348,700</u>
3	Total general fund	\$317,593	\$605,500

4 The 2013-15 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the agencies' base budget for the
5 2015-17 biennium. The veterans' home and department of veterans' affairs shall report to the
6 appropriations committees of the sixty-fourth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time
7 funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.

8 **SECTION 3. EXEMPTION - VETERANS' HOME ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD**

9 **SYSTEM PROJECT FUNDING.** The unexpended amount remaining from the appropriation for
10 a veterans' home electronic health record system in chapter 35 of the 2009 Session Laws which
11 was continued into the 2011-13 biennium under section 54-44.1-11 is not subject to the
12 provisions of section 54-44.1-11 at the end of the 2011-13 biennium and may be continued into
13 the 2013-15 biennium for paying expenses of the veterans' home electronic health record
14 system project.

15 **SECTION 4. EXEMPTION - VETERANS' HOME CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FUNDING.**

16 The unexpended amount remaining from the appropriation for the veterans' home construction
17 project in chapter 53 of the 2009 Session Laws which was continued into the 2011-13 biennium
18 under section 54-44.1-11 is not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 at the end of the
19 2011-13 biennium and may be continued into the 2013-15 biennium for paying expenses of the
20 veterans' home construction project.

21 **SECTION 5. FUNDING TRANSFER - EXCEPTION - AUTHORIZATION.** Notwithstanding

22 section 54-16-04, the veterans' home may transfer up to \$170,000 from the operating expenses
23 line item to the salaries and wages line item, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and
24 ending June 30, 2013. The veterans' home shall notify the office of management and budget of
25 any transfer made pursuant to this section.

26 **SECTION 6. SHOP ADDITION PROJECT - MELVIN NORGDARD MEMORIAL FUND.** The

27 funds appropriated in the shop addition line item in section 1 of this Act are from the Melvin
28 Norgard memorial fund. The veterans' home may begin construction of the shop addition when
29 the balance in the Melvin Norgard memorial fund is sufficient to provide for all costs of the
30 project during the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.

1 **SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - 2015-17 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

2 **APPROPRIATION BILL.** It is the intent of the sixty-third legislative assembly that the governor
3 include the recommended funding for the department of veterans' affairs in a separate draft
4 appropriations act for introduction to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly.

5 **SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - TRANSPORT VAN REPLACEMENT PLAN.** It is the
6 intent of the sixty-third legislative assembly that the department of veterans' affairs prepare and
7 provide a transport van replacement plan to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly and introduce
8 legislation seeking state funding for the replacement of transport vans based on the plan.

9 **SECTION 9. EMERGENCY.** Section 5 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure.