

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1405**

Introduced by

Representatives Trottier, Froseth, Maragos, Zaiser

Senators Campbell, Flakoll, Marcellais

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for the identification of and provision of services to  
2 veterans exposed to agent orange; to authorize collections for deposit into the veterans'  
3 postwar trust fund; and to provide for a report to the budget section.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general  
6 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$100,000~~\$25,000, or so much  
7 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of veterans' affairs, for the purpose of  
8 providing grants to assist in the identification of and the provision of services to North Dakota  
9 veterans who had been exposed to agent orange during the Vietnam conflict, for the biennium  
10 beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015. Grants awarded under this section may be  
11 used only for travel and related operating expenses.

12 **SECTION 2. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT OTHER FUNDS - DEPARTMENT OF**  
13 **VETERANS' AFFAIRS.** The department of veterans' affairs may receive gifts, grants, and  
14 donations to assist in the identification of and the provision of services to North Dakota veterans  
15 who had been exposed to agent orange during the Vietnam conflict during the biennium  
16 beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015. The department must deposit these  
17 contributions and grants into the postwar trust fund. Contributions and grants received for the  
18 purposes of these services are not to become part of the principal of the postwar trust fund, but  
19 are available to the department of veterans' affairs only for the purpose of providing grants to  
20 assist in identifying and serving veterans exposed to agent orange.

21 **SECTION 3. SERVICES TO VETERANS EXPOSED TO AGENT ORANGE - BUDGET**  
22 **SECTION REPORT.** The department of veterans' affairs shall provide a report to the budget  
23 section during the 2013-14 interim regarding any funds received to provide services to veterans

- 1 exposed to agent orange; the status of the grant program, including information on the use of
- 2 the grants awarded; and outcomes of the services provided.