

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with House Amendments  
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2344**

Introduced by

Senators Sorvaag, Miller, Unruh

Representatives Brabandt, Hatlestad, Owens

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for training service dogs; and to provide for a  
2 legislative management study regarding North Dakota veterans.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general  
5 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$50,000, or so much of the  
6 sum as may be necessary, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of training  
7 service dogs to assist North Dakota veterans having posttraumatic stress disorder, for the  
8 biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.

9 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY.** The legislative management shall  
10 study statutory changes that would benefit North Dakota veterans and include therein possible  
11 changes to state income taxes and property taxes, the provision of veteran-focused incentives,  
12 assistance with obtaining and maintaining benefits, and assistance with obtaining and  
13 maintaining various life-enhancing services. The legislative management shall study current  
14 state and federal benefits available to North Dakota veterans. The legislative management shall  
15 report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the  
16 recommendations, to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly.