

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1025**

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 department of  
2 veterans' affairs; and to provide an exemption.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and  
7 other income, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of defraying the expenses of  
8 the department of veterans' affairs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending  
9 June 30, 2017, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
12 <del>Veterans' affairs</del>	<del>\$1,310,580</del>	<del>\$539,801</del>	<del>\$1,850,381</del>
13 <del>Transport vans</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>15,000</del>	<del>15,000</del>
14 <del>Accrued leave payments</del>	<del>10,123</del>	<del>(10,123)</del>	<del>0</del>
15 <del>Total all funds</del>	<del>\$1,320,703</del>	<del>\$544,678</del>	<del>\$1,865,381</del>
16 <del>Less estimated income</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>292,933</del>	<del>292,933</del>
17 <del>Total general fund</del>	<del>\$1,320,703</del>	<del>\$251,745</del>	<del>\$1,572,448</del>
18 <del>Full-time equivalent positions</del>	<del>8.00</del>	<del>1.00</del>	<del>9.00</del>
19 <u>Veterans' affairs</u>	<u>\$1,410,580</u>	<u>\$342,071</u>	<u>\$1,752,651</u>
20 <u>Transport vans</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
21 <u>Accrued leave payments</u>	<u>10,123</u>	<u>(10,123)</u>	<u>0</u>
22 <u>Total all funds</u>	<u>\$1,420,703</u>	<u>\$346,948</u>	<u>\$1,767,651</u>
23 <u>Less estimated income</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>284,453</u>	<u>284,453</u>

1	Total general fund	\$1,420,703	\$62,495	\$1,483,198
2	Full-time equivalent positions	8.00	1.00	9.00

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

4       **SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding  
5 items approved by the sixty-third legislative assembly for the 2013-15 biennium:

6	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2013-15</u>	<u>2015-17</u>
7	Website	\$15,000	\$0
8	Vans	30,000	0
9	Agent orange	50,000	0
10	Service dogs	50,000	0
11	General fund transfer	<u>250,000</u>	<u>0</u>
12	Total general fund	\$395,000	\$0

13       **SECTION 3. EXEMPTION.** The amount appropriated for veteran service dog training in  
14 section 1 of chapter 60 of the 2013 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any  
15 unexpended funds from this line item for grants are available for grants during the biennium  
16 beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

17       **SECTION 4. CONTINGENT FUNDING - STAND DOWN EVENTS.** The department of  
18 veterans' affairs shall seek federal funds of at least \$20,000 for defraying the expenses of  
19 veterans' stand down events. The department may spend up to \$15,000 from the general fund  
20 appropriated in section 1 of this Act only to the extent that the department does not receive  
21 \$20,000 in federal funding for the stand down events during the 2015-17 biennium.