

Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1469

Introduced by

Representatives Boschee, Amerman, Klein, Laning, Schneider

Senator Dotzenrod

1 A BILL ~~for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding the provision of~~
2 ~~transportation services to veterans and the impact on transportation service providers.~~for an
3 Act to amend and reenact section 39-04.2-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to
4 conditions for public transportation funding.

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

6 ~~— **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY.** During the 2015-16 interim, the~~
7 ~~legislative management shall consider studying the provision of transportation services to~~
8 ~~veterans and the impact on those who provide or will provide free transportation services to~~
9 ~~veterans. The study may include a determination of cities that have public transportation~~
10 ~~systems, the availability of transportation services for veterans, feedback from transportation~~
11 ~~providers regarding the provision of free transportation services to veterans, and the impact on~~
12 ~~cities that have public transportation systems. The legislative management shall report its~~
13 ~~findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the~~
14 ~~recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.~~

15 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04.2-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
16 amended and reenacted as follows:

17 **39-04.2-04. Distribution of funds - Continuing appropriation.**

- 18 1. Moneys in the public transportation fund must be disbursed under guidelines issued by
19 the director. The funds must be used by transportation providers to establish and
20 maintain public transportation, especially for the elderly and handicapped, and may be
21 used to contract to provide public transportation, as matching funds to procure money
22 from other sources for public transportation and for other expenditures authorized by
23 the director. If a transportation provider receives funds from the public transportation
24 fund, that transportation provider shall provide transportation to a disabled veteran at

1 no charge if the transportation is within a funded transportation program, the disabled
2 veteran qualifies for United States department of veterans' affairs health care benefits,
3 and the disabled veteran otherwise qualifies for the funded transportation program.

4 Moneys in the public transportation fund are appropriated to the department of
5 transportation on a continuing basis for distributions authorized under this section.

- 6 2. Each county shall receive a base amount of four-tenths of one percent of the
7 appropriation for the program plus one dollar and fifty cents per capita of population in
8 the county, based upon the latest regular or special official federal census. Each year
9 the director shall increase or decrease the one dollar and fifty cents per capita amount
10 in order to distribute all funds appropriated for the biennium. If there are multiple
11 transportation providers in one county, ~~then~~ the base amount must be divided equally
12 among the providers and the additional per capita amount must be based upon the
13 percentage of elderly and handicapped ridership provided by each transportation
14 provider within the county. Funds not expended by a county during a contract period,
15 or previous contract periods, may be redistributed under guidelines established by the
16 director. In addition, unexpended funds may also be used by the director for transit
17 coordination purposes.