

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2183**

Introduced by

Senators Sorvaag, Campbell, Dever

Representatives M. Johnson, Kading, Kasper

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the conferment of a veterans commemorative memorial coin; to
3 provide a continuing appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs; and to provide for
4 retroactive application.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **Commemorative memorial coin - Eligibility.**

9 1. The department of veterans' affairs shall create and confer a commemorative
10 memorial coin upon a family member of a deceased North Dakota veteran during
11 military funeral honors for that veteran if the deceased veteran:

12 a. Served on active duty, in the national guard, or in the selected reserve and
13 departed the armed forces or national guard under conditions other than
14 dishonorable;

15 b. Completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in
16 the selected reserve and departed under conditions other than dishonorable or
17 was discharged from the selected reserve due to a disability incurred or
18 aggravated in the line of duty;

19 c. Died while serving on active duty, in the national guard, or in the selected
20 reserve; or

21 d. Was a member of the commissioned officer corps of the public health service, the
22 national oceanic and atmospheric administration, or a civilian or contractual
23 group of individuals given active duty service determinations and considered a
24 veteran under Public Law No. 95-202.

1 2. A family member of a deceased North Dakota veteran may purchase a
2 commemorative memorial coin from the department of veterans' affairs at a cost
3 determined by the department.

4 3. As used in this section "family member" means a spouse, parent, child, or other
5 individual related by blood.

6 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **Commemorative memorial coin fund - Continuing appropriation.**

9 1. There is created in the state treasury a commemorative memorial coin fund, which
10 consists of:

11 a. Any moneys appropriated or transferred to the department of veterans' affairs for
12 the purposes set forth in section 1 of this Act; and

13 b. Any gifts, grants, and donations received by the department for the purposes set
14 forth in section 1 of this Act.

15 2. All moneys in the commemorative memorial coin fund are appropriated to the
16 department of veterans' affairs on a continuing basis for the purposes set forth in
17 section 1 of this Act.

18 **SECTION 3. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.** Subsection 2 of Section 1 of this Act applies
19 to all family members of a deceased veteran, regardless of the date of death of the veteran.