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FIRST ENGROSSMENT with House Amendments ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2183

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Senators Sorvaag, Campbell, Dever

Representatives M. Johnson, Kading, Kasper

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

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

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

Commemorative memorial coin - Eligibility.

- 1. The department of veterans' affairs shall create and confer a commemorative
 memorial coin upon a family member of a deceased North Dakota veteran during
 military funeral honors for that veteran if the deceased veteran:
- a. Served on active duty, in the national guard, or in the selected reserve and
 departed the armed forces or national guard under conditions other than
 dishonorable;
 - b. Completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in
 the selected reserve and departed under conditions other than dishonorable or
 was discharged from the selected reserve due to a disability incurred or
 aggravated in the line of duty;
 - c. <u>Died while serving on active duty, in the national guard, or in the selected</u>

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

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1 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 <u>determined</u> by the department. 4 As used in this section "family member" means a spouse, parent, child, or other <u>3.</u> 5 individual related by blood. 6 Pursuant to section 37-18-12, the department may expend any gifts, grants, or 7 donations received for the creation and conferment of commemorative memorial 8 coins. 9 SECTION 2. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION. Subsection 2 of Section 1 of this Act applies

to all family members of a deceased veteran, regardless of the date of death of the veteran.