

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

SENATE BILL NO. 2025
(Appropriations Committee)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of veterans' affairs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department of veterans' affairs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Veterans' affairs	\$1,379,982	(\$211,967)	\$1,168,015
Agent orange	50,000	(50,000)	0
State approving agency	288,018	(16,020)	271,998
Grants - transportation program	0	1,719,520	1,719,520
Transport vans	<u>0</u>	<u>37,200</u>	<u>37,200</u>
Total all funds	\$1,718,000	\$1,478,733	\$3,196,733
Less estimated income	<u>288,018</u>	<u>1,803,553</u>	<u>2,091,571</u>
Total general fund	\$1,429,982	(\$324,820)	\$1,105,162
Full-time equivalent positions	9.00	(2.00)	7.00

SECTION 2. HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASES. The salaries and wages line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$18,581, of which \$15,431 is from the general fund, for increases in employee health insurance premiums from \$1,130 to \$1,241 per month.

SECTION 3. ONE-TIME FUNDING. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-fourth legislative assembly for the 2015-17 biennium:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2015-17</u>	<u>2017-19</u>
Service dogs	\$50,000	\$0
Desktop support hardware	26,895	0
Transport vans	<u>0</u>	<u>18,600</u>
Total general fund	\$76,895	\$18,600

The 2017-19 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2019-21 biennium. The department of veterans' affairs shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-sixth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - SERVICE DOGS. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$50,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of training up to four service dogs to assist North Dakota veterans with post traumatic stress disorder, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2025.

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 0 Absent 2

House Vote: Yeas 86 Nays 5 Absent 3

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2017.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2017.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2017,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State