

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1129  
(Representatives Laning, Trottier)  
(Senator Marcellais)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 37-18-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to duties of the commissioner of veterans' affairs.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-18-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**37-18-04. Duties of commissioner.**

~~It is the duty of the commissioner to coordinate agencies or instrumentalities of the state set up to render service and benefits to returning veterans; to have charge of~~To provide services and benefits to veterans and the veterans' dependents, the commissioner shall:

1. Coordinate with any federal agency or public or private entity of this state or any other state as required to fulfill the commissioner's duties;
2. Supervise and implement programs and benefits authorized by statute; ~~to assist~~
3. Assist or represent veterans or their widows, administrators, executors, guardians, or heirs, in processing claims; ~~to advise~~
4. Advise and assist veterans in taking advantage of the ~~provisions of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 [Pub. L. 78-346; 58 Stat. 291], or any similar or related measures~~benefits and services for veterans afforded by the federal government; ~~to provide~~
5. Provide counties with recommended qualifications and standards for county veterans' service officers; ~~to assist~~
6. Assist counties with training of county veterans' service officers; ~~to provide~~
7. Provide county veterans' service officers with educational materials; ~~to assist~~
8. Assist county veterans' service officers in the performance of their duties; ~~to disseminate~~
9. Disseminate information; and ~~to do any and~~
10. Do all things necessary and proper for the purpose of carrying out the intent and purposes of this chapter.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1129.

House Vote:      Yeas 90              Nays 0              Absent 4

Senate Vote:      Yeas 46              Nays 0              Absent 1

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State