

HOUSE BILL NO. 1025

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of
2 veterans' affairs; to provide an exemption; and to provide for a report.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and
7 other income, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of defraying the expenses of
8 the department of veterans' affairs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
9 June 30, 2025, as follows:

	<u>Governor's</u>		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
<u>Veterans' affairs</u>	<u>\$1,501,950</u>	<u>\$1,905,003</u>	<u>\$1,501,950</u>
<u>State approving agency</u>	<u>292,024</u>	<u>316,050</u>	<u>292,024</u>
<u>Grants – transportation program</u>	<u>1,220,000</u>	<u>1,126,085</u>	<u>1,220,000</u>
<u>Transport vans</u>	<u>18,800</u>	<u>37,600</u>	<u>18,800</u>
<u>Service dogs</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
<u>Veterans' home cemetery</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>291,500</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Total all funds</u>	<u>\$3,082,774</u>	<u>\$3,726,238</u>	<u>\$3,082,774</u>
<u>Less estimated income</u>	<u>1,512,150</u>	<u>1,733,635</u>	<u>1,512,150</u>
<u>Total general fund</u>	<u>\$1,570,624</u>	<u>\$1,992,603</u>	<u>\$1,570,624</u>
<u>Full-time equivalent positions</u>	<u>8.00</u>	<u>9.00</u>	<u>8.00</u>
	<u>Adjustments or</u>		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
<u>Veterans' affairs</u>	<u>\$1,501,950</u>	<u>\$362,055</u>	<u>\$1,864,005</u>

1	State approving agency	292,024	20,654	312,678
2	Grants - transportation program	1,220,000	(93,915)	1,126,085
3	Transport vans	18,800	18,800	37,600
4	Service dogs	50,000	(50,000)	0
5	Veterans' home cemetery	0	291,500	291,500
6	Total all funds	\$3,082,774	\$549,094	\$3,631,868
7	Less estimated income	1,512,150	218,113	1,730,263
8	Total general fund	\$1,570,624	\$330,981	\$1,901,605
9	Full-time equivalent positions	8.00	1.00	9.00

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO

SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly for the 2021-23 biennium and the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
15	Veterans' home cemetery	\$291,500	\$0
16	Fisher house construction assistant grant program	500,000	0
17	Veterans' medical transportation	147,000	0
18	Total all funds	\$938,500	\$0
19	Less estimated income	938,500	0
20	Total general fund	\$0	\$0
21	Document scanning project	\$0	\$78,000
22	Accrued leave	0	19,066
23	Transport van	0	18,800
24	Veterans' home cemetery	291,500	291,500
25	Fisher house construction assistant grant program	500,000	0
26	Veterans' medical transportation	147,000	0
27	Total all funds	\$938,500	\$407,366
28	Less estimated income	938,500	291,500
29	Total general fund	\$0	\$115,866

The 2023-25 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2025-27 biennium. The department of veterans' affairs shall report to the appropriations

1 [committees of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the](#)
2 [biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.](#)

3 **SECTION 3. EXEMPTION - POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER SERVICE DOG**

4 **PROGRAM.** The \$50,000 appropriated from the general fund for the posttraumatic stress
5 disorder service dog program in section 1 of chapter 25 of the 2019 Session Laws and the
6 \$50,000 appropriated from the general fund for the posttraumatic stress disorder service dog
7 program in section 1 of chapter 53 of the 2021 Session Laws is not subject to section
8 54-44.1-11 and any unspent funds from this program are available for the program during the
9 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

10 **SECTION 4. EXEMPTION - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND.** The \$647,000

11 appropriated from the federal state fiscal recovery fund in subsections 32 and 33 of section 1 of
12 chapter 550 of the 2021 Session Laws, of which \$500,000 was for a grant to assist in the
13 construction of the Fisher house at the Fargo veterans' affairs medical center and \$147,000 was
14 for improving and expanding veterans' medical transportation, is not subject to section
15 54-44.1-11 and any unspent funds from these programs are available for the programs during
16 the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.