

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; and 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>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Veterans' affairs	\$1,501,950	\$362,055	\$1,864,005
State approving agency	292,024	20,654	312,678
Grants - transportation program	1,220,000	(93,915)	1,126,085
Transport vans	18,800	18,800	37,600
Service dogs	50,000	(50,000)	0
Veterans' home cemetery	0	291,500	291,500
Total all funds	\$3,082,774	\$549,094	\$3,631,868
Less estimated income	1,512,150	218,113	1,730,263
Total general fund	\$1,570,624	\$330,981	\$1,901,605
Full-time equivalent positions	8.00	1.00	9.00
<u>Veterans' affairs</u>	<u>\$1,501,950</u>	<u>\$287,506</u>	<u>\$1,789,456</u>
<u>State approving agency</u>	<u>292,024</u>	<u>21,002</u>	<u>313,026</u>
<u>Grants - transportation program</u>	<u>1,220,000</u>	<u>(93,915)</u>	<u>1,126,085</u>

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1	Transport vans	18,800	0	18,800
2	Service dogs	50,000	(50,000)	0
3	Veterans' home cemetery	0	291,500	291,500
4	Total all funds	\$3,082,774	\$456,093	\$3,538,867
5	Less estimated income	1,512,150	319,297	1,831,447
6	Total general fund	\$1,570,624	\$136,796	\$1,707,420
7	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>
13	Document scanning project	\$0	\$78,000
14	Document scanning project	\$0	\$100,836
15	Accrued leave	0	19,066
16	Transport van	0	18,800
17	Veterans' home cemetery	291,500	291,500
18	Fisher house construction assistant grant program	500,000	0
19	Veterans' medical transportation	147,000	0
20	Total all funds	\$938,500	\$407,366
21	Less estimated income	938,500	291,500
22	Total general fund	\$0	\$115,866
23	Total all funds	\$938,500	\$411,402
24	Less estimated income	938,500	392,336
25	Total general fund	\$0	\$19,066

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

SECTION 3. ESTIMATED INCOME - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND - DOCUMENT SCANNING PROJECT. The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act

1 includes the sum of \$100,836 from federal funds derived from the state fiscal recovery fund for
2 the purpose of a document scanning project.

3 **SECTION 4. 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 5. 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. Of the \$147,000 for veterans'
17 medical transportation, \$18,800 may be used for the purchase of a nonhighly rural transport van
18 during the 2023-25 biennium.