

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT****ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2025**

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.

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 other funds derived from federal funds, to the  
7 department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department of  
8 veterans' affairs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
10 Veterans' affairs	\$1,897,804	\$239,506	\$2,137,310
12 State approving agency	323,129	67,207	390,336
13 New and vacant FTE pool	0	49,702	49,702
14 Grants - transportation program	1,126,085	193,621	1,319,706
15 Transport vans	18,800	4,200	23,000
16 Service dogs	0	50,000	50,000
17 Veterans' home cemetery	<u>0</u>	<u>291,500</u>	<u>291,500</u>
18 Total all funds	\$3,365,818	\$895,736	\$4,261,554
19 Less other funds	<u>1,449,214</u>	<u>558,948</u>	<u>2,008,162</u>
20 Total general fund	\$1,916,604	\$336,788	\$2,253,392
21 Full-time equivalent positions	9.00	0.00	9.00

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

2       **SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding  
3 items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's  
4 base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which the entity shall report to the appropriations  
5 committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

6 <u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>
7       Veterans' home cemetery	<u>\$291,500</u>
8       Total	\$291,500

9       **SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The

10 department of veterans' affairs may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE  
11 pool line item in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to  
12 transfer funds from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the veterans' affairs and state  
13 approving agency line items in accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions included  
14 in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.