

**SECOND ENGROSSMENT  
with House Amendments**

**REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2265**

Introduced by

Senators Meyer, Burckhard, Hogan, Luick, Sorvaag

Representative Schauer

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs for a  
2 veterans' national cemetery grant; to authorize a line of credit; and to provide for a report.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LINE OF CREDIT - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA - APPROPRIATION -**  
5 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS - DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION REQUEST -**  
6 **VETERANS' NATIONAL CEMETERY GRANT - ONE-TIME FUNDING - REPORT.** Subject to  
7 the provisions of this section, the department of veterans' affairs may borrow up to \$3,000,000  
8 through a line of credit from the Bank of North Dakota during the biennium beginning July 1,  
9 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, the proceeds of which are appropriated to the department of  
10 veterans' affairs, for the purpose of providing a grant to a nonprofit organization for construction  
11 costs associated with the construction of a welcome center, parking lot, and related  
12 infrastructure at a veterans' national cemetery in the state, for the biennium beginning July 1,  
13 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The appropriation in this section is considered a one-time  
14 funding item. The interest rate on the line of credit may not exceed the prevailing interest rate  
15 charged to North Dakota governmental entities. If the department of veterans' affairs accesses  
16 the line of credit, the department of veterans' affairs shall request a deficiency appropriation  
17 from the legislative assembly to repay the line of credit. The appropriation in this section is  
18 available only upon certification by the department of veterans' affairs to the director of the  
19 office of management and budget that the United States department of veterans affairs national  
20 cemetery administration will provide planning and oversight for the project. The department of  
21 veterans' affairs shall require an organization that receives a grant under this section to provide  
22 a report to the department of veterans' affairs on the use of the funds received, including copies

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- 1 of all invoices and checks. The department of veterans' affairs shall provide the information
- 2 received from the organization to the legislative audit and fiscal review committee and report to
- 3 the committee on the status of the project during the 2025-26 interim.