FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2344

Introduced by

Senators Sorvaag, Miller, Unruh

Representatives Brabandt, Hatlestad, Owens

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for training service dogs; and to provide for a

2 legislative management study.

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

4 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general 5 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$50,000, or so much of the 6 sum as may be necessary, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of training 7 service dogs to assist North Dakota veterans having posttraumatic stress disorder, for the 8 biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.

9 SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY. The legislative management shall 10 consider studying statutory changes that would benefit North Dakota veterans and include 11 therein possible changes to state income taxes and property taxes, the provision of 12 veteran-focused incentives, assistance with obtaining and maintaining benefits, and assistance 13 with obtaining and maintaining various life-enhancing services. The legislative management 14 shall consider studying current state and federal benefits available to North Dakota veterans. 15 The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any 16 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly.