AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating
to the conferment of a veterans commemorative memorial coin; to provide a statement of
legislative intent; and to provide for retroactive application.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and
enacted as follows:

Commemorative memorial coin - Eligibility.

1. The department of veterans' affairs shall create and confer a commemorative memorial coin
upon a family member of a deceased North Dakota veteran during military funeral honors for
that veteran if the deceased veteran:
   a. Served on active duty, in the national guard, or in the selected reserve and departed the
      armed forces or national guard under conditions other than dishonorable;
   b. Completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in the
      selected reserve and departed under conditions other than dishonorable or was
      discharged from the selected reserve due to a disability incurred or aggravated in the line
      of duty;
   c. Died while serving on active duty, in the national guard, or in the selected reserve; or
   d. Was a member of the commissioned officer corps of the public health service, the
      national oceanic and atmospheric administration, or a civilian or contractual group of
      individuals given active duty service determinations and considered a veteran under
      Public Law No. 95-202.

2. A family member of a deceased North Dakota veteran may purchase a commemorative
memorial coin from the department of veterans' affairs at a cost determined by the
department.

3. As used in this section:
   a. "Family member" means a spouse, parent, child, or other individual related by blood.
   b. "North Dakota veteran" means an individual who meets the requirements of subsection 1
      and who was a resident of North Dakota during any period of the individual's life.

4. Under section 37-18-12, the department may expend any gifts, grants, or donations received
for the creation and conferment of commemorative memorial coins.

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - COMMEMORATIVE MEMORIAL COINS. It is the intent of
the sixty-fifth legislative assembly that the administrative committee on veterans' affairs consider
providing funding from the veterans' postwar trust fund to the department of veterans' affairs for the
purpose of funding at least four thousand commemorative memorial coins for the biennium beginning
July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.
SECTION 3. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION. Subsection 2 of Section 1 of this Act applies to all family members of a deceased North Dakota veteran, regardless of the date of death of the veteran.
President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2183.

Senate Vote:  Yeas 46  Nays 0  Absent 1
House Vote:  Yeas 87  Nays 0  Absent 7

Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

Filed in this office this ___________day of _______________________________________, 2017, at ________ o’clock ________M.

Secretary of State