

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments
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; to provide for a report; and to provide an exemption.

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, 2021, and ending
9 June 30, 2023.

		Adjustments or		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>		<u>Appropriation</u>
12 Veterans' affairs	\$1,200,129	\$301,821		\$1,501,950
13 State approving agency	285,658	6,366		292,024
14 Grants - transportation program	800,000	420,000		1,220,000
15 Transport vans	18,800	0		18,800
16 Service dogs	50,000	0		50,000
17 Veterans' home cemetery	<u>0</u>	<u>291,500</u>		<u>291,500</u>
18 Total all funds	\$2,354,587	\$1,019,687		\$3,374,274
19 Less estimated income	<u>1,085,657</u>	<u>717,993</u>		<u>1,803,650</u>
20 Total general fund	\$1,268,930	\$301,694		\$1,570,624
21 Full-time equivalent positions	7.00	1.00		8.00

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

23 **SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding

1 items approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly for the 2019-21 biennium and the
2 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

3	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2019-21</u>	<u>2021-23</u>
4	Grant database enhancements	\$7,500	\$0
5	Temporary loan and grant position	140,000	0
6	Veterans' home cemetery	<u>291,500</u>	<u>291,500</u>
7	Total all funds	\$439,000	\$291,500
8	Less estimated income	<u>291,500</u>	<u>291,500</u>
9	Total general fund	\$147,500	\$0

10 The 2021-23 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget
11 for the 2023-25 biennium. The department of veterans' affairs shall report to the appropriations
12 committees of the sixty-eighth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the
13 biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

14 **SECTION 3. EXEMPTION - POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER SERVICE DOG**
15 **PROGRAM.** The \$50,000 appropriated from the general fund for the posttraumatic stress
16 disorder service dog program in section 1 of chapter 25 of the 2019 Session Laws is not subject
17 to section 54-44.1-11 and any unspent funds from this program are available for the program
18 during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.