

Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1182

Introduced by

Representatives M. Ruby, Bellew, Kasper, Martinson, Steiner

Senators Dever, Larsen, Meyer, Paulson, Wobbema

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to reimbursement for funeral services; and to provide an appropriation.

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

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

6 **Veterans' service organization reimbursement.**

- 7 1. The department shall administer a program to reimburse a veterans' service
8 organization for providing a funeral service at a military honors funeral.
- 9 2. Upon the request of a veterans' service organization, the department shall reimburse
10 up to fifty dollars to one veterans' service organization per funeral for providing a
11 funeral service during a military honors funeral. If a veterans' service organization has
12 received federal reimbursement for providing a funeral service for a military honors
13 funeral, the veterans' service organization may not apply for reimbursement under this
14 section.
- 15 3. The veterans' service organization may authorize the playing of taps on a ceremonial
16 bugle or a high-quality recording during a military honors funeral held in this state for a
17 deceased veteran.
- 18 4. As used in this section, a "funeral service" includes a:
- 19 a. Folding of the flag;
- 20 b. Presentation of the flag;
- 21 c. Presentation of the state coin;
- 22 d. Playing of taps; and
- 23 e. Three volley salute.

1 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS - FUNERAL**
2 **SERVICE REIMBURSEMENT.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in
3 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$135,000, or so much of the sum as
4 may be necessary, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of providing
5 reimbursement to a veterans' service organization that provides a funeral service under
6 section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.