

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1007**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the veterans' home
2 and department of veterans' affairs; to create and enact a new section to chapter 37-15 of the
3 North Dakota Century Code, relating to a memorial fund; and to provide for legislative
4 management studies.

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

6 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
7 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
8 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and
9 other income, to the veterans' home and department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of
10 defraying the expenses of the veterans' home and department of veterans' affairs, for the
11 biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013, as follows:

12 Subdivision 1.

13 VETERANS' HOME

		Adjustments or		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
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16	Salaries and wages	\$11,538,855	\$2,378,006	\$13,916,861
17	Operating expenses	4,561,857	1,380,428	5,942,285
18	Capital assets	259,906	445,594	705,500
19	New veterans' home	<u>2,043,264</u>	<u>(1,711,264)</u>	<u>332,000</u>
20	Total all funds	\$18,403,882	\$2,492,764	\$20,896,646
21	Less estimated income	<u>13,677,293</u>	<u>1,666,030</u>	<u>15,343,323</u>
22	Total general fund	\$4,726,589	\$826,734	\$5,553,323
23	Full-time equivalent positions	120.72	0.00	120.72

24 Subdivision 2.

1	VETERANS' AFFAIRS		
2		Adjustments or	
3		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>
			<u>Appropriation</u>
4	Veterans' affairs	\$1,031,487	\$105,732
5	Total general fund	\$1,031,487	\$105,732
6	Full-time equivalent positions	7.00	0.00
7	Subdivision 3.		7.00

8	BILL TOTAL		
9		Adjustments or	
10		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>
			<u>Appropriation</u>
11	Grand total general fund	\$5,758,076	\$932,466
12	Grand total special funds	<u>13,677,293</u>	<u>1,631,030</u>
13	Grand total all funds	\$19,435,369	\$2,563,496
14	Full-time equivalent positions	127.72	0.00

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

SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-first legislative assembly for the 2009-11 biennium and the 2011-13 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

19	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2009-11</u>	<u>2011-13</u>
20	Veterans' home		
21	Electronic health record system	\$98,400	\$0
22	Construction project manager	90,088	0
23	General fund salary funding of new facility positions	502,240	0
24	Veterans' home building	7,944,991	0
25	Exterior finishings - New building	350,000	0
26	Geothermal heating - New building	3,039,414	0
27	Federal fiscal stimulus	3,158,005	0
28	Department of veterans' affairs		
29	Discharge project	0	22,000
30	Website	<u>0</u>	<u>15,593</u>
31	Total all funds	\$15,183,138	\$37,593

1	Less estimated income	3,158,005	0
2	Total general fund	\$12,025,133	\$37,593

3 The 2011-13 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the agencies' base budget for the
4 2013-15 biennium. The veterans' home and department of veterans' affairs shall report to the
5 appropriations committees of the sixty-third legislative assembly on the use of this one-time
6 funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013.

7 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 37-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
8 and enacted as follows:

9 **Melvin Norgard memorial fund - Creation.**

10 There is created in the state treasury the Melvin Norgard memorial fund. All income related
11 to a bequest made to the veterans' home by Melvin Norgard, including mineral lease income,
12 royalties, and sale proceeds, must be transferred or deposited into the Melvin Norgard
13 memorial fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the state treasurer shall invest
14 moneys in the fund in accordance with section 21-10-07. Investment income of the fund must
15 be retained in the fund. Moneys in the fund are available, subject to legislative appropriations,
16 for projects and programs to benefit and serve the residents of the veterans' home. The
17 legislative assembly shall consider recommendations of the governing board of the veterans'
18 home when determining appropriations from this fund for projects and programs to benefit and
19 serve the residents of the veterans' home.

20 **SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - DISPOSITION OF THE OLD**
21 **VETERANS' HOME FACILITY.** During the 2011-12 interim, the legislative management shall
22 consider studying all available options, including demolition, for the disposition of the old
23 veterans' home facility. The legislative management shall report its findings and
24 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
25 the sixty-third legislative assembly.

26 **SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO**
27 **VETERANS.** During the 2011-12 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying
28 the delivery of services to veterans, including the consistency in training and of the provision of
29 services by county veterans' service officers. The legislative management shall report its
30 findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the
31 recommendations, to the sixty-third legislative assembly.