

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1007
(Appropriations Committee)
(At the request of the Governor)

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

Subdivision 1.

VETERANS' HOME

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

Subdivision 2.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Veterans' affairs	<u>\$1,031,487</u>	<u>\$105,732</u>	<u>\$1,137,219</u>
Total general fund	\$1,031,487	\$105,732	\$1,137,219
Full-time equivalent positions	7.00	0.00	7.00

Subdivision 3.

BILL TOTAL

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Grand total general fund	\$5,758,076	\$932,466	\$6,690,542
Grand total special funds	<u>13,677,293</u>	<u>1,631,030</u>	<u>15,308,323</u>
Grand total all funds	\$19,435,369	\$2,563,496	\$21,998,865
Full-time equivalent positions	127.72	0.00	127.72

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:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2009-11</u>	<u>2011-13</u>
Veterans' home		
Electronic health record system	\$98,400	\$0
Construction project manager	90,088	0
General fund salary funding of new facility positions	502,240	0
Veterans' home building	7,944,991	0
Exterior finishings - New building	350,000	0
Geothermal heating - New building	3,039,414	0
Federal fiscal stimulus	3,158,005	0
Department of veterans' affairs		
Discharge project	0	22,000
Website	<u>0</u>	<u>15,593</u>
Total all funds	\$15,183,138	\$37,593
Less estimated income	<u>3,158,005</u>	<u>0</u>
Total general fund	\$12,025,133	\$37,593

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

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

Melvin Norgard memorial fund - Creation.

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

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

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1007.

House Vote: Yeas 88 Nays 5 Absent 1

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 2 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2011.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2011.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2011,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State