

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 an exemption; and to provide for a report.

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, 2023, and ending
9 June 30, 2025, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
12 Veterans' affairs	\$1,501,950	\$362,055	\$1,864,005
13 State approving agency	292,024	20,654	312,678
14 Grants - transportation program	1,220,000	(93,915)	1,126,085
15 Transport vans	18,800	18,800	37,600
16 Service dogs	50,000	(50,000)	0
17 Veterans' home cemetery	<u>0</u>	<u>291,500</u>	<u>291,500</u>
18 Total all funds	\$3,082,774	\$549,094	\$3,631,868
19 Less estimated income	<u>1,512,150</u>	<u>218,113</u>	<u>1,730,263</u>
20 Total general fund	\$1,570,624	\$330,981	\$1,901,605
21 Full-time equivalent positions	8.00	1.00	9.00

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

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

1 items approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly for the 2021-23 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>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
4	Document scanning project	\$0	\$78,000
5	Accrued leave	0	19,066
6	Transport van	0	18,800
7	Veterans' home cemetery	291,500	291,500
8	Fisher house construction assistant grant program	500,000	0
9	Veterans' medical transportation	<u>147,000</u>	<u>0</u>
10	Total all funds	\$938,500	\$407,366
11	Less estimated income	<u>938,500</u>	<u>291,500</u>
12	Total general fund	\$0	\$115,866

13 The 2023-25 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget
14 for the 2025-27 biennium. The department of veterans' affairs shall report to the appropriations
15 committees of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the
16 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

17 **SECTION 3. EXEMPTION - POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER SERVICE DOG**
18 **PROGRAM.** The \$50,000 appropriated from the general fund for the posttraumatic stress
19 disorder service dog program in section 1 of chapter 25 of the 2019 Session Laws and the
20 \$50,000 appropriated from the general fund for the posttraumatic stress disorder service dog
21 program in section 1 of chapter 53 of the 2021 Session Laws is not subject to section
22 54-44.1-11 and any unspent funds from this program are available for the program during the
23 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

24 **SECTION 4. EXEMPTION - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND.** The \$647,000
25 appropriated from the federal state fiscal recovery fund in subsections 32 and 33 of section 1 of
26 chapter 550 of the 2021 Session Laws, of which \$500,000 was for a grant to assist in the
27 construction of the Fisher house at the Fargo veterans' affairs medical center and \$147,000 was
28 for improving and expanding veterans' medical transportation, is not subject to section
29 54-44.1-11 and any unspent funds from these programs are available for the programs during
30 the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.