

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

SENATE BILL NO. 2007
(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 provide legislative intent; to provide an exemption; and to declare an emergency.

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, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015, as follows:

Subdivision 1.

VETERANS' HOME

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and wages	\$13,916,861	\$1,958,006	\$15,874,867
Accrued leave payments	0	458,196	458,196
Operating expenses	5,942,285	(533,435)	5,408,850
Capital assets	705,500	916,540	1,622,040
Shop addition	0	788,200	788,200
New veterans' home	<u>332,000</u>	<u>(332,000)</u>	<u>0</u>
Total all funds	\$20,896,646	\$3,255,507	\$24,152,153
Less estimated income	<u>15,343,323</u>	<u>1,086,477</u>	<u>16,429,800</u>
Total general fund	\$5,553,323	\$2,169,030	\$7,722,353
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	\$1,099,626	\$225,954	\$1,325,580
Transport vans	0	30,000	30,000
Accrued leave payments	<u>0</u>	<u>10,123</u>	<u>10,123</u>
Total general fund	\$1,099,626	\$266,077	\$1,365,703
Full-time equivalent positions	7.00	1.00	8.00

Subdivision 3.

BILL TOTAL

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Grand total general fund	\$6,652,949	\$2,435,107	\$9,088,056
Grand total special funds	<u>15,343,323</u>	<u>1,086,477</u>	<u>16,429,800</u>

Grand total all funds	\$21,996,272	\$3,521,584	\$25,517,856
Full-time equivalent positions	127.72	1.00	128.72

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-second legislative assembly for the 2011-13 biennium and the 2013-15 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2011-13</u>	<u>2013-15</u>
Veterans' home		
Demolition of old veterans' home	\$0	\$1,121,000
Shop addition	0	788,200
Department of veterans' affairs		
Website	15,593	15,000
Discharge project	22,000	0
In lieu of postwar trust fund income	210,000	0
Vans	50,000	30,000
Stand down events	<u>20,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total all funds	\$317,593	\$1,954,200
Less estimated income	<u>0</u>	<u>1,348,700</u>
Total general fund	\$317,593	\$605,500

The 2013-15 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the agencies' base budget for the 2015-17 biennium. The veterans' home and department of veterans' affairs shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-fourth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.

SECTION 3. EXEMPTION - VETERANS' HOME ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM PROJECT FUNDING. The unexpended amount remaining from the appropriation for a veterans' home electronic health record system in chapter 35 of the 2009 Session Laws which was continued into the 2011-13 biennium under section 54-44.1-11 is not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 at the end of the 2011-13 biennium and may be continued into the 2013-15 biennium for paying expenses of the veterans' home electronic health record system project.

SECTION 4. EXEMPTION - VETERANS' HOME CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FUNDING. The unexpended amount remaining from the appropriation for the veterans' home construction project in chapter 53 of the 2009 Session Laws which was continued into the 2011-13 biennium under section 54-44.1-11 is not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 at the end of the 2011-13 biennium and may be continued into the 2013-15 biennium for paying expenses of the veterans' home construction project.

SECTION 5. FUNDING TRANSFER - EXCEPTION - AUTHORIZATION. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the veterans' home may transfer up to \$170,000 from the operating expenses line item to the salaries and wages line item, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013. The veterans' home shall notify the office of management and budget of any transfer made pursuant to this section.

SECTION 6. SHOP ADDITION PROJECT - MELVIN NORGARD MEMORIAL FUND. The funds appropriated in the shop addition line item in section 1 of this Act are from the Melvin Norgard memorial fund. The veterans' home may begin construction of the shop addition when the balance in the Melvin Norgard memorial fund is sufficient to provide for all costs of the project during the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.

SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - 2015-17 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION BILL. It is the intent of the sixty-third legislative assembly that the governor include the recommended funding for the department of veterans' affairs in a separate draft appropriations act for introduction to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly.

SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - TRANSPORT VAN REPLACEMENT PLAN. It is the intent of the sixty-third legislative assembly that the department of veterans' affairs prepare and provide a transport van replacement plan to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly and introduce legislation seeking state funding for the replacement of transport vans based on the plan.

SECTION 9. EMERGENCY. Section 5 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2007 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 87 Nays 3 Absent 4

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2013.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2013.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2013,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State