

**SENATE BILL NO. 2286**

Introduced by

Senators Marcellais, Mathern

Representatives Mock, M. Nelson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 37-14 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to an Indian veteran representative; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 37-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Indian veteran representative.**

7 The department of veterans' affairs shall provide for an Indian veteran representative in the  
8 county in which the most enrolled members of a particular tribe reside. The representative shall  
9 be acquainted with the state and federal laws enacted for the benefit of returning members of  
10 the armed forces to assist the members in the presentation, proof and establishment of claims,  
11 privileges, and rights the members have under law. The representative shall provide the  
12 services at no charge. The veterans' service officer in that county shall cooperate with the  
13 representative in providing assistance to veterans in that county applying for state and federal  
14 assistance available to veterans. The representative may not serve as a conservator for an  
15 individual who is receiving benefits or services from the department of veterans' affairs or the  
16 United states department of veterans' affairs, unless the individual is the spouse or an  
17 immediate family member of the representative or unless the conservator is appointed by the  
18 county under chapter 11-21.

19 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general  
20 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$25,000, or so much of the  
21 sum as may be necessary, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of providing an  
22 Indian veteran representative, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30,  
23 2015.