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## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 305**

## FINAL READING

Introduced by Schnoor, 15; Crawford, 45; Garrett, 3; Morfeld, 46; Nordquist, 7.

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to veterans aid; to amend section 80-403,
- 2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to allow the veterans aid fund
- 3 to be used for transportation costs for veterans; to repeal the
- 4 original section; and to declare an emergency.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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1 Section 1. Section 80-403, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

- 2 amended to read:
- 3 80-403 (1) All money disbursed through the Director of Veterans'
- 4 Affairs shall be expended by him or her in furnishing food, shelter,
- 5 fuel, <u>transportation</u>, wearing apparel, or medical or surgical aid or in
- 6 assisting with the funeral expenses of discharged veterans who come
- 7 within one of the classes described in subsection (2) or (3) of this
- 8 section.
- 9 (2) Such aid shall be provided upon application to veterans as
- 10 defined in section 80-401.03, their widows, widowers, spouses, and their
- 11 children age eighteen or younger or until age twenty-three if attending
- 12 school full time, and at any age if the child was permanently incapable
- of self-support at age eighteen (a) who are legal residents of this state
- on the date of such application and (b) who may be in need of such aid.
- 15 (3) In cases in which an eligible veteran or widow or widower dies
- 16 leaving no next of kin to apply for payment of expenses of last illness
- 17 and burial, a recognized veterans organization or a county veterans
- 18 service officer may apply, on behalf of the deceased, for assistance in
- 19 paying such expenses. All such payments shall be made by the director.
- 20 There may be expended, for purposes other than those set forth in this
- 21 section, such sum or sums as may be specifically appropriated by the
- 22 Legislature for such purposes.
- 23 Sec. 2. Original section 80-403, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 24 Nebraska, is repealed.
- 25 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
- 26 passed and approved according to law.