

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

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 for a performance audit of the veterans' home; to provide for a report to the legislative assembly; and to provide for a legislative council study.

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 the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of defraying their expenses, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003, as follows:

Subdivision 1.

VETERANS' HOME

Salaries and wages	\$6,861,243
Operating expenses	2,137,631
Equipment	88,675
Capital improvements	<u>344,460</u>
Total all funds	\$9,432,009
Less estimated income	<u>6,099,935</u>
Total general fund appropriation	\$3,332,074

Subdivision 2.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Total all funds	\$514,319
Less estimated income	<u>20,789</u>
Total general fund appropriation	\$493,530
Grand total general fund appropriation S.B. 2007	\$3,825,604
Grand total special funds appropriation S.B. 2007	\$6,120,724
Grand total all funds appropriation S.B. 2007	\$9,946,328

SECTION 2. NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS' HOME - PERFORMANCE AUDIT. The state auditor shall conduct a performance audit of the veterans' home during the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003. The state auditor may use the services of a consultant, as needed, and the cost of such consultant may be assessed to the veterans' home. The performance audit may include a review of the contractual arrangements for physician services at the veterans' home. The results of the performance audit must be presented to the appropriations committees during the agency's budget presentation during the fifty-eighth legislative assembly.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - VETERANS' HOME MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE AND OVERSIGHT. The legislative council shall consider studying during the 2001-02 interim the management structure and oversight of the veterans' home and the selection process for the commandant or administrator of the home. The study, if conducted, may review the timing of expenditures by the veterans' home from the general fund.

SECTION 4. VETERANS' POSTWAR TRUST FUND - REPORT. The department of veterans' affairs shall report on the use of moneys in the veterans' postwar trust fund to the appropriations

committees of the fifty-eighth legislative assembly. The report must be presented during the agency's budget presentation.

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 Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2007.

Senate Vote: Yeas 49 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 97 Nays 0 Absent 1

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State