

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1310**

Introduced by

Representatives Dockter, Karls, Thoreson, Guggisberg

Senator Carlisle

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 37-14-18 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to eligibility of county veterans' service officers to be appointed as conservators.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-14-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **37-14-18. County veterans' service officer - Appointment - Duties.**

7 The board of county commissioners of each county of the state of North Dakota shall  
8 appoint, employ, and pay, on a full-time or part-time basis, an officer to be known as a county  
9 veterans' service officer. The veterans' affairs commissioner may work directly with county  
10 veterans' service officers. An individual may serve as a county veterans' service officer in more  
11 than one county. The appointment must be made with the prior advice of the commissioner of  
12 veterans' affairs, and in accordance with veterans' preference as provided in section  
13 37-19.1-02. By August 1, 2011, all county veterans' service officers must be accredited by the  
14 national association of county veterans' service officers. It is the duty of the county veterans'  
15 service officer to become acquainted with the laws, both state and federal, enacted for the  
16 benefit of returning servicemen and servicewomen to assist such returning members of the  
17 armed forces in the presentation, proof, and establishment of such claims, privileges, and rights  
18 as they have. It also is the duty of the county veterans' service officer to actively cooperate with  
19 and to coordinate the activities of the state and federal agencies within the county which the  
20 officer serves to facilitate their operation and ensure promptness in the solution of the problems  
21 concerned with the reestablishment of returning servicemen and servicewomen in civilian  
22 pursuits. A county veterans' service officer may not serve as a conservator for an individual who  
23 is receiving benefits or services from the department of veterans' affairs or the United States  
24 department of veterans' affairs, except if the individual is the spouse or an immediate family

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- 1 member of the officer, ~~or unless the conservator is appointed by the county under chapter~~
- 2 ~~41-21.~~