

**SECOND ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments
REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1219**

Introduced by

Representatives Brandenburg, Froseth, Thoreson, Trottier, Wieland

Senators Hogue, Lyson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-10-18.3 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to tuition for dependents of disabled veterans.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-10-18.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15-10-18.3. Free tuition in North Dakota institutions of higher education.**

7 Any dependent, as defined in section 15-10-18.2 upon being duly accepted for enrollment
8 into any undergraduate degree or certificate program of a North Dakota state institution of
9 higher education, must be allowed to obtain a bachelor's degree or certificate of completion, for
10 so long as the dependent is eligible, free of any tuition and fee charges; ~~provided, however, that~~
11 if the bachelor's degree or certificate of completion is earned within a forty-five-month or
12 ten-semester period or its equivalent; and further provided that if tuition and fee charges shall do
13 not include costs for aviation flight charges or expenses. Once a person an individual qualifies
14 as a dependent under sections 15-10-18.2 and 15-10-18.3, the dependent may not be
15 disqualified from the benefits of this section ~~due to such an occurrence as:~~

- 16 1. Due to the return of the prisoner of war or person;
- 17 2. Due to the return of the individual missing in action; or
- 18 3. Because the veteran through whom the benefit was obtained had a one hundred
19 percent service-connected disability at the time of death.