

Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1025

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of
2 veterans' affairs; and to provide an exemption.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and
7 other income, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of defraying the expenses of
8 the department of veterans' affairs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending
9 June 30, 2017, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
12 Veterans' affairs	\$1,410,580	\$342,071	\$1,752,651
13 <u>Veterans' affairs</u>	<u>\$1,410,580</u>	<u>\$365,298</u>	<u>\$1,775,878</u>
14 <u>Contingent service dogs</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
15 Transport vans	0	15,000	15,000
16 Accrued leave payments	<u>10,123</u>	<u>(10,123)</u>	<u>0</u>
17 Total all funds	\$1,420,703	\$346,948	\$1,767,651
18 Less estimated income	0	284,453	284,453
19 Total general fund	\$1,420,703	\$62,495	\$1,483,198
20 <u>Total all funds</u>	<u>\$1,420,703</u>	<u>\$395,175</u>	<u>\$1,815,878</u>
21 <u>Less estimated income</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>288,018</u>	<u>288,018</u>
22 <u>Total general fund</u>	<u>\$1,420,703</u>	<u>\$107,157</u>	<u>\$1,527,860</u>
23 Full-time equivalent positions	8.00	1.00	9.00

1 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO**

2 **SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding
3 items approved by the sixty-third legislative assembly for the 2013-15 biennium:

4	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2013-15</u>	<u>2015-17</u>
5	Website	\$15,000	\$0
6	Vans	30,000	0
7	Agent orange	50,000	0
8	Service dogs	50,000	0
9	<u>Service dogs</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,000</u>
10	<u>Contingent service dogs</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,000</u>
11	General fund transfer	<u>250,000</u>	<u>0</u>
12	Total general fund	\$395,000	\$0
13	<u>Total general fund</u>	<u>\$295,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

14 **SECTION 3. EXEMPTION.** The amount appropriated for veteran service dog training in
15 section 1 of chapter 60 of the 2013 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any
16 unexpended funds from this line item for grants are available for grants during the biennium
17 beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

18 ~~**SECTION 4. CONTINGENT FUNDING - STAND DOWN EVENTS.** The department of
19 veterans' affairs shall seek federal funds of at least \$20,000 for defraying the expenses of
20 veterans' stand down events. The department may spend up to \$15,000 from the general fund
21 appropriated in section 1 of this Act only to the extent that the department does not receive
22 \$20,000 in federal funding for the stand down events during the 2015-17 biennium.~~

23 **SECTION 4. CONTINGENT FUNDING - SERVICE DOGS.** Funding provided in the
24 contingent service dogs line item in section 1 of this Act includes \$25,000 from the general fund
25 for service dogs to assist North Dakota veterans with posttraumatic stress disorder. The
26 department of veterans' affairs may spend these funds subject to:

- 27 1. The dogs having completed service dog training;
- 28 2. Eligible veterans having been approved to receive the service dogs; and
- 29 3. Budget section approval.