

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Conference Committee Amendments  
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:

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

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

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

	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2013-15</u>	<u>2015-17</u>
24 Website		\$15,000	\$0

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1	Vans	30,000	0
2	Service dogs	0	25,000
3	Contingent service dogs	0	25,000
4	General fund transfer	<u>250,000</u>	<u>0</u>
5	Total general fund	\$295,000	\$50,000

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

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

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