

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Conference Committee Amendments  
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2183**

Introduced by

Senators Sorvaag, Campbell, Dever

Representatives M. Johnson, Kading, Kasper

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the conferment of a veterans commemorative memorial coin; to  
3 provide a statement of legislative intent; and to provide for retroactive application.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Commemorative memorial coin - Eligibility.**

8 1. The department of veterans' affairs shall create and confer a commemorative  
9 memorial coin upon a family member of a deceased North Dakota veteran during  
10 military funeral honors for that veteran if the deceased veteran:

11 a. Served on active duty, in the national guard, or in the selected reserve and  
12 departed the armed forces or national guard under conditions other than  
13 dishonorable;

14 b. Completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in  
15 the selected reserve and departed under conditions other than dishonorable or  
16 was discharged from the selected reserve due to a disability incurred or  
17 aggravated in the line of duty;

18 c. Died while serving on active duty, in the national guard, or in the selected  
19 reserve; or

20 d. Was a member of the commissioned officer corps of the public health service, the  
21 national oceanic and atmospheric administration, or a civilian or contractual  
22 group of individuals given active duty service determinations and considered a  
23 veteran under Public Law No. 95-202.

1       2. A family member of a deceased North Dakota veteran may purchase a  
2       commemorative memorial coin from the department of veterans' affairs at a cost  
3       determined by the department.

4       3. As used in this section:

5       a. "Family member" means a spouse, parent, child, or other individual related by  
6       blood.

7       b. "North Dakota veteran" means an individual who meets the requirements of  
8       subsection 1 and who was a resident of North Dakota during any period of the  
9       individual's life.

10      4. Under section 37-18-12, the department may expend any gifts, grants, or donations  
11      received for the creation and conferment of commemorative memorial coins.

12      **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - COMMEMORATIVE MEMORIAL COINS.** It is the  
13      intent of the sixty-fifth legislative assembly that the administrative committee on veterans' affairs  
14      consider providing funding from the veterans' postwar trust fund to the department of veterans'  
15      affairs for the purpose of funding at least four thousand commemorative memorial coins for the  
16      biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

17      **SECTION 3. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.** Subsection 2 of Section 1 of this Act applies  
18      to all family members of a deceased North Dakota veteran, regardless of the date of death of  
19      the veteran.