

HOUSE BILL NO. 1129

Introduced by

Representatives Laning, Trottier

Senator Marcellais

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 37-18-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to duties of the commissioner of veterans' affairs.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-18-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **37-18-04. Duties of commissioner.**

7 ~~It is the duty of the commissioner to coordinate agencies or instrumentalities of the state set~~
8 ~~up to render service and benefits to returning veterans; to have charge of~~To provide services
9 and benefits to veterans and the veterans' dependents, the commissioner shall:

- 10 1. Coordinate with any federal agency or public or private entity of this state or any other
11 state as required to fulfill the commissioner's duties;
- 12 2. Supervise and implement programs and benefits authorized by statute; ~~to assist~~
- 13 3. Assist or represent veterans or their widows, administrators, executors, guardians, or
14 heirs, in processing claims; ~~to advise~~
- 15 4. Advise and assist veterans in taking advantage of the provisions of the Servicemen's
16 Readjustment Act of 1944 [Pub. L. 78-346; 58 Stat. 291], or any similar or related
17 ~~measures~~benefits and services for veterans afforded by the federal government; ~~to~~
18 ~~provide~~
- 19 5. Provide counties with recommended qualifications and standards for county veterans'
20 service officers; ~~to assist~~
- 21 6. Assist counties with training of county veterans' service officers; ~~to provide~~
- 22 7. Provide county veterans' service officers with educational materials; ~~to assist~~
- 23 8. Assist county veterans' service officers in the performance of their duties; ~~to~~
24 ~~disseminate~~

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- 1 9. Disseminate information; and ~~to do any and~~
- 2 10. Do all things necessary and proper for the purpose of carrying out the intent and
- 3 purposes of this chapter.