

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

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 ~~an appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs~~ a statement of legislative intent;
4 and to provide for retroactive application.

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

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

8 **Commemorative memorial coin - Eligibility.**

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

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

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

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

21 d. Was a member of the commissioned officer corps of the public health service, the
22 national oceanic and atmospheric administration, or a civilian or contractual
23 group of individuals given active duty service determinations and considered a
24 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 "family member" means a spouse, parent, child, or other
5 individual related by blood.

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

8 ~~SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general-~~
9 ~~fund in the state treasury veterans' postwar trust fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of~~
10 ~~\$8,500, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, and from the funds derived from private-~~
11 ~~donations, the sum of \$25,500, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department~~
12 ~~of veterans' affairs for the purpose of providing funding for at least four thousand~~
13 ~~commemorative memorial coins for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30,~~
14 ~~2019. Of the funds appropriated, the department of veterans' affairs shall use up to \$4,000 for~~
15 ~~the design of the coin.~~

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

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