

**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.