

## 65<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY 2017

### VETERAN & MILITARY RELATED LEGISLATIVE ACTION

#### Appreciation of Veterans and Military

- Hunting License for Injured Military Wildlife Project. This Bill is a housekeeping bill which is not intended to change the benefit to veterans (HB 1025)

#### Burial & Memorial

- ND Commemorative Memorial coin (SB 2183)
  - Creates a ND Commemorative Memorial Coin. One coin to be conferred upon family of a military veteran during funeral honors.
  - Additional coins may be available for purchase
  - No general funds appropriated.

#### Education

- None

#### Employment

- Veterans Preference. This bill does not affect the benefit to veterans. (HB 1090) This bill:
  - relates to ND Veterans Preference
  - allows for notification of non-hire to be made by electronic notification through the online recruiting solution system
  - removes "Certified Mail" as only option

#### Fiscal Impact Bills

- Gaming funds to be used for Veterans Organizations (SB 2175)
  - Bill allows veteran organization gaming to...
    - Utilized gaming funds for direct benefit of the organizations
    - Utilize gaming funds for erection, acquisition, improvement, maintenance, or repair of real or personal property owned or leased by an organization
- ND Veterans Home Budget (SB 2007)
  - 90% reduction in budget
  - Replaced \$2,111,404 of General Fund appropriations with Special funds (Non0 General Fund Dollars)
  - Appropriated \$157,000 from Special Funds (non-General Fund dollars)
    - \$59,000 for Equipment
    - \$15,000 for Health information exchange software
    - \$82,500 Nurse call system upgrade
  - Reduced operating expenses by \$62,761
  - Reduced capital assets by \$7,239
  - Reduced equipment by \$15,000

- Provided an exemption for shop addition project funding (non-General Fund)
- ND Department of Veterans Affairs
  - Reduced staff levels to 70%
    - Eliminated the only Loan and Grant position
    - Eliminated staff assistant position
    - Eliminated Transportation grant position
  - Reduced base funding by 30%
  - Removed stand down funding
  - Maintained funding for DAV Vans at \$37,200
  - Maintained PTSD dog funding at \$50,000
  - Supplanted \$100,000 in General fund Salaries with Federal grant dollars

### **Healthcare**

- Post Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day (HCR 3024)
  - Change June 27, 2017 from "Post Traumatic Stress *Disorder* Awareness Day" to "Post Traumatic Stress *Injury* Awareness Day"

### **Law/Policy Change**

- None

### **Studies**

- None