

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for training service dogs; and to provide for a
2 legislative management study.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
5 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$50,000, or so much of the
6 sum as may be necessary, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of training
7 service dogs to assist North Dakota veterans having posttraumatic stress disorder, for the
8 biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.

9 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY.** The legislative management shall
10 consider studying statutory changes that would benefit North Dakota veterans and include
11 therein possible changes to state income taxes and property taxes, the provision of
12 veteran-focused incentives, assistance with obtaining and maintaining benefits, and assistance
13 with obtaining and maintaining various life-enhancing services. The legislative management
14 shall consider studying current state and federal benefits available to North Dakota veterans.
15 The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any
16 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly.