

Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2238

Introduced by

Senators Marcellais, Schneider

Representative M. Nelson

1 A BILL ~~for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs for veterans'~~
2 ~~military caskets and urns.~~for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-06-03 of the North Dakota
3 Century Code, relating to providing military caskets for eligible deceased veterans.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

5 ~~SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general~~
6 ~~fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,800,000, or so much of the~~
7 ~~sum as may be necessary, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of providing a~~
8 ~~military casket or urn of a type approved by the adjutant general at no cost to any veteran who~~
9 ~~is interred in this state, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.~~

10 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 23-06-03 of the North Dakota Century
11 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
12 3. If the deceased is not survived by an individual described by subsection 1 and did not
13 leave sufficient means to defray funeral expenses, including the cost of a casket, the
14 county social service board of the county in which the deceased had residence for
15 county general assistance purposes or, if residence cannot be established, the county
16 social service board of the county in which the death occurs shall employ some person
17 to arrange for and supervise the burial or cremation. If the deceased was a resident or
18 inmate of a public institution, the county in which the deceased was a resident for
19 county general assistance purposes immediately before entering the institution shall
20 employ a person to arrange for and supervise the burial or cremation. Each board of
21 county commissioners may negotiate with the interested funeral directors or funeral
22 homes regarding cremation expenses and burial expenses but the total charges for
23 burial services, including transportation of the deceased to the place of burial, the
24 grave box or vault, grave space, and grave opening and closing expenses, may not be

1 less than one thousand five hundred dollars. If the deceased was a veteran as defined
2 in section 37-01-40, the county social services board shall provide a military casket.
3 The county social service board shall pay the charge for funeral expenses as
4 negotiated by the board of county commissioners, less any amount left by the
5 deceased to defray the expenses.