

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act create and enact a new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota Century  
2 Code, relating to the creation, membership, and duties of the tribal veterans' advisory  
3 commission.

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 **Tribal veterans' advisory commission - Membership - Duties.**

- 8 1. The tribal veterans' advisory commission is composed of five enrolled tribal members,  
9 one selected by the chairman of each of the following tribes:  
10 a. Standing Rock Sioux Tribe;  
11 b. Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe;  
12 c. Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation;  
13 d. Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians; and  
14 e. Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation.  
15 2. Each member of the tribal veterans' advisory commission must be a veteran, as  
16 defined in section 37-01-40.  
17 3. A chairman of the tribal veterans' advisory commission must be chosen annually from  
18 the membership of the commission by a majority of its members at the first meeting of  
19 the commission each fiscal year. A member may serve as chairman for more than one  
20 year.  
21 4. The tribal veterans' advisory commission shall meet at least twice each year and any  
22 additional meetings as the chairman deems necessary.  
23 5. The tribal veterans' advisory commission shall advise state agencies and programs as  
24 appropriate on issues related to tribal veterans.

- 1       6. Each member of the tribal veterans' advisory commission is entitled to be
- 2           compensated at a rate of one hundred dollars per day and mileage and expense
- 3           reimbursement as allowed to other state employees. The compensation and mileage
- 4           and expense reimbursements are to be paid by the department of veterans' affairs.
- 5       7. The department of veterans' affairs shall provide administrative and staffing services to
- 6           the tribal veterans' advisory commission.