

SENATE BILL NO. 2245

Introduced by

Senators Marcellais, Schneider, Warner

Representatives Mock, M. Nelson, Onstad

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 37-14 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to an Indian veteran representative; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 37-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Indian veteran representative.**

7 The department of veterans' affairs shall provide for an Indian veteran representative in the
8 county in which the most enrolled members of a particular tribe reside. The representative shall
9 be acquainted with the state and federal laws enacted for the benefit of returning members of
10 the armed forces to assist the members in the presentation, proof and establishment of claims,
11 privileges, and rights the members have under law. The representative shall provide the
12 services at no charge. The veterans' service officer in that county shall cooperate with the
13 representative in providing assistance to veterans in that county applying for state and federal
14 assistance available to veterans. The representative may not serve as a conservator for an
15 individual who is receiving benefits or services from the department of veterans' affairs or the
16 United states department of veterans' affairs, unless the individual is the spouse or an
17 immediate family member of the representative or unless the conservator is appointed by the
18 county under chapter 11-21.

19 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
20 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$125,000, or so much of the
21 sum as may be necessary, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of providing an
22 Indian veteran representative for each tribe in this state, for the biennium beginning July 1,
23 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.