

2025 69th Legislative Assembly Veteran & Military Bills That PASSED and FAILED

APPRECIATION/PATRIOTIC

- Hunting & Fishing: Amend disabled veteran \$3 license fee eligibility from 100% disabled veteran to 50% or higher for
 - Resident fishing license
 - Combined general game, habitat stamp, small game, and fur-bearer license. ([HB1147](#))
- May as Military Appreciation Month: Established May of each year. Governor to issue a proclamation each year. ([HB 1148](#))
- POW/MIA Day: Amend to ensure Governor issues a proclamation that the third Friday in September of each year is Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Day. ([HB1403](#))

BURIAL AND MEMORIAL

- Veteran Memorial Bridges
 - SPC Richard W. Orsund Vietnam Bridge located on HWY 18 in Walsh County. ([HB1090](#))
 - SPC David LaTraille Vietnam Bridge located on HWY 81 in Grafton. ([HB1091](#))
 - S/Sgt Miles Shelley WWII Overpass located on HWY 52 Carrington. ([HB1092](#))
 - SPC Jon P. Fettig Iraq Bridge located on HWY 22 in Dickinson. ([HB1140](#))
 - SPC Dennis "DJ" Ferderer Jr. Iraq Bridge located on HWY 31 near New Salem. ([HB1178](#))
 - LCDR Carl J. Woods Vietnam Bridge located on HWY 5 Bottineau. ([HB1228](#))
 - CPL Raymond Porter Korea Bridge located HWY 6 Morton County. ([HB1426](#))
- PFC Henry Gurke memorial Highway: Highway 18 from Highway 5 to Canadian border ([HB1212](#))
 - WWII Medal of Honor recipient. US Marine Corps.
- USS Frank E. Evans (DD-754) Lost 74 Proclamation: To add names of the 74 sailors lost on 3 June 1969 to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. ([HCR3005](#))
- Burial Medallion/Grave Marker: For National Guard and Reserve not otherwise eligible for federal medallion. ([HB 1293](#))
- Fargo National Cemetery Building: \$3,000,000 grant for construction of building. ([SB2265](#))

EDUCATION

- None

EMPLOYMENT/ENTREPRENEUR

- Veteran Owned business WSI Credit: \$250 premium credit for first year employment 51% owned by veteran, Armed Forces, and current NDNG owned business. ([SB 2046](#))

FINANCIAL

- Disabled Veteran Property Tax Credit: for taxable year 2025 raised from \$8,100 (\$180,000 F&T) to \$9,000 Taxable Value (\$200,000 F&T). ([HB1156](#))

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- Veteran organizations 501c19 eligible for special allocation hunting license: Organizations/posts can apply to lottery/raffle to receive hunting licenses available. License may be used as a fund raiser for the organizations. Elk, Moose, white tailed deer and antelope licenses as available. ([HB1094](#))
- Veteran organizations use gaming for club expenses: May use up to 20 percent of net proceeds per quarter for cost of food, beverages, and operating expenses for the veteran organization's club. ([SB2288](#))
- Post War Trust Fund:
 - \$500,000 in state general funds added to the principal of the Veterans PWTF. ([SB2025](#))
 - Veteran Service Organizations may donate funds to PWTF to prevent and eliminate veteran homelessness. ([HB1504](#))
- Veteran Aid Loan: Raised loan limit allowed, per ACOVA discretion, from \$5,000 to \$8,000. ([HB1135](#))

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- Suicide Prevention-Not Veteran Specific: \$500,000 in state funds for the 988 crisis hotline ([SB2200](#))
 - Insulin copay limit: Not Veteran Specific: Diabetic Drugs (Insulin) and Supplies copay limit to \$25 per month. ([HB1114](#))
- Transportation to VAMC
 - Funding to NDDVA for purchase of 1 DAV Van during 2025-2027 biennium. ([SB 2025](#))
- HBOT: Encourage congress to provide veterans with Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy treatment for TBI, PTSD etc. ([HCR3011](#))

HOUSING

- Veteran Homelessness Prevention and Elimination:
 - \$500,000 appropriated to ND Veterans Affairs to prevent and eliminate veteran homelessness in ND. ([SB2025](#))
 - Veteran Service Organizations may donate funds to PWTF to prevent and eliminate veteran homelessness. ([HB1504](#))

LAW AND POLICY CHANGE

- NDDVA commissioner to serve at the pleasure of Governor: Moved from ACOVA to Governor. ([SB2025](#))
- Veterans Home Administrator appointed by Governor: Moved from Governing Board to Governor. ([SB2025](#))
- Definition of a Veteran: Updated definition in ND Code verbiage to "Uniformed Services" which is in line with federal definition. ([SB2198](#))
- Individual Unemployability definition: Update language in ND Century Code to match Federal VA for dependent tuition waiver, property tax credit, vehicle registration and excise tax. ([HB1180](#))

LEGAL SERVICES

- Veterans treatment docket: May remove conviction and suspension from driving record. ([HB1364](#))

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NATIONAL GUARD AND MILITARY SPECIFIC

- NATIONAL GUARD:
 - Death benefit: increased from \$15,000 to \$100,000. ([HB1076](#))
 - Definition of NG Security officer and firefighter. Housekeeping. ([HB1077](#))
 - Medical expenses on State Active Duty: Expanded to include follow up care after release from state active duty. ([HB1078](#))
 - NDNG may obtain training ground near Jamestown. ([HB1520](#))
 - Urge congress to recognize service in Honduras as service in area of hostility ([HCR3007](#))
 - State and Political Subdivision Employee leave for NG and Reserve service. Updated and eliminated need for 90 days employment prior to military leave. ([SB2198](#))
- Military:
 - Military Compact:
 - Cosmetology: Provide military Spouse Provisional Licensure. ([HB1126](#))
 - Occupational Therapy: Provide military spouse provisional licensure. ([SB2146](#))
 - Dietitian: Provide military spouse provisional licensure. ([SB2223](#))
 - Military Child Abuse reporting: Require local entities to report to military installation ([HB1338](#))
 - School construction on an Air Force Base. Allow loan up to \$20 Million. ([SB2149](#))
 - Create military compatibility commission. Establish military impact zones. ([SB2398](#))

FAILED BILLS

APPRECIATION/PATRIOTIC

- HUNTING AND FISHING:
 - Exempt from Lottery: 100% disabled Veteran. ([SB2199](#)) **FAILED HOUSE**
- 701 Heroes Day: Establish each July 1 as "701 Heroes Day. **Withdrawn by sponsor.**

BURIAL AND MEMORIAL

- Marvin Briss Vietnam Bridge: Glenfield-Sutton. **Not introduced/withdrawn by Sponsor.**
- Committee to name bridges for the fallen. To create committee. ([HB1190](#)) **Withdrawn by sponsor.**
- Remove fee for Veteran License Plates. ([SB2344](#)) **FAILED**

EDUCATION

- Dependent tuition waiver. Add veteran and use disability rating same as property tax credit. **Not introduced/withdrawn by sponsor.**
- Armed Forces Reserve Scholarship. ([SB2170](#)) **FAILED**

EMPLOYMENT/ENTREPRENEUR

- None

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- Property tax credit for veterans:
 - Base the credit on median ND home values. **Withdrawn by sponsor.**
 - Remove or raise credit limit. ([HB1266](#)). **Failed.** Added to [HB1176](#) which passed.
 - Remove Homestead and Disabled Veterans Credit. ([HB1390](#)) **FAILED**
 - Remove Disabled Veteran Homestead credit. ([SB2298](#)) **FAILED**
- Vehicle registration waiver: No fee for veterans, military or NG members. **Withdrawn by sponsor.**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- None

HOUSING

- None

LAW AND POLICY CHANGE

- GUARD VA Benefits. Require accreditation for claim assistance and provide a penalty. ([HB1169](#)). **FAILED**

LEGAL SERVICES

- None

NATIONAL GUARD AND MILITARY SPECIFIC

- NATIONAL GUARD:
 - National Guard deployed only by Congressional Declaration of War. ([HB1315](#)) **FAILED**
 - Military compact: Physician assistant. ([SB2108](#)) **FAILED**
- Military: