Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 1219**

Introduced by

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Representatives Brandenburg, Froseth, Thoreson, Trottier, Wieland Senators Hoque, Lyson

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 15-10-18.2 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to the qualifications necessary for individuals to be defined as
- 3 dependents of disabled veterans.

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

- SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 15-10-18.2 of the North Dakota
  Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
  - 1. "Dependent" for purposes of section 15-10-18.3 means:
    - a. A child, stepchild, spouse, widow, or widower of a resident veteran, as "veteran" is defined in section 37-01-40, who was killed in action or died from wounds or other service-connected causes, has or had at the time of death a fifty to one hundred percent service-connected disability as determined by the department of veterans' affairs, has or had at the time of death an extra-schedular rating to include individual unemployability that brings the veteran's total disability rating to one hundred percent as determined by the department of veterans' affairs, died from service-connected disabilities, was a prisoner of war, or was declared missing in action:
    - b. A child or a stepchild of a veteran, as defined in section 37-01-40, who was killed in action or died from wounds or other service-connected causes, has <u>or had at the time of death</u> a <u>fifty to</u> one hundred percent service-connected disability as determined by the department of veterans' affairs, has <u>or had at the time of death</u> an extra-schedular rating to include individual unemployability that brings the veteran's total disability rating to one hundred percent as determined by the department of veterans' affairs, died from service-connected disabilities, was a prisoner of war, or was declared missing in action, provided the child's other

- parent has been a resident of this state and was a resident of this state at the time of death or determination of total disability of the veteran; or
  - c. A child or a stepchild of a veteran, as defined in section 37-01-40, who was killed in action or died from wounds or other service-connected causes, has or had at the time of death a fifty to one hundred percent service-connected disability as determined by the department of veterans' affairs, has or had at the time of death an extra-schedular rating to include individual unemployability that brings the veteran's total disability rating to one hundred percent as determined by the department of veterans' affairs, died from service-connected disabilities, was a prisoner of war, or was declared missing in action, provided the child's other parent establishes residency in this state and maintains that residency for a period of five years immediately preceding the child's or stepchild's enrollment at an institution under the control of the state board of higher education.