

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Special Session Commencing Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1625
(Representative Sanford)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 15-10-64 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the sale of the Ray Richards golf course; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 15-10-64 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-10-64. University of North Dakota men's varsity golf program.

If certain real property known as the Ray Richards golf course or Ray Richards golf course addition, 3801 demers avenue, lot 1, block 1, and Ray Richards golf course addition, 3501 demers avenue, lot 2, block 1, in the records of the city of Grand Forks, or any portion of the property, is conveyed, fifty-three and fifty-seven one hundredths percent of the sale price must be transferred to a permanent endowment fund named the Ray Richards golf endowment fund, which must be controlled and administered by the university of North Dakota alumni foundation for the sole benefit of the university of North Dakota men's varsity golf program in honor of the Ray Richards family. If the university of North Dakota men's varsity golf program has been terminated prior to the conveyance, so much of the funds in the Ray Richards golf endowment fund as necessary must be used to reinstate the program, and the remainder must be used for the sole benefit of the program documented and used for improvements to the Ray Richards golf course or for the direct benefit of the university of North Dakota men's and women's varsity golf programs.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA - RAY RICHARDS GOLF COURSE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. There is appropriated from other funds derived from the sale of real property known as the Ray Richards golf course, and from donations and other local funds, the sum of \$4,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the university of North Dakota for the purpose of making capital improvements to the Ray Richards golf course, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act becomes effective immediately upon its filing with the secretary of state.

Kathleen Weingart
Speaker of the House

Michelle L. Strieder
President of the Senate

Bruce J. Reich
Chief Clerk of the House

Mhandu Moya
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1625.

House Vote: Yeas 93 Nays 0 Absent 1

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

Bruce J. Reich
Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at 12:11 P.M. on January 23, 2026.

Approved at 1:04 P.M. on January 23, 2026.

[Signature]
Governor

Filed in this office this 23rd day of January, 2026,

at 3:18 o'clock P M.

Michael Howe
Secretary of State