

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1257

BY: HAMILTON (James) and
STEIDLEY of the HOUSE

and

TAYLOR and HANEY of the
SENATE

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS AND TO THE
OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION TO THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS; STATING THE PURPOSE; PROVIDING
FOR DUTIES AND COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES; LIMITING
THE SALARY OF THE DIRECTOR; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF
FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES; LIMITING CERTAIN
EXPENDITURES; REQUIRING CERTAIN BUDGET WORK PROGRAM
CATEGORIES; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FOR
THE MAINTENANCE, SUPPORT AND EDUCATION OF CERTAIN
MINORS; DEFINING TERM; PROVIDING LAPSE DATE;
PROVIDING AN OPERATIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma
Department of Veterans Affairs from any monies not otherwise
appropriated from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for
the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, the following amount or so

much thereof as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs and any Veterans Centers operated by the Department by law:

TOTAL OPERATIONS \$16,762,977.00

SECTION 2. The duties and compensation of employees, not otherwise prescribed by law, necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs by law shall be set by the War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma. The salary of the Director shall not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per annum, payable monthly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, shall be subject to the following budgetary limitations on full-time-equivalent employees and expenditures excluding expenditures for capital and special projects, except as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes:

<u>Budgetary Limitation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Full-time-equivalent Employees	1,177.0
Payroll, Salaries or Wages, Including Tax-sheltered Deferment Contracts and Longevity Payments	
Authorized by State Statutes	\$23,009,743.00
Professional and Personal Services Contracts	\$280,874.00
Lease-Purchase Agreements	\$0.00
Purchase of Equipment	\$480,180.00
Expenditure of Revolving Funds	\$12,460,000.00
Expenditure of Federal Funds	\$8,500,000.00
Total Expenditures for Operations	\$37,722,977.00
Passenger Vehicles, as defined by the Office of Public Affairs Fleet Management Division	2

SECTION 3. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 41.7 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall file its budget work program with the Director of

State Finance and the Legislative Service Bureau for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, to include the following budget entities and activities:

Central Office Administration

State Accrediting Agency

Ardmore Veterans Center

Claremore Veterans Center

Clinton Veterans Center

Norman Veterans Center

Sulphur Veterans Center

Talihina Veterans Center

Financial Assistance to Veterans and Dependent Children

SECTION 4. The appropriation made by this act may be used for the vocational rehabilitation of disabled veterans pursuant to the provisions of Section 68.2 of Title 72 of the Oklahoma Statutes and to aid the destitute minor dependents of disabled, destitute or deceased honorably discharged war veterans. The aid to destitute minor dependents shall be expended by the War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma to maintain, support, and educate said minor dependents on a per capita basis of not to exceed Thirteen Dollars (\$13.00) per capita, per day. A minor dependent may continue to receive said aid for a maximum of three (3) years after attaining eighteen (18) years of age if the minor dependent is attending a high school or a school of equivalent level which has been approved by the War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma. For the purposes of this section, "minor dependents" means those minor dependents who have been or whose parents, guardians, or custodians have been or had been at the time of death, citizens of this state for a period of three (3) years.

SECTION 5. The appropriation made by this act shall be subject to fiscal year limitations and may be encumbered through June 30, 1992. Any unexpended funds remaining after November 15, 1992, shall

lapse and be transferred to the credit of the proper fund for the then current fiscal year.

SECTION 6. This act shall become operative July 1, 1991.

SECTION 7. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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