

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 67

By: Helton of the Senate

and

Benson, Wells and Glover  
of the House

An Act relating to soldiers and sailors; amending 72 O.S. 1991, Sections 222, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 338, O.S.L. 2000 and 240, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 312, O.S.L. 1992 (72 O.S. Supp. 2000, Sections 222 and 240), which relate to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs Revolving Fund and petty cash funds; authorizing certain centers to use the revolving fund; authorizing certain centers to create a petty cash fund; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 1991, Section 222, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 338, O.S.L. 2000 (72 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 222), is amended to read as follows:

Section 222. A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a Revolving Fund for the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs to be known as the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs Revolving Fund. The ~~said~~ Revolving Fund shall consist of all funds and monies received by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, its constituent institutions, and/or, the War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma, from any gifts, contributions, bequests, individual reimbursements except as otherwise provided by law, and other sources of revenue, for the care or support of war veterans discharged other than under dishonorable conditions, who have been admitted and cared for at the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs Centers, at Ardmore, Claremore, Clinton, Lawton/Ft. Sill, Norman, Sulphur or Talihina. Provided no grants-in-aid, reimbursements, or other revenue from the United States government or any instrumentality of the United States government shall be deposited in ~~said~~ the fund. Provided further, nothing contained herein prohibits the establishment and utilization of special agency accounts by the Department of Veterans Affairs and its constituent institutions, as may be approved by the Special Agency Account Board, for receipt and disbursement of the personal funds of Veteran Center patients and members and/or for receipt and disbursement of charitable contributions and donations for use by and for patients and members.

B. The Revolving Fund herein created shall be used by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs to pay for the care of war veterans discharged other than under dishonorable conditions, in ~~said~~ Veterans Centers, to pay the general operating expenses of the Veterans Centers, including the payment of salaries and wages of officials and employees, to pay for the employee safety programs and incentive awards provided for in Section ~~2~~ 63.10a of this ~~act~~ title, and to remodel, repair, construct, build additions, modernize, or add improvements of domiciliary or hospital buildings necessary for the care of veterans, including tuberculosis, mentally ill or neuropsychiatric patients, but not excluding others; and architectural plans, specifications, or other costs pertinent thereto.

C. The Department of Veterans Affairs may transfer monies from the revolving fund created in this section to the W.V.C. Revolving Fund in the State Treasury.

D. All expenditures from said Revolving Fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer based upon claims approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs, as provided by law, and filed with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 1991, Section 240, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 312, O.S.L. 1992 (72 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 240), is amended to read as follows:

Section 240. There is hereby created a petty cash fund at the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, at the Oklahoma Veterans Center, Ardmore, Oklahoma, at the Oklahoma Veterans Center, Clinton, Oklahoma, at the Oklahoma Veterans Center, Sulphur, Oklahoma, at the Oklahoma Veterans Center, Talihina, Oklahoma, at the Oklahoma Veterans Center, Norman, Oklahoma, at the Oklahoma Veterans Center, Claremore, Oklahoma, and at the Oklahoma Veterans Center, ~~Oklmulgee~~ Lawton/Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. The Director of State Finance and the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs are authorized to fix the maximum amount of these petty cash funds and the Director of State Finance shall prescribe the rules and procedures for the administration of these petty cash funds.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2001.

SECTION 4. 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.

Passed the Senate the 7th day of March, 2001.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 29th day of March, 2001.

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