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THE STATE SENATE
Monday, February 25, 2008

Senate Bill No. 1846
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 1846 - By: JOLLEY of the Senate and COOKSEY of the House.

[veterans - defining terms - implement certain services - codification - effective date]

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 405 of Title 72, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section:

1. "Military personnel" means any currently enlisted member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Reserve Corps of the Armed Forces of the United States who is a resident of this state or who is assigned to duty in this state; and

2. "Veteran" means any person who is currently a resident of this state who, due to services performed as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Reserve Corps of the Armed Forces of the United States, is eligible for any state, local, or federal benefit, program, or service for veterans.

B. Contingent upon the availability of designated funds, the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall develop and implement:

1 1. A telephone hotline to provide, at all practicable hours of
2 need, information, support, and referral assistance regarding all
3 local, state, and federal benefits, programs, or services available
4 to military personnel or veterans; and

5 2. A website providing a platform for instant online
6 communication with the Department, by which military personnel or
7 veterans may obtain the same or similar information, support, and
8 assistance specified in paragraph 1 of this subsection.

9 C. Upon the successful implementation and confirmed operability
10 of a service described in subsection B of this section, the Director
11 of the Department shall provide information to the public regarding
12 the use, availability, and means of accessing such service through
13 advertising, public service announcements, and any other appropriate
14 media.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-20-08 - DO
17 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.