

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1624

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to veterans; amending 72 O.S. 2001,
8 Section 63.3, which relates to the War Veterans
9 Commission; modifying certain language; and providing
10 an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2001, Section 63.3, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 63.3 The War Veterans Commission shall perform all acts
16 necessary or proper to afford emergency, temporary and permanent
17 relief and assistance to all honorably discharged ex-service persons
18 of all wars of the United States of America and to their dependents,
19 and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law.

20 The Commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations, in
21 accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, for the operation
22 and maintenance of the Department of Veterans Affairs; provided,
23 however, in all cases priority and preference shall always be given
24 to disabled or diseased ex-service persons. The members of ~~said~~ the

1 Commission shall be reimbursed for necessary travel as provided in
2 the State Travel Reimbursement Act. In addition to its other powers
3 and duties as ~~herein~~ provided herein, the Commission shall have the
4 following specific powers and duties which shall, however, not be
5 deemed to be exclusive:

6 1. To organize itself by the election of a ~~Chairman~~ Chair, Vice
7 ~~Chairman~~ Chair and Secretary, who shall perform the duties required
8 of them by the rules and regulations, but shall receive no extra
9 compensation therefor, and to provide for the time and place of
10 meetings of the Commission;

11 2. To appoint the Director of the Department of Veterans
12 Affairs and provide for the employment of all such other personnel
13 as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of Sections 63.1
14 through 63.4 of this title, and any other duties prescribed by law.
15 The salary and tenure of the Director of the Department shall be
16 determined by the Commission; and

17 3. To approve all claims or expenditures from such
18 appropriations as may be made to the Commission prior to the payment
19 thereof except as may be otherwise provided by law.

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

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