

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1846

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to veterans; defining terms;
8 directing the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs
9 to implement certain services; requiring the Director
10 to publicize information regarding certain services;
11 providing for codification; and providing an
12 effective date.

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

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

17 A. As used in this section:

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

22 2. "Veteran" means any person who is currently a resident of
23 this state who, due to services performed as a member of the Armed
24 Forces of the United States or the Reserve Corps of the Armed Forces

1 of the United States, is eligible for any state, local, or federal
2 benefit, program, or service for veterans.

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

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

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

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

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

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