

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 SENATE BILL 295

By: Corn

4
5
6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to military funeral honors; creating
8 the "Ray Corn Oklahoma Veterans Military Funeral
9 Honors Act"; providing short title; requiring the
10 Adjutant General to provide or coordinate military
11 funeral honors for certain persons; providing certain
12 compensation and assistance to veterans'
13 organizations; providing information to eligible
14 persons and funeral establishments; providing for
15 coordination with the War Veterans Commission of
16 Oklahoma and/or the Oklahoma Department of Veterans
17 Affairs; prohibiting funeral establishments from
18 making certain charges; requiring funeral
19 establishments to provide certain information to
20 eligible persons; providing for promulgation of
21 rules; creating the Ray Corn Oklahoma Veterans
22 Military Funeral Honors Act Revolving Fund; providing
23 for codification; and providing an effective date.
24

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 301 of Title 44, unless there is
21 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Ray Corn
23 Oklahoma Veterans Military Funeral Honors Act".
24

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 302 of Title 44, unless there is
3 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. When requested by the commander of any recognized veterans'
5 organization, military commander or by any friend or relative of a
6 deceased person or the funeral director as defined in Section 396.2
7 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes for any deceased person who was
8 serving at the time of death or who was honorably discharged or
9 discharged under honorable conditions from any branch of the armed
10 forces of the United States or a spouse of such person, the Adjutant
11 General shall, subject to appropriation, order the appropriate
12 requested uniformed honor detail to attend and render the
13 appropriate services or request and coordinate the appropriate
14 detail with a recognized veterans' organization. Subject to
15 appropriation, the Adjutant General shall ensure that appropriate
16 service records are collected authorizing the honor detail, shall
17 ensure that the honor detail meets the appropriate military
18 requirements for uniform and conduct, shall ensure that if a
19 recognized veterans' organization renders the services, the
20 organization is compensated for services through the Ray Corn
21 Oklahoma Veterans Military Funeral Honors Act Revolving Fund, shall
22 provide assistance in training honor details for recognized
23 veterans' organizations, and shall serve as the coordinator for
24 military funerals and such details when requested. The amount paid

1 veterans' organizations shall be determined by the Adjutant General.
2 The Adjutant General shall make available information of the
3 services provided by this act to Oklahoma National Guard servicemen
4 and women and their spouses and also provide such information to
5 funeral establishments as defined in Section 396.2 of Title 59 of
6 the Oklahoma Statutes. The Adjutant General shall coordinate with
7 the War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma and/or the Oklahoma
8 Department of Veterans Affairs as necessary to prevent duplication
9 of services.

10 B. Funeral establishments shall not charge the person or
11 persons who have requested funeral services for anything related to
12 military funeral honors as provided for in this act. Funeral
13 establishments shall provide information to eligible persons
14 requesting funeral services about the availability of military
15 funeral honor services provided in this act.

16 C. The Adjutant General shall promulgate such rules as are
17 necessary to administer the provisions of this act.

18 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 303 of Title 44, unless there is
20 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
22 for the Military Department of Oklahoma to be designated the "Ray
23 Corn Oklahoma Veterans Military Funeral Honors Act Revolving Fund".
24 The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year

1 limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the
2 Military Department of Oklahoma from the Legislature. All monies
3 accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may
4 be budgeted and expended by the Military Department of Oklahoma for
5 the purpose of providing military funeral honors services as
6 provided for in this act. Expenditures from the fund shall be made
7 upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as
8 prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval
9 and payment.

10 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

11
12 52-1-216 SJ 3/6/2009 3:39:03 AM

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24