

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 235

By: Simpson of the Senate

and

Hardin of the House

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9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 An Act relating to soldiers and sailors; amending 72  
11 O.S. 2011, Sections 2 and 5, which relate to  
12 eligibility; modifying terms and qualifications;  
13 updating reference; amending 72 O.S. 2011, Section  
14 50.22, which relates to service awards; making  
15 language gender neutral; amending 72 O.S. 2011,  
16 Section 202, which relates to management and control  
17 of Oklahoma Veterans Home; updating language;  
18 repealing 72 O.S. 2011, Sections 1, 4, 21, 31, 32,  
19 33, 41, 50.3 and 50.11, which relate to hawking and  
20 peddling, discharge, burial, patriotic and veterans'  
21 organizations, acknowledgments and subscriptions, and  
22 service in Canadian forces; and providing an  
23 effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2011, Section 2, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 2. The words "ex-service person" or "veteran" used in  
this act shall be construed to mean such honorably discharged  
persons as served in any branch of the ~~military or naval service~~

1 uniformed services of the United States ~~during the period of any war~~  
2 ~~in which the United States participated as a belligerent.~~

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2011, Section 5, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 5. The provisions of this act shall be available to any  
6 disabled person who served during ~~World War I and~~ World War II, or  
7 any State of National Emergency as declared by the President of the  
8 United States, in the military or naval forces of any nation allied  
9 or associated with the United States, provided that ~~said~~ the person  
10 was at the time of enlisting in ~~said~~ the military or naval forces a  
11 citizen of the United States and is a citizen of the United States  
12 at the time he or she applies for the benefit of this act; ~~provided,~~  
13 ~~such persons have complied with the provisions of Section 1 of this~~  
14 ~~act.~~

15 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2011, Section 50.22, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 50.22. The Governor shall fix the procedure in applying  
18 for and issuing of the ~~said~~ medal; ~~he~~ the Governor shall fix the  
19 manner and method of approving applications or recommendations for  
20 the ~~said~~ award.

21 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2011, Section 202, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 202. The Oklahoma Veterans ~~Home~~ Centers shall be under  
24 the management and control of the ~~War Veterans Commission of~~

1 ~~Oklahoma~~ Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs which shall ~~(a)~~  
2 make:

3 1. Make all necessary rules, and regulations and procedures for  
4 ~~the government of such institution and for admittance thereto, and~~  
5 ~~the welfare of the inmates thereof~~ operation and management of  
6 veterans centers operated by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans  
7 Affairs; ~~(b) appoint~~

8 2. Ensure compliance with all federal and state statutes and  
9 rules which are applicable to the operation of long-term care  
10 facilities;

11 3. Appoint and fix the duties and compensation of a  
12 ~~Superintendent~~ veterans center administrators and other necessary  
13 employees; ~~(c) furnish~~

14 4. Provide necessary clothing, food, ~~maintenance~~ and care to  
15 all ~~inmates~~ residents, including ~~medicine and medical attendance~~  
16 medications and proper medical care; ~~(d) provide a place of burial~~  
17 ~~and bury deceased inmates~~

18 5. Provide for the burial of deceased residents who have no  
19 surviving relatives or whose relatives do not claim their bodies;  
20 ~~and (e) discharge any inmate who refuses to observe the rules and~~  
21 ~~regulations governing such institution~~

22 6. Assure the protection of the rights of all residents,  
23 including the right to be free of neglect and abuse.

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SECTION 5. REPEALER 72 O.S. 2011, Sections 1, 4, 21, 31,  
32, 33, 41, 50.3 and 50.11, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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