

1 Section 2. The words "ex-service person" or "veteran" used in
2 this act shall be construed to mean such honorably discharged
3 persons as served in any branch of the ~~military or naval service~~
4 uniformed services of the United States ~~during the period of any war~~
5 ~~in which the United States participated as a belligerent.~~

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

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

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

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

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

3 Section 202. The Oklahoma Veterans ~~Home~~ Centers shall be under
4 the management and control of the ~~War Veterans Commission of~~
5 ~~Oklahoma~~ Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs which shall ~~(a)~~
6 ~~make:~~

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

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

15 3. Appoint and fix the duties and compensation of a
16 ~~Superintendent~~ veterans center administrators and other necessary
17 employees; ~~(c) furnish~~

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

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

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

5 SECTION 5. REPEALER 72 O.S. 2011, Sections 1, 4, 21, 31,
6 32, 33, 41, 50.3 and 50.11, are hereby repealed.

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

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9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,
10 dated 04/03/2013 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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