

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 20, 2013

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 235

6 By: Simpson of the Senate

7 and

8 Hardin of the House

9 [soldiers and sailors - modifying terms and
10 qualifications - management and control of Oklahoma
11 Veterans Home - repealer - effective date]

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

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

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

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

23 Section 5. The provisions of this act shall be available to any
24 disabled person who served during ~~World War I and~~ World War II, or

1 any State of National Emergency as declared by the President of the
2 United States, in the military or naval forces of any nation allied
3 or associated with the United States, provided that ~~said~~ the person
4 was at the time of enlisting in ~~said~~ the military or naval forces a
5 citizen of the United States and is a citizen of the United States
6 at the time he or she applies for the benefit of this act; ~~provided,~~
7 ~~such persons have complied with the provisions of Section 1 of this~~
8 ~~act.~~

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

11 Section 50.22. The Governor shall fix the procedure in applying
12 for and issuing of the ~~said~~ medal; ~~he~~ the Governor shall fix the
13 manner and method of approving applications or recommendations for
14 the ~~said~~ award.

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

17 Section 202. The Oklahoma Veterans ~~Home~~ Centers shall be under
18 the management and control of the ~~War Veterans Commission of~~
19 ~~Oklahoma~~ Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs which shall ~~(a)~~
20 ~~make:~~

21 1. Make all necessary rules, and regulations and procedures for
22 ~~the government of such institution and for admittance thereto, and~~
23 ~~the welfare of the inmates thereof~~ operation and management of

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1 veterans centers operated by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans
2 Affairs; ~~(b) appoint~~

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

6 3. Appoint and fix the duties and compensation of a
7 ~~Superintendent~~ veterans center administrators and other necessary
8 employees; ~~(e) furnish~~

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

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

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

19 SECTION 5. REPEALER 72 O.S. 2011, Sections 1, 4, 21, 31,
20 32, 33, 41, 50.3 and 50.11, are hereby repealed.

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

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
23 February 20, 2013 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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