

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 235

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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~~" word "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 of

1 the United States during the period of any war in which the United
2 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:

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1 Section 202. The Oklahoma Veterans Home shall be under the
2 management and control of the War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma
3 which shall ~~(a) make~~:

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

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

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

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

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

23 6. Assure the protection of the rights of all residents,
24 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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