

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2550

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8 An Act relating to soldiers and sailors; authorizing
9 the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs to accept
10 certain funds and property; authorizing certain
11 investments and sales; requiring Department to comply
12 with conditions of gifts except in certain
13 circumstances; prohibiting certain preferential
14 treatment; providing for codification; and providing
15 an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 66 of Title 72, unless there is
19 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs is hereby
21 authorized to accept and receive any and all gifts, donations,
22 devises, bequests, grants or contracts of any kind for money or
23 property, either real or personal, including but not limited to
24 military memorabilia, artifacts or equipment, whether conditionally
or unconditionally given.

1 B. The Department is directed, authorized and empowered to hold
2 such funds or property described in subsection A of this section
3 outright or in trust, invest or sell the funds and property and to
4 use the principal or interest or proceeds of sale for the benefit of
5 current or future veterans programs, facility construction, repair
6 or improvements or Department operations.

7 C. The Department shall utilize its best efforts to comply with
8 the terms of any conditional gift, devise or bequest in fulfillment
9 of the donor's stipulations and provisions of applicable laws. Any
10 real or personal property donated with conditions which are at any
11 time determined infeasible to meet or continue may be returned to
12 the donor, or if the donor is no longer living or no longer a
13 legally organized entity, then the property may be sold and the
14 proceeds of the sale deposited in the Department's general fund, or
15 the property may be further donated in kind to a veterans service
16 organization.

17 D. No administrator shall provide any preferential
18 consideration to a potential resident of any Oklahoma state veterans
19 homes in the course of the application and admission process due to
20 any prior or pledged gift, devise or bequest of any money or
21 property given or donated by the potential veteran resident or
22 immediate family member of the potential veteran resident.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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