

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 931

By: Simpson of the Senate

3 and

4 Hardin of the House

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6 An Act relating to soldiers and sailors; providing
7 authorization and procedure for the Oklahoma
8 Department of Veterans Affairs to accept certain
9 gifts; prohibiting preferential treatment under
10 certain circumstances; providing for codification;
11 and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 440 of Title 72, unless there is
15 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs may accept and
17 receive any and all gifts, donations, devices, bequests, grants or
18 contracts of any kind for money or property, either real or personal
19 including but not limited to military memorabilia, artifacts or
20 equipment, whether conditionally or unconditionally given.

21 B. The Department is directed, authorized and empowered to hold
22 such funds or property outright or in trust, invest or sell the
23 property, and to use the principal or interest or proceeds of sale
24 for the benefit of current or future Veterans programs, facility
construction, repair or improvements or departmental operations.

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

11 D. No administrator shall provide any preferential
12 consideration to a potential resident of any Oklahoma state veterans
13 homes in the course of the application and admission process due to
14 any prior or pledged gift, devise or bequest of any money or
15 property given or donated by the potential veteran resident or
16 immediate family member of the potential veteran resident.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.
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1 Passed the Senate the 5th day of March, 2018.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2018.

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