

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2550

By: Hardin of the House

and

Simpson of the Senate

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

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

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

23 A. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs is hereby
24 authorized to accept and receive any and all gifts, donations,
25 devises, bequests, grants or contracts of any kind for money or
26 property, either real or personal, including but not limited to

1 military memorabilia, artifacts or equipment, whether conditionally
2 or unconditionally given.

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

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

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,
dated 02/07/2018 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.