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February 15, 2018

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 931

By: Simpson of the Senate

and

Hardin of the House

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

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

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

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

B. The Department is directed, authorized and empowered to hold such funds or property outright or in trust, invest or sell the

1 property, and to use the principal or interest or proceeds of sale
2 for the benefit of current or future Veterans programs, facility
3 construction, repair or improvements or departmental operations.

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

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

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

21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
22 February 15, 2018 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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