

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 443

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Department of Veterans
8 Affairs; amending 72 O.S. 2011, Section 63.3, as
9 amended by Section 4, Chapter 262, O.S.L. 2014 (72
10 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 63.3), which relates to the
11 powers and duties of the Oklahoma Veterans
12 Commission; deleting the Commission's power to
13 appoint the Director; specifying the Governor shall
14 have the power to appoint the Director subject to
15 Senate confirmation; requiring that the Director have
16 certain experience; and providing an effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2011, Section 63.3, as
19 amended by Section 4, Chapter 262, O.S.L. 2014 (72 O.S. Supp. 2016,
20 Section 63.3), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 63.3. The Oklahoma Veterans Commission shall perform
22 all acts necessary or proper to afford emergency, temporary and
23 permanent relief and assistance to all honorably discharged ex-
24 service persons of all wars of the United States of America and to
their dependents, and shall perform such other duties as may be
prescribed by law. The Commission shall promulgate rules and
regulations, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act,

1 for the operation and maintenance of the Department of Veterans
2 Affairs; provided, however, in all cases priority and preference
3 shall always be given to disabled or diseased ex-service persons.
4 The members of the Commission shall be reimbursed for necessary
5 travel as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act. In
6 addition to its other powers and duties as herein provided, the
7 Commission shall have the following specific powers and duties which
8 shall, however, not be deemed to be exclusive:

9 1. To organize itself by the election of a Chairman, Vice
10 Chairman and Secretary, who shall perform the duties required of
11 them by the rules and regulations, but shall receive no extra
12 compensation therefor, and to provide for the time and place of
13 meetings of the Commission;

14 2. To ~~appoint the Director of the Department of Veterans~~
15 ~~Affairs and~~ provide for the employment of all such other personnel
16 as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of Sections 63.1
17 through 63.4 of this title, and any other duties prescribed by law.
18 The Governor shall have the power and duty to select a Director,
19 subject to the confirmation by the Senate. The Director shall have
20 skill and experience in a medical setting, including a minimum of
21 ten (10) years of experience as an administrator or director of a
22 medical or long-term care facility. The salary and tenure of the
23 Director of the Department shall be determined by the Commission;
24 and

1 3. To approve all claims or expenditures from such
2 appropriations as may be made to the Commission prior to the payment
3 thereof except as may be otherwise provided by law.
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5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.
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