

OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President:

Date: 5-23-2017

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

SB 456

By: Newhouse et al of the Senate and McDugle of the House

Title: Soldiers and sailors; directing the Department of Veterans Affairs to create a registry for service-disabled veterans. Effective date.

together with Engrossed House Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

1. That the House recede from all Amendments.
2. That the attached Conference Committee Substitute be adopted.

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General Conference Committee on Appropriations

Senate Action _____ Date _____ House Action _____ Date _____

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL NO. 456

By: Newhouse, Scott and Sharp
of the Senate

and

McDugle of the House

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to veterans; amending Section 1 of Enrolled House Bill No. 1189 of the 1st Session of the 56th Legislature; modifying the registry to allow development of a separate list of all 100% service-disabled veterans within the registry; and requiring the Department to verify the service disability status of all 100% service disabled veterans in the registry every four years; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1 of Enrolled House Bill No. 1198 of the 1st Session of the 56th Oklahoma Legislature, is amended to read as follows:

Section 421. A. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall create and maintain a registry of all veterans in this state by January 1, 2020. The registry shall include the following information regarding the veteran:

1 1. Name;

2 2. Military ranking and branch of service;

3 3. Dates of service; ~~and~~

4 4. Documentation of one hundred percent (100%) service-
5 disability, if applicable; and

6 5. Date of death and place of burial, if applicable.

7 B. As a component of the veterans registry created pursuant to
8 subsection A of this section, the Oklahoma Department of Veterans
9 Affairs shall designate those veterans within the registry as one
10 hundred percent (100%) service-disabled Oklahoma veterans, if
11 applicable. The registry designation shall also be maintained as a
12 separate list within the registry for all one hundred percent (100%)
13 service-disabled Oklahoma veterans. The Department shall be
14 responsible for verification of all information provided through the
15 registry and shall verify veteran service disability status at least
16 once every four (4) years.

17 C. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall promulgate
18 rules for implementing the provisions of this section.

19 ~~C.~~ D. For purposes of this section, "veteran" means a person
20 who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States
21 who was discharged or released with an honorable discharge. For
22 those veterans with a designation of one hundred percent (100%)
23 service-disabled, the veteran shall have been assigned a disability
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percentage of one hundred percent (100%) by the United States
Department of Veterans Affairs.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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