

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 7, 2019

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 358

By: Simpson of the Senate

and

Hardin (Tommy) of the House

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9 An Act relating to soldiers and sailors; amending
10 Section 1, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2017, as amended by
11 Section 1, Chapter 387, O.S.L. 2017 (72 O.S. Supp.
12 2018, Section 421), which relates to the Oklahoma
13 Department of Veterans Affairs Registry; requiring
14 certain designation; modifying requirement for
15 certain information; modifying requirement for
16 promulgation of rules; modifying definition;
17 requiring the State Department of Health to provide
18 certain notification in certain circumstances;
19 prohibiting the release of certain social security
20 numbers; specifying certain information to be
21 transmitted; providing for codification; and
22 providing an effective date.

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

24 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 229, O.S.L.
2017, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 387, O.S.L. 2017 (72 O.S.
Supp. 2018, Section 421), 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, which shall be titled the "Oklahoma Veterans

1 Registry". The registry shall include the following information
2 regarding the veteran:

3 1. Name;

4 2. Military ~~ranking~~ rank and branch of service;

5 3. Dates of service;

6 4. ~~Documentation~~ Percentage of ~~one hundred percent (100%)~~

7 ~~service disability,~~ service-connected disability, if applicable; ~~and~~

8 5. Date of death and place of ~~burial~~ interment, if applicable;

9 and

10 6. Name of the veteran's spouse, if applicable.

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

21 C. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs ~~shall~~ may
22 promulgate rules for implementing the provisions of this section.

23 D. For purposes of this section, "veteran" ~~means a person who~~
24 ~~served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States who~~

1 ~~was discharged or released with an honorable discharge. For those~~
2 ~~veterans with a designation of one hundred percent (100%) service-~~
3 ~~disabled, the veteran shall have been assigned a disability~~
4 ~~percentage of one hundred percent (100%) by the United States~~
5 ~~Department of Veterans Affairs shall have the same meaning as~~
6 specified in Section 2 of this title.

7 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-317b of Title 63, unless there
9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 The Commissioner of the State Department of Health shall
11 authorize the regular transmission of a list to the Oklahoma
12 Department of Veterans Affairs of all registered deaths of residents
13 of this state that have occurred within the state and who are
14 indicated to be a veteran on the death record. The Oklahoma
15 Department of Veterans Affairs shall use the transmitted list to
16 identify Oklahoma veterans, as defined in Section 2 of Title 72 of
17 the Oklahoma Statutes, for purposes of populating, updating and
18 maintaining the veterans registry established in Section 421 of
19 Title 72 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The Social Security Number of an
20 individual veteran shall not be released as a part of the registry.
21 The State Department of Health shall transmit to the Oklahoma
22 Department of Veterans Affairs the following:

- 23 1. Veteran's name;
- 24 2. Social Security Number;

1 3. Date of death; and

2 4. Place of interment, if applicable.

3 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
5 February 7, 2019 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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