

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1587

By: Simpson and Bergstrom of
the Senate

3 and

4 Hardin (Tommy) of the House

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6 An Act relating to veterans; creating the K-I-A
7 Reinterment Fund; specifying use of fund; requiring
8 Director to establish procedure and criteria;
9 providing for codification; providing an effective
date; and declaring an emergency.

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

11 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 35 of Title 72, unless there is
13 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a fund for the
15 Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated the "K-I-A
16 Reinterment Fund". The fund balance shall not exceed Three Hundred
17 Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) and shall consist of:

18 1. All monies apportioned or allocated to the fund pursuant to
19 law;

20 2. Any amounts appropriated by the Legislature to the fund; and

21 3. Gifts, grants, and other donations received for the fund.

22 B. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby
23 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Department of
24 Veterans Affairs for the purposes of disinterring those who were

1 killed in action while in combat with a hostile force and
2 reinterment in a State Veterans Cemetery. Expenditures from the
3 fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer
4 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the
5 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and
6 payment.

7 C. The Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall
8 establish the application procedure and the criteria for awarding
9 financial assistance.

10 D. All applications for reinterment shall be approved by the
11 Oklahoma Veterans Commission.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

13 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
14 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
15 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
16 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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1 Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 2022.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2022.

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