

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 285

By: Simpson of the Senate

3 and

4 Hardin (Tommy) of the House

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7 An Act relating to soldiers and sailors; requiring
8 the Department of Veterans Affairs to evaluate the
9 Union Soldiers Home; requiring determination of
10 measures and funds necessary to meet United States
11 Department of Veterans Affairs standards; requiring
12 submission of findings to the President Pro Tempore
of the Senate and Speaker of the House; authorizing
the Department to seek assistance from the Adjutant
General and state agencies; providing for
codification; providing an effective date; and
declaring an emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 118 of Title 44, unless there is
18 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall evaluate
20 the condition of the land and property known as the Union Soldiers
21 Home and determine the measures and the amount of funds necessary to
22 meet all standards required by the United States Department of
23 Veterans Affairs including those required to designate the property
24 as a State Veterans Cemetery. The Department shall submit a report

1 to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the
2 House of Representatives by November 1, 2021.

3 B. The Department is authorized to seek assistance from the
4 Adjutant General and any state agency as necessary to fulfill the
5 requirements of this section.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.

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

11 Passed the Senate the 4th day of March, 2021.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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15 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
16 2021.

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