

# An Act

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 285

By: Simpson of the Senate

and

Hardin (Tommy) of the House

An Act relating to soldiers and sailors; requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to evaluate the Union Soldiers Home; requiring determination of measures and funds necessary to meet United States Department of Veterans Affairs standards; requiring 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.

SUBJECT: Oklahoma Department of Veteran Affairs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 15th day of April, 2021.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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