

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 BILL NO. 1587

 By: Simpson and Bergstrom of
 the Senate

6 and

7 Hardin (Tommy) and **Fugate**
8 of the House

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10 An Act relating to veterans; creating the K-I-A
11 Reinterment Fund; specifying use of fund; requiring
12 Director to establish procedure and criteria;
 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 35 of Title 72, unless there is
18 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

23 1. All monies apportioned or allocated to the fund pursuant to
24 law;

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

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

3 B. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby
4 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Department of
5 Veterans Affairs for the purposes of disinterring those who were
6 killed in action while in combat with a hostile force and
7 reinterment in a State Veterans Cemetery. Expenditures from the
8 fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer
9 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the
10 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and
11 payment.

12 C. The Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall
13 establish the application procedure and the criteria for awarding
14 financial assistance.

15 D. All applications for reinterment shall be approved by the
16 Oklahoma Veterans Commission.

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

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

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23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,
24 dated 04/06/2022 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.