

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 BILL NO. 285

By: Simpson of the Senate

and

Hardin (Tommy) of the House

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

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

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

25 A. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall evaluate
26 the condition of the land and property known as the Union Soldiers
27 Home and determine the measures and the amount of funds necessary to

1 meet all standards required by the United States Department of
2 Veterans Affairs including those required to designate the property
3 as a State Veterans Cemetery. The Department shall submit a report
4 to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the
5 House of Representatives by November 1, 2021.

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

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

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

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15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,
16 dated 03/30/2021 - DO PASS.
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