

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 16, 2022

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 1587

By: Simpson of the Senate

and

Hardin (Tommy) of the House

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8 **[veterans - K-I-A Reinterment Fund - codification -
effective date -**

9 **emergency]**

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 B. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby
24 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Department of

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

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

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

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

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

18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
19 February 16, 2022 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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