

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

SENATE BILL 1587

By: Simpson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to veterans; creating the K-I-A Reinterment Fund; specifying use of fund; requiring Director to establish procedure and criteria; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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 35 of Title 72, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

1. All monies apportioned or allocated to the fund pursuant to law;
2. Any amounts appropriated by the Legislature to the fund; and
3. Gifts, grants, and other donations received for the fund.

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

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

13 D. All applications for reinterment shall be approved by the
14 Oklahoma Veterans Commission.

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

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