

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

SENATE BILL 1598

By: Simpson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to veterans centers; amending 72 O.S. 2021, Section 221, which relates to establishment and purposes of veterans centers; authorizing certain homes to specialize in certain healthcare; removing requirement for certain locations; creating certain exemptions; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2021, Section 221, is amended to read as follows:

Section 221. A. There is hereby established at Sulphur, Oklahoma, on the site of the former Oklahoma State Veterans Hospital, ~~and~~ the Oklahoma State Veterans Home of Sulphur. The Oklahoma Veterans Commission is authorized to renovate and repurpose the State Veterans Home of Sulphur to specialize in services supporting the long-term care needs of veterans who require both nursing home care and specialized cognitive care. The Department of Veterans Affairs is authorized to obtain such licensure, certification, accreditation, partnerships, contract services,

1 infrastructure, or staffing as is beneficial or necessary to provide
2 advanced services to veterans requiring specialized cognitive care.

3 B. There is hereby established at Ardmore, Oklahoma, the
4 Oklahoma State Veterans Home in accordance with Section 229.1 of
5 this title, on the site of the Oklahoma State Veterans Home
6 Facilities, and at Norman, Oklahoma, on the site of the Veterans
7 Ward of the Griffin Memorial Hospital, further described as follows:

8 ~~Starting at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE~~
9 ~~1/4) of Section twenty-nine (29), Township nine (9) North, Range two~~
10 ~~(2) West, of the Indian Meridian; thence North seventeen hundred~~
11 ~~(1700) feet to a point on the East boundary of Section twenty-nine~~
12 ~~(29), Township nine (9) North, Range two (2) West; thence West six~~
13 ~~hundred (600) feet; thence South eight hundred fifty (850) feet;~~
14 ~~thence West three hundred twenty five (325) feet; thence South four~~
15 ~~hundred (400) feet; thence in a Southwest direction five hundred~~
16 ~~forty (540) feet to a point on the South boundary of the Northeast~~
17 ~~Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section twenty-nine (29), Township nine (9)~~
18 ~~North, Range two (2) West of the Indian Meridian; thence East a~~
19 ~~distance of one thousand two hundred twenty three (1,223) feet to~~
20 ~~the point of beginning;~~

21 ~~facilities to be known as the Oklahoma Veterans Centers (for the~~
22 ~~purpose of securing special treatment or hospitalization the~~
23 ~~adjoining facilities of Griffin Memorial Hospital shall be~~
24 ~~considered an integral part of the Oklahoma Veterans Centers at~~

1 ~~Norman, and may be utilized to care for eligible veterans), which~~
2 ~~shall be available for care of war veterans discharged other than~~
3 ~~under dishonorable conditions.~~ located at the East Half (E 1/2) of
4 the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) and the West Half (W 1/2) of the
5 Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 28, Township 9 North, Range 2
6 West, Indian Meridian, Cleveland County, said tract containing 160
7 acres, more or less.

8 C. Further provided such centers The Oklahoma State Veterans
9 Homes established in this section shall be under the administration
10 and control of the Oklahoma Veterans Commission. No person
11 discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions shall
12 be admitted to an Oklahoma State Veterans Home established in this
13 section.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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