

FLOOR AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB3747 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by
inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

Amendment submitted by: Jim Grego

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 3747

By: Grego

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to soldiers and sailors; amending 72 O.S. 2021, Section 225, which relates to the Oklahoma Veterans Commission; adding Commission powers and duties; creating alternative to State Veterans Home care under certain conditions; requiring the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs to pay for stays at private nursing facilities under certain conditions; limiting the Department's liability for failure to procure Veteran facility placement under certain circumstances; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2021, Section 225, is amended to read as follows:

Section 225. The Oklahoma Veterans Commission, in addition to its other powers and duties as herein provided, shall have the following specific powers and duties which shall, however, not be deemed to be exclusive: (a) To make necessary rules and regulations not inconsistent with Section 221 et seq. of this title for the operation of the institutions. (b) To rule upon eligibility of applicant and requirements for admission to the institution. (c) To

1 appoint all administrative personnel and provide for the employment
2 of all such other personnel as may be necessary to carry out the
3 provisions of Section 221 et seq. of this title and any other duties
4 as may be prescribed by law. The salaries and tenure of office of
5 all personnel shall be determined by the Commission. (d) To approve
6 or disapprove all claims or expenditures from such appropriations as
7 may be made to the Commission prior to the payment thereof, except
8 as may be otherwise provided by law. (e) To enter into agreement or
9 contract with the Director of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
10 Services, or other departments of the State of Oklahoma, to provide
11 necessary services to carry out the provisions of Section 221 et
12 seq. of this title. (f) To enter into agreement or contract with
13 the Veterans Administration, or other appropriate federal agency now
14 in existence or hereafter created, to provide necessary services to
15 carry out the provisions of this act; including but not limited to,
16 agreements by which the federal government contributes funds for the
17 construction of buildings in whole or in part. (g) To contract, as
18 herein provided or as otherwise provided by law, to remodel,
19 construct, repair, build additions, modernize or add improvements
20 necessary for hospitalization and domiciliary care of veteran
21 patients, members, or employee housing, using funds available by
22 law. (h) To expend necessary sums from funds provided by law, to
23 provide architectural plans, specifications, costs or other
24 information required by the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, or

1 other appropriate federal agency, as basis of application for
2 approval to receive federal grant of funds to remodel, repair,
3 construct, build additions, modernize, or added improvements of
4 domiciliary or hospital buildings necessary for the care of
5 veterans, including tuberculosis, mentally ill, and neuro-
6 psychiatric, but not excluding others. (i) To enter into agreements
7 or contracts with private nursing facilities to provide necessary
8 services to eligible Oklahoma Veterans who reside more than one
9 hundred (100) miles from a State Veterans Home in accordance with
10 the provisions of this act.

11 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 240.1 of Title 72, unless there
13 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 A. If an eligible Oklahoma Veteran, at the time of his or her
15 application for admission to a State Veterans Home, resides with
16 family members more than one hundred (100) miles from a State
17 Veterans Home, the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs
18 (Department) shall pay for a bed at a long-term, skilled nursing
19 care facility located within one hundred (100) miles of the eligible
20 Oklahoma Veteran's residence.

21 B. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, payment for a
22 bed at a long-term, skilled nursing care facility pursuant to this
23 section shall be subject to available federal and state funds.

1 C. If, after the Department has attempted good faith
2 negotiations with all applicable facilities located within the one
3 hundred (100) mile radius of the eligible veteran's residence, the
4 Department is unable to procure placement of an eligible veteran
5 under this section, the Department shall not be liable for failure
6 to place such veteran in a facility pursuant to this section.

7 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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