

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 SENATE BILL 1354

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to veterans; requiring the Oklahoma
8 Department of Veterans Affairs to create certain
9 program to provide certain headstone or marker;
10 providing certain requirements for certain headstone
11 or marker; providing certain burial grant for certain
12 eligible persons; providing certain eligibility
13 requirements; requiring certain promulgation of
14 rules; creating certain revolving fund; providing for
15 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 37 of Title 72, unless there is
19 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall establish
21 a program to provide any eligible person or veteran of the Oklahoma
22 National Guard who meets the requirements set forth in subsection B
23 of this section to receive a proper memorial headstone or marker
24 meeting the same physical standards for size, material, composition,
placement, and informational content of the provisions of 38 U.S.C.,
Section 2306. The program shall provide a burial grant for any
veteran or any person who qualifies for reimbursement, as determined

1 by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. Reimbursement shall
2 be provided from the National Guard Veteran Burial Revolving Fund
3 established in Section 2 of this act.

4 B. To be eligible for the program, the member shall:

5 1. Have served six (6) or more years in the Oklahoma National
6 Guard;

7 2. Have died as a resident of this state;

8 3. Have been separated or discharged from service honorably or
9 under honorable conditions; and

10 4. Not qualify to receive a proper memorial headstone or marker
11 pursuant to 38 U.S.C., Section 2306.

12 C. An application process for the implementation of this
13 program shall be developed by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans
14 Affairs.

15 D. The Oklahoma Veterans Commission shall promulgate any rules
16 necessary for the implementation of this act.

17 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 38 of Title 72, unless there is
19 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
21 to be designated the "National Guard Veteran Burial Revolving Fund",
22 which shall be administered by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans
23 Affairs. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal
24 year limitations, and shall consist of any legislative

1 appropriations, donations, and gifts received from any individuals
2 or organizations. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are
3 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma
4 Department of Veterans Affairs to provide a proper memorial
5 headstone or marker to an eligible person or veteran of the Oklahoma
6 National Guard who meets the requirements set forth in Section 1 of
7 this act.

8 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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