

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 4279

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; amending 72 O.S. 2021, Section 222, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 42, O.S.L. 2024 (72 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 222); renaming and reclassifying a fund; amending authorized revenues into fund; prohibiting state appropriations into fund; exempting fund from certain actions; requiring the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs to keep certain records; requiring certain audits; requiring certain reports; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2021, Section 222, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 42, O.S.L. 2024 (72 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 222), is amended to read as follows:

A. There is hereby created ~~in the State Treasury a revolving fund~~ an agency special account for the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs to be known as the "Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs ~~Revolving~~ Nonappropriated Veteran Care Enterprise Fund". The ~~revolving fund~~ agency special account shall consist of all funds and monies received by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs,

1 its constituent institutions, ~~and/or~~ or the Oklahoma Veterans
2 Commission, from any gifts, contributions, bequests, ~~individual~~
3 ~~reimbursements~~ fees for service except as otherwise provided by law,
4 and other sources of revenue, for the care or support of war
5 veterans discharged other than under dishonorable conditions, who
6 have been admitted and cared for at the Oklahoma Department of
7 Veterans Affairs ~~Centers~~ Homes at Ardmore, Claremore, Clinton,
8 Lawton/Ft. Sill, Norman, Sulphur or Sallisaw. Provided, no grants-
9 in-aid, reimbursements, or other revenue from the United States
10 government or any instrumentality of the United States government,
11 or state appropriations shall be deposited in the fund. Provided
12 further, nothing contained herein prohibits the establishment and
13 utilization of special agency accounts by the Oklahoma Department of
14 Veterans Affairs and its constituent institutions, as may be
15 approved by the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise
16 Services, for receipt and disbursement of the personal funds of
17 Veteran ~~Center~~ Home ~~patients and members~~ residents and/or for
18 receipt and disbursement of charitable contributions and donations
19 for use by and for ~~patients and members~~ residents.

20 B. The ~~revolving fund~~ agency special account herein created
21 shall be used by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs to pay
22 for the care of war veterans discharged other than under
23 dishonorable conditions, in Veterans ~~Centers~~ Homes, to pay the
24 general operating expenses of the Veterans ~~Centers~~ Homes, including

1 the payment of salaries and wages of officials and employees, to pay
2 for the employee safety programs and incentive awards provided for
3 in Section 63.10a of this title, and to remodel, repair, construct,
4 build additions, modernize, or add improvements of domiciliary or
5 hospital buildings necessary for the care of veterans, including
6 tuberculosis, mentally ill or neuropsychiatric patients, but not
7 excluding others; and architectural plans, specifications, or other
8 costs pertinent thereto.

9 ~~C. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs may transfer~~
10 ~~monies from the revolving fund created in this section to the W.V.C.~~
11 ~~Revolving Fund in the State Treasury.~~

12 ~~D. All expenditures from the revolving fund shall be made upon~~
13 ~~warrants issued by the State Treasurer based upon claims approved by~~
14 ~~the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, as provided by law, and~~
15 ~~filed with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise~~
16 ~~Services for approval and payment~~ agency special account are exempt
17 from the requirement of deposit in the State Treasury and from
18 disbursement through the Office of Management and Enterprise
19 Services.

20 D. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall:

21 1. Maintain accounting records for exempt funds on a basis
22 consistent with applicable federal requirements;

23 2. Submit quarterly informational reports to the Governor,
24 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the President Pro

1 Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, and the Director of Office of
2 Management and Enterprise Services identifying sources, amounts,
3 purposes, and expenditures of such funds; and

4 3. Remain subject to examination by the State Auditor and
5 Inspector and to all federal audit and compliance requirements.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

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

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