An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 235

By: Simpson, Fields and Shortey of the Senate

and

Hardin, Pittman and Morrissette of the House

An Act relating to soldiers and sailors; amending 72 O.S. 2011, Sections 2 and 5, which relate to eligibility; modifying terms and qualifications; updating reference; amending 72 O.S. 2011, Section 50.22, which relates to service awards; making language gender neutral; amending 72 O.S. 2011, Section 202, which relates to management and control of Oklahoma Veterans Home; updating language; repealing 72 O.S. 2011, Sections 1, 4, 21, 31, 32, 33, 41, 50.3 and 50.11, which relate to hawking and peddling, discharge, burial, patriotic and veterans' organizations, acknowledgments and subscriptions, and service in Canadian forces; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Veterans

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2011, Section 2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2. The words "ex-service person" <u>or "veteran"</u> used in this act shall be construed to mean such honorably discharged persons as served in any branch of the ~~military or naval service~~

uniformed services of the United States ~~during the period of any war in which the United States participated as a belligerent~~.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2011, Section 5, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5. The provisions of this act shall be available to any disabled person who served during ~~World War I and~~ World War II, or any State of National Emergency as declared by the President of the United States, in the military or naval forces of any nation allied or associated with the United States, provided that ~~said~~ the person was at the time of enlisting in ~~said~~ the military or naval forces a citizen of the United States and is a citizen of the United States at the time he or she applies for the benefit of this act~~; provided, such persons have complied with the provisions of Section 1 of this act~~.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2011, Section 50.22, is amended to read as follows:

Section 50.22 The Governor shall fix the procedure in applying for and issuing of the ~~said~~ medal; ~~he~~ the Governor shall fix the manner and method of approving applications or recommendations for the ~~said~~ award.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2011, Section 202, is amended to read as follows:

Section 202. The Oklahoma Veterans ~~Home~~ Centers shall be under the management and control of the ~~War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma~~ Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs which shall ~~(a) make~~:

1. Make all necessary rules, ~~and~~ regulations and procedures for the ~~government of such institution and for admittance thereto, and the welfare of the inmates thereof~~ operation and management of veterans centers operated by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; ~~(b) appoint~~

2. Ensure compliance with all federal and state statutes and rules which are applicable to the operation of long-term care facilities;

3. Appoint and fix the duties and compensation of ~~a Superintendent~~ veterans center administrators and other necessary employees; ~~(c) furnish~~

4. Provide necessary clothing, food, ~~maintenance~~ and care to all ~~inmates~~ residents, including ~~medicine and medical attendance~~ medications and proper medical care; ~~(d) provide a place of burial and bury deceased inmates~~

5. Provide for the burial of deceased residents who have no surviving relatives or whose relatives do not claim their bodies; and ~~(e) discharge any inmate who refuses to observe the rules and regulations governing such institution~~

6. Assure the protection of the rights of all residents, including the right to be free of neglect and abuse.

SECTION 5. REPEALER 72 O.S. 2011, Sections 1, 4, 21, 31, 32, 33, 41, 50.3 and 50.11, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate the 2nd day of May, 2013.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 22nd day of April, 2013.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this Monday

day of 6, 20 13, at 2:48 o'clock P M.

By: Kandi C. Batts

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 10th

day of May, 20 13, at 12:40 o'clock P M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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