

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 March 28, 2019

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
4 BILL NO. 1041

By: Burns of the House

and

Simpson of the Senate

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8 An Act relating to soldiers and sailors; amending  
9 Section 1, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2017, as amended by  
10 Section 1, Chapter 387, O.S.L. 2017 (72 O.S. Supp.  
11 2018, Section 421), which relates to a veterans  
12 registry; providing registry name; modifying required  
13 veteran information; modifying definition; directing  
14 the State Commissioner of Health to transmit certain  
15 list and information to the Oklahoma Department of  
16 Veterans Affairs; directing the Department to utilize  
17 list and information to maintain certain registry;  
18 providing for codification; and providing an  
19 effective date.

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

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 229, O.S.L.  
22 2017, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 387, O.S.L. 2017 (72 O.S.  
23 Supp. 2018, Section 421), is amended to read as follows:

24 Section 421. A. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs  
shall create and maintain a registry of all veterans in this state  
by January 1, 2020. The registry shall be designated the "Oklahoma  
Veterans Registry" and shall include the following information  
regarding the veteran:

- 1 1. Name;
- 2 2. Military ~~ranking~~ rank and branch of service;
- 3 3. Dates of service;
- 4 4. ~~Documentation~~ Percentage of ~~one hundred percent (100%)~~  
5 ~~service-disability~~ service-connected disability, if applicable; and
- 6 5. Date of death and place of ~~burial~~ interment, if applicable;
- 7 and
- 8 6. Name of spouse, if applicable.

9 B. As a component of the veterans registry created pursuant to  
10 subsection A of this section, the Oklahoma Department of Veterans  
11 Affairs shall designate those veterans within the registry as one-  
12 hundred-percent ~~(100%)~~ service-disabled Oklahoma veterans, if  
13 applicable. The registry designation shall also be maintained as a  
14 separate list within the registry for all one-hundred-percent ~~(100%)~~  
15 service-disabled Oklahoma veterans. The Department shall be  
16 responsible for verification of all information provided through the  
17 registry and shall verify veteran service disability status at least  
18 once every four (4) years.

19 C. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall promulgate  
20 rules for implementing the provisions of this section.

21 D. For purposes of this section, "veteran" ~~means a person who~~  
22 ~~served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States who~~  
23 ~~was discharged or released with an honorable discharge. For those~~  
24 ~~veterans with a designation of one hundred percent (100%) service-~~

1 ~~disabled, the veteran shall have been assigned a disability~~  
2 ~~percentage of one hundred percent (100%) by the United States~~  
3 ~~Department of Veterans Affairs shall have the same meaning as~~  
4 specified in Section 2 of this title.

5 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-317b of Title 63, unless there  
7 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 The State Commissioner of Health shall authorize the regular  
9 transmission of a list to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans  
10 Affairs of all registered deaths of residents of this state that  
11 have occurred within the state and who are indicated to be a veteran  
12 on the death record. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs  
13 shall use the transmitted list to identify Oklahoma veterans, as  
14 defined in Section 2 of Title 72 of the Oklahoma Statutes, for  
15 purposes of populating, updating and maintaining the veterans  
16 registry established in Section 421 of Title 72 of the Oklahoma  
17 Statutes. The Social Security number of an individual veteran shall  
18 not be released as a part of the registry. The State Health  
19 Department shall transmit to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans  
20 Affairs the following information regarding:

- 21 1. The veteran's name;
- 22 2. The veteran's Social Security number;
- 23 3. Date of death; and
- 24 4. Place of interment, if applicable.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
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