

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

3 HOUSE BILL 3928

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to veterans; amending 72 O.S. 2021,
8 Section 221, which relates to State Veterans Homes at
9 Sulphur and Ardmore; authorizing Oklahoma Veterans
10 Commission to renovate the home at Sulphur to provide
11 specialized care; permitting Oklahoma Department of
12 Veterans Affairs to obtain certain designations to
13 provide advanced services and care; prohibiting
14 admission for person dishonorably discharged from
15 military service; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2021, Section 221, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 221. A. There is hereby established at Sulphur,
Oklahoma, on the site of the former Oklahoma State Veterans
Hospital, ~~and~~ the State Veterans Home of Sulphur. The Oklahoma
Veterans Commission is authorized to renovate and repurpose the
State Veterans Home of Sulphur to specialize in services supporting
the long-term care needs of veterans who require both nursing home
care and specialized cognitive care. The Oklahoma Department of
Veterans Affairs is authorized to obtain such licensure,

1 certification, accreditation, partnerships, contract services,
2 infrastructure, or staffing as is beneficial or necessary to provide
3 advanced services to veterans requiring specialized cognitive care.

4 B. There is hereby established at Ardmore, Oklahoma, on the
5 site of the Oklahoma State Veterans Home Facilities, and at Norman,
6 Oklahoma, on the site of the Veterans Ward of the Griffin Memorial
7 Hospital, further described as follows:

8 Starting at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE
9 1/4) of Section twenty-nine (29), Township nine (9) North, Range
10 two (2) West, of the Indian Meridian; thence North seventeen
11 hundred (1700) feet to a point on the East boundary of Section
12 twenty-nine (29), Township nine (9) North, Range two (2) West;
13 thence West six hundred (600) feet; thence South eight hundred
14 fifty (850) feet; thence West three hundred twenty-five (325)
15 feet; thence South four hundred (400) feet; thence in a
16 Southwest direction five hundred forty (540) feet to a point on
17 the South boundary of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section
18 twenty-nine (29), Township nine (9) North, Range two (2) West of
19 the Indian Meridian; thence East a distance of one thousand two
20 hundred twenty-three (1,223) feet to the point of beginning;
21 facilities to be known as the Oklahoma Veterans Centers (for the
22 purpose of securing special treatment or hospitalization the
23 adjoining facilities of Griffin Memorial Hospital shall be
24 considered an integral part of the Oklahoma Veterans Centers at

1 ~~Norman, and may be utilized to care for eligible veterans), which~~
2 ~~shall be available for care of war veterans discharged other than~~
3 ~~under dishonorable conditions. Further provided such centers in~~
4 accordance with Section 229.1 of this title, the State Veterans Home
5 of Ardmore.

6 C. The State Veterans Homes established in this section shall
7 be under the administration and control of the Oklahoma Veterans
8 Commission. No person discharged from military service with a
9 dishonorable discharge shall be admitted to the State Veterans Homes
10 established in this section.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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