

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 SENATE BILL 511

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to veterans; amending 72 O.S. 2021,
8 Section 221, as amended by Section 10, Chapter 83,
9 O.S.L. 2022 (72 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 221), which
10 relates to State Veterans Homes at Sulphur and
11 Ardmore; authorizing Oklahoma Veterans Commission to
12 renovate the home at Sulphur to provide specialized
13 care; permitting Oklahoma Department of Veterans
14 Affairs to obtain certain designations to provide
15 advanced services and care; prohibiting admission for
16 person dishonorably discharged from military service;
17 and providing an effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2021, Section 221, as
20 amended by Section 10, Chapter 83, O.S.L. 2022 (72 O.S. Supp. 2022,
21 Section 221), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 221. A. There is hereby established at Sulphur,
23 Oklahoma, on the site of the former Oklahoma State Veterans
24 Hospital, ~~and~~ the State Veterans Home of Sulphur. The Oklahoma
25 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

1 care and specialized cognitive care. The Oklahoma Department of
2 Veterans Affairs is authorized to obtain such licensure,
3 certification, accreditation, partnerships, contract services,
4 infrastructure, or staffing as is beneficial or necessary to provide
5 advanced services to veterans requiring specialized cognitive care.

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

10 Starting at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE
11 1/4) of Section twenty nine (29), Township nine (9) North, Range two
12 (2) West, of the Indian Meridian; thence North seventeen hundred
13 (1700) feet to a point on the East boundary of Section twenty nine
14 (29), Township nine (9) North, Range two (2) West; thence West six
15 hundred (600) feet; thence South eight hundred fifty (850) feet;
16 thence West three hundred twenty five (325) feet; thence South four
17 hundred (400) feet; thence in a Southwest direction five hundred
18 forty (540) feet to a point on the South boundary of the Northeast
19 Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section twenty nine (29), Township nine (9)
20 North, Range two (2) West of the Indian Meridian; thence East a
21 distance of one thousand two hundred twenty three (1,223) feet to
22 the point of beginning;

23 facilities to be known as the State Veterans Homes (for the purpose
24 of securing special treatment or hospitalization the adjoining

1 ~~facilities of Griffin Memorial Hospital shall be considered an~~
2 ~~integral part of the State Veterans Homes at Norman, and may be~~
3 ~~utilized to care for eligible veterans), which shall be available~~
4 ~~for care of war veterans discharged other than under dishonorable~~
5 ~~conditions. Further provided such centers shall be under the~~
6 ~~administration and control of the Oklahoma Veterans Commission~~
7 pursuant to Section 229.1 of this title, the State Veterans Home of
8 Ardmore.

9 C. The State Veterans Homes established in this section shall
10 be under the administration and control of the Oklahoma Veterans
11 Commission. No person discharged from military service with a
12 dishonorable discharge shall be admitted to the State Veterans Homes
13 established in this section. Any person adjudged to be criminally
14 insane or in the custody of the Department of Corrections shall not
15 be placed in the custody of a State Veterans Home.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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