



1 computing care and maintenance charges, including pensions and  
2 awards for aid and attendance from the Veterans Administration;

3 2. Care and maintenance charges shall be computed in a manner  
4 to maximize the Veterans Administration pension and compensation  
5 benefits to which the veteran is entitled and shall allow a veteran  
6 to retain not less than One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per  
7 month of total monthly income;

8 3. The care and maintenance charge shall not exceed the full  
9 cost of care minus the Veterans Administration per diem payment;

10 4. Spouses, widows and widowers of eligible war veterans are  
11 authorized to be admitted and maintained in the Oklahoma veterans  
12 centers. The facilities admitting and maintaining spouses, widows  
13 and widowers shall make collections from ~~said~~ the spouses, widows  
14 and widowers first and to the fullest extent from sources of income  
15 other than pension and compensation paid by the Veterans  
16 Administration; and

17 5. The claim of the state for such care and maintenance shall  
18 constitute a valid indebtedness against any such patient or member  
19 and the patient's estate and shall not be barred by any statute of  
20 limitations except as otherwise allowed by the Oklahoma Indigent  
21 Health Care Act. At the death of the patient or member, this claim  
22 shall be allowed and paid as other lawful claims against the estate.  
23 Provided, no admission of a veteran of a period of war, as  
24 referenced in 38 U.S.C., Section 1521 or detention of a patient in

1 an Oklahoma veterans center shall be limited or conditioned in any  
2 manner by the lack of ability to pay of a patient or member, the  
3 patient's estate, or any relative of the patient or member. Any  
4 monies collected by the provisions of this section shall be  
5 deposited in the Department of Veterans Affairs Revolving Fund.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

7  
8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated  
9 04/11/2017 - DO PASS.  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24