

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 931

By: Simpson of the Senate

and

Hardin of the House

An Act relating to soldiers and sailors; providing authorization and procedure for the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs to accept certain gifts; prohibiting preferential treatment under certain circumstances; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 440 of Title 72, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs may accept and receive any and all gifts, donations, devices, bequests, grants or contracts of any kind for money or property, either real or personal including but not limited to military memorabilia, artifacts or equipment, whether conditionally or unconditionally given.

B. The Department is directed, authorized and empowered to hold such funds or property outright or in trust, invest or sell the property, and to use the principal or interest or proceeds of sale for the benefit of current or future Veterans programs, facility construction, repair or improvements or departmental operations.

C. The Department shall utilize its best efforts to comply with the terms of any conditional gift, devise or bequest in fulfillment of the donor's stipulations and provisions of applicable laws. Any real or personal property donated with conditions which are at any time determined infeasible to meet or continue may be returned to the donor, or if the donor is no longer living, if a natural person, or no longer a legally organized entity, for organizations, then the property may be sold and the proceeds of the sale deposited in the Department's general fund or the property may be further donated in kind to a veterans' service organization.

D. No administrator shall provide any preferential consideration to a potential resident of any Oklahoma state veterans homes in the course of the application and admission process due to any prior or pledged gift, devise or bequest of any money or property given or donated by the potential veteran resident or immediate family member of the potential veteran resident.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

Passed the Senate the 5th day of March, 2018.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 19th day of April, 2018.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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