

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1070

By: Thompson and Rader of the  
Senate

3 and

4 Wallace and Hilbert of the  
5 House

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7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Department of  
8 Veterans Affairs; providing short title; amending  
9 Section 2, Chapter 100, O.S.L. 2018 (72 O.S. Supp.  
10 2018, Section 229.1), which relates to the  
11 authorization to plan, develop and construct a long-  
12 term care facility; increasing the number of certain  
13 authorized facilities; modifying purposes; specifying  
14 applicability of certain authorization; modifying  
15 sources of property; specifying location of  
16 additional facility; providing that location and site  
17 of both facilities shall be determined by the  
18 Oklahoma Veterans Commission; amending Section 4,  
19 Chapter 100, O.S.L. 2018 (73 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section  
20 348), which relates to the authorization to acquire  
21 property and issue obligations; increasing the number  
22 of certain authorized facilities; updating statutory  
23 references; providing for noncodification; providing  
24 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma  
Veterans Facility Renewal Act of 2019".

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 100, O.S.L.  
2 2018 (72 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 229.1), is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 Section 229.1. A. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs  
5 is authorized to plan, develop and construct ~~a~~ two long-term care  
6 ~~facility~~ facilities for the ~~purpose of assuming~~ following purposes:

7 1. To assume the operations of the Oklahoma Veterans Center  
8 established in Talihina pursuant to Section 229 of ~~Title 72 of the~~  
9 ~~Oklahoma Statutes. The~~ this title; and

10 2. To replace the Oklahoma Veterans Center established in  
11 Ardmore pursuant to Section 221 of this title.

12 B. For the two long-term care facilities authorized in  
13 subsection A of this section, the Department may construct new  
14 facilities or refurbish any existing facilities on property  
15 currently owned by the State of Oklahoma or on property purchased or  
16 donated from other sources, including but not limited to private  
17 owners, tribal entities or other governmental or municipal entities.

18 ~~B. C.~~ C. The location of the ~~facilities~~ facility referenced in  
19 paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section shall be subject only to  
20 such geographical constraints as are imposed by the United States  
21 Department of Veterans Affairs to preserve and continue recognition  
22 and certification of the facility as a State Veterans Home. The  
23 facility referenced in paragraph 2 of subsection A of this section  
24 shall be located within the corporate limits of the city of Ardmore

1 or within five (5) miles of the corporate limits of the city of  
2 Ardmore.

3 ~~C. D.~~ The ~~location~~ locations and ~~site~~ sites of the ~~facility~~ two  
4 facilities referenced in subsection A of this section shall be  
5 determined by the Oklahoma Veterans Commission. The Oklahoma  
6 Veterans Commission may consider any and all criteria which, in its  
7 sole discretion, further the interests of Oklahoma veterans.

8 ~~D. E.~~ Operations of the Oklahoma Veterans Center established in  
9 Talihina pursuant to Section 229 of ~~Title 72 of the Oklahoma~~  
10 ~~Statutes~~ this title shall continue until such time as its operations  
11 are transferred to the location identified pursuant to the authority  
12 conferred upon the Oklahoma Veterans Commission under subsection ~~A~~ D  
13 of this section.

14 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 100, O.S.L.  
15 2018 (73 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 348), is amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 Section 348. A. In addition to any other authorization  
18 provided by law, the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority is  
19 authorized to issue obligations to acquire real property, together  
20 with improvements located thereon, and personal property, to plan,  
21 develop and construct buildings, parking facilities and other  
22 improvements to real property, and to provide funding for repairs,  
23 planning, staging, refurbishments and improvements to real and  
24 personal property, and for funding for construction of the two long-

1 term care ~~facility~~ facilities authorized in subsection A of Section  
2 ~~2 of this act~~ 229.1 of Title 72 of the Oklahoma Statutes in a total  
3 amount necessary to generate Thirty-five Million Dollars  
4 (\$35,000,000.00) in project funds with debt retirement payments to  
5 be made as provided in this section.

6 B. The Authority may hold title to the real and personal  
7 property and improvements until such time as any obligations issued  
8 for this purpose are retired or defeased and may lease the real  
9 property and improvements to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans  
10 Affairs. Upon final redemption or defeasance of the obligations  
11 created pursuant to this section, title to the real and personal  
12 property and improvements shall be transferred from the Authority to  
13 the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs.

14 C. For the purpose of paying the costs for acquisition and  
15 construction of the real property and improvements and personal  
16 property and making the repairs, planning, staging, refurbishments  
17 and improvements to real and personal property, and providing  
18 funding for the two long-term care ~~facility~~ facilities authorized in  
19 subsection A of Section ~~2 of this act~~ 229.1 of Title 72 of the  
20 Oklahoma Statutes, and for the purpose authorized in subsection D of  
21 this section the Authority is hereby authorized to borrow monies on  
22 the credit of the income and revenues to be derived from the leasing  
23 of such real and personal property, parking facilities and  
24 improvements and, in anticipation of the collection of such income

1 and revenues, to issue negotiable obligations in a total amount  
2 necessary to generate Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00)  
3 in project funds, whether issued in one or more series. The  
4 Authority is authorized to capitalize interest on the obligations  
5 issued pursuant to the authority granted by this section for a  
6 period not to exceed two (2) years from the date of issuance.  
7 Excluding any capitalized interest period, it is the intent of the  
8 Legislature to appropriate to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans  
9 Affairs sufficient monies to make rental payments for the purposes  
10 of retiring the obligations created pursuant to this section. To  
11 the extent funds are available from the proceeds of the borrowing  
12 authorized by this subsection, the Authority shall provide for the  
13 payment of professional fees and associated costs related to the  
14 projects authorized in this act.

15 D. The Authority may issue obligations in one or more series  
16 and in conjunction with other issues of the Authority. The  
17 Authority is authorized to hire bond counsel, financial consultants,  
18 and such other professionals as it may deem necessary to provide for  
19 the efficient sale of the obligations and may utilize a portion of  
20 the proceeds of any borrowing to create such reserves as may be  
21 deemed necessary and to pay costs associated with the issuance and  
22 administration of such obligations.

23 E. The obligations authorized under this section may be sold at  
24 either competitive or negotiated sale, as determined by the

1 Authority, and in such form and at such prices as may be authorized  
2 by the Authority. The Authority may enter into agreements with such  
3 credit enhancers and liquidity providers as may be determined  
4 necessary to efficiently market the obligations. The obligations  
5 may mature and have such provisions for redemption as shall be  
6 determined by the Authority, but in no event shall the final  
7 maturity of such obligations occur later than twenty-five (25) years  
8 from the first principal maturity date.

9 F. Any interest earnings on funds or accounts created for the  
10 purposes of this section may be utilized as partial payment of the  
11 annual debt service or for the purposes directed by the Authority.

12 G. The obligations issued under this section, the transfer  
13 thereof and the interest earned on such obligations, including any  
14 profit derived from the sale thereof, shall not be subject to  
15 taxation of any kind by the State of Oklahoma, or by any county,  
16 municipality or political subdivision therein.

17 H. The Authority may direct the investment of all monies in any  
18 funds or accounts created in connection with the offering of the  
19 obligations authorized under this section. Such investments shall  
20 be made in a manner consistent with the investment guidelines of the  
21 State Treasurer. The Authority may place additional restrictions on  
22 the investment of such monies if necessary to enhance the  
23 marketability of the obligations.

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1 I. The Legislature anticipates that the Oklahoma Department of  
2 Veterans Affairs will make the rental payments for the purpose of  
3 retiring the obligations created pursuant to the provisions of this  
4 section from current appropriations received by the Oklahoma  
5 Department of Veterans Affairs.

6 J. Insofar as they are not in conflict with the provisions of  
7 this section, the provisions of Sections 151 through 186 of ~~Title 73~~  
8 ~~of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title shall apply to this section.

9 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

10 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
11 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
12 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
13 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

14 Passed the Senate the 20th day of May, 2019.

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17 Presiding Officer of the Senate

18 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
19 2019.

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