

## Veteran Coalition Team Veteran-Centered Legislation of the 59<sup>th</sup> Oklahoma State Legislature Convened February 6, 2023 to May 30, 2024

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Oklahoma's 59<sup>th</sup> State Legislature convened from February 6, 2023 to May 30, 2024; adjourning one day early. The Regular First Session of the legislature met from February 6, 2023 to May 26, 2023. The Regular Second Session met from February 5, 2024 to May 30, 2024.

#### Legislation and Methodology

A total of 328 bills and resolutions that pertained to veteran-related, veteran-centered, or had the word "veteran" within the measure's text were introduced from both legislative chambers during the 59<sup>th</sup> State Legislature. From July 2 to July 8, 2024, the Convention of States Action Oklahoma Veteran Coalition Legislative Liaison Team used the highly accurate and reliable LegiScan website

(https://legiscan.com/gaits/search?sort=desc&order=Bill&state=OK&keyword=veteran) to research and compile into seven listed pages all introduced veteran legislation. A keyword search on the word "veteran" was performed. These pages are provided here:



#### **Search Results**

From the 328 veteran bills and resolutions introduced during both regular legislative sessions, 62 survived legislative and committee processes and were either approved by the governor, resolutions that were approved by the legislature and enrolled to the Oklahoma Secretary of State, or had the governor's veto overrode by either chamber of the legislature.

#### 1) Approved by the Governor:

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB4051/2024. Retirement; Firefighters Pension and Retirement System; purchase; military service credit; effective dates. <a href="https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB3856/2024">https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB3856/2024</a>. Wildlife; five-day paper license to licensed commercial hunt area; fees; issuance; effective date.



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https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB3673/2024. Militia; Oklahoma Tricare Reserve Select Reimbursement Program; definitions; eligible recipients; applicability; rulemaking; state military forces; state active duty; effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB3599/2024. Motor vehicles; updating statutory language; modifying type of birth certificate required for certain identification card; effective date. https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB3597/2024. State government; Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development; modifying coordination of the Council activities; emergency.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB3458/2024. Revenue and taxation; confidentiality; district attorneys; Attorney General; Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority; emergency. https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB3388/2024. Income tax credits: prohibiting claims for deduction from certain tax credit; providing exemption for certain tax credits received; parental choice tax credits, modifying income limitations; allowing certain credit to qualifying students; establishing...

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB3371/2024. Long-term care; license; home assistant; statutory references; Home Care Act; home care agency; training plan; effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB3231/2024. Children; Improving Employment and Education Outcomes for Homeless Youth Act; homeless; procedural requirements; written verification; identification cards; exception; age; fee; codification; effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB2887/2024. Department of Veterans Affairs; making an appropriation; amount; identifying source; purpose; emergency.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB2869/2024. Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training; public funds; exemption; motor vehicles; hiring; effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB2868/2024. Wildlife, hunting licenses; modifying licenses authorization; effective date.

<u>https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB2824/2024</u>. Long-term care; transfer of employees, powers, duties, monies and contractual rights; informal dispute resolution process; effective dates; emergency.

<u>https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB2663/2024</u>. Higher education; in-state tuition eligibility for certain family members and members of the Armed Forces; deleting time limitation for enrollment; emergency.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB2422/2024. Public health and safety; creating the Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact; permits; multistate compact license; effective date.

<u>https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB2416/2024</u>. Memorial roads and bridges; designating various memorial roads and bridges; effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB2339/2024. Revenue and taxation; ad valorem taxation; exempt property; parsonages; fair cash value; effective date.



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https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB2312/2024. Revenue and taxation; sales tax; exemptions; disabled veterans; surviving spouses; disability determination; effective date; emergency. <a href="https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB2253/2024">https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB2253/2024</a>. Motor vehicles; automobiles owned by the state; exception; authorizing certain use of state-owned vehicles for the Office of the Attorney General; emergency.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB2137/2024. Marriage; Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act; definition; visitation rights; emergency.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB2038/2024. Multiple versions of statutes; amending, merging, consolidating and repealing multiple versions of statutes. Emergency.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB1950/2024. Elections; voter registration of deceased persons; requiring death records from Social Security Administration; authorizing Secretary to obtain records from other states; effective date.

<u>https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB1929/2024</u>. Practice of dentistry; modifying various provisions of the State Dental Act. Effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB1909/2024. Motor vehicles; modifying benefited organization for Monarch Butterfly License Plate; creating the Broken Arrow Public Schools License Plate. Effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB1854/2024. Motor vehicles; driver licenses; class requirements; renewal; identification cards; tribal court conviction; responsible agency; emergency. https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB1805/2024. Public retirement systems; Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System; definitions; benefit amount; contributions; membership by emergency medical personnel; effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB1794/2024. Public finance; Civil Service and Human Capital Modernization Act; providing for powers and duties of the Human Capital Management Administrator; effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB1792/2024. Classification of felony offenses; creating the Oklahoma Sentencing Modernization Act of 2024; classifications; punishment provisions; timeserved requirements; effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB1774/2024. Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act; acquisition initiation; adding exemption for certain contracts from competitive bidding requirements; requiring State Purchasing Director to review and audit all exceptions; effective date. <a href="https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB1759/2024">https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB1759/2024</a>. Excise tax; modifying definition of inheritance for the purposes of excise tax exception on transfer; effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB1709/2024. Department of Human Services; transferring certain offices to the State Department of Health. Effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB1707/2024. Veterans Homes; establishing State Veterans Home at Sallisaw; broadening allowed uses of certain proceeds. Emergency.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB1511/2024. Long-term care; modifying elements of employment eligibility. Effective date.



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https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB1452/2024. Income tax; authorizing an income tax credit for employers that provide employee paid leave for volunteering for poll work. Effective date. https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB1447/2024. Economic development; creating the Creating Oklahoma's Modern Plan for Economic Transformation and Effectiveness (COMPETE) Act; creating the Division on Economic Development, Growth, and Expansion. Emergency. https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB1445/2024. Sales tax exemption; providing exemption for OSU Medical Authority and Trust and OSU Veterinary Authority and Trust to extend to entities entered into public contracts. Effective date. Emergency.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB1384/2024. Oklahoma Veterans Commission; modifying and establishing certain procedures for appointment of members. Emergency.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB1345/2024. Soldiers and sailors; modifying certain definitions. Effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB1215/2024. Sales tax; eliminating certain deadline for qualification for veteran's sales tax exemption. Emergency.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB1125/2024. General appropriations; making appropriations to various agencies. Effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB1068/2024. Retirement; Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System; definition; eligibility; death benefits; employee contribution; reference; effective date.

<u>https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB1036/2024</u>. Veterans; creating the Veteran Suicide Prevention Task Force

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB984/2024. Sales and use tax; modifying basis for calculation of gross receipts for sales tax and purchase price calculation for use tax on motor vehicles. Effective date

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB941/2024. Fish and wildlife; updating fishing and hunting licenses. Effective date. Emergency.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB782/2024. State government; changing name of certain commission; certain regulations for certain special license plates. Effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB510/2024. Motor vehicles; authorizing creation of various specialty license plates. Effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB463/2024. Sales tax exemption; extending date for rolling stock exemption. Effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB446/2024. Military service credit; setting maximum years for certain combined service credits. Effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB300/2024. Memorial highways and bridges; making various memorial highway and bridge designations. Effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB234/2024. Holidays; designating Veteran Suicide Awareness Day. Effective date.

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#### 2) Resolutions Enrolled to the Secretary of State:

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HR1026/2024. Resolution; Native American Warrior.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HR1017/2024. Resolution; Hmong Veterans.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HR1001/2024. Resolution; House Rules.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SR31/2024. Resolution; statement of agency budgets.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SCR22/2024. Concurrent resolution; proclaiming November 23,

2024 as Oklahoma Native American Warrior Day; encouraging Oklahomans to participate; and directing distribution.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SR15/2024. Resolution; honoring the life of Navy veteran Delbert D. Black; recognizing the historic career of MCPON Black; sharing appreciation for his service.

#### 3) Veto Override by the Legislature:

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB2255/2024. License plates; creating various special license plates; effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB1438/2024. Fees; authorizing rental fee on heavy equipment rentals; exempting fee from sales tax; stating purpose of fee. Effective date.

<u>https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB841/2024</u>. Motor vehicle storage rates; modifying inclusions. Effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB623/2024. Motor vehicles; modifying references to Service Oklahoma. Effective date. Emergency.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB479/2024. Soldiers and sailors; expanding definition of uniformed service to include service in the Space Force. Effective date.

https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB369/2024. Long-term care; modifying certain restrictions on employment. Effective date.

#### **Leading Legislators for Veterans**

Of the 62 bills and resolutions that were approved by the governor, enrolled to the Secretary of State, or had its veto overridden, the following Oklahoma legislators were original authors of two or more measures with the word "veteran" in its text:

#### 1) House of Representatives –

Charles McCall, Speaker of the House (District 22-Atoka, Coal, Johnston, Murray): HB3388, HB1950, HR1001. Term Ends: 2024.



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Brian Hill, Assistant Majority Floor Leader (District 47-Canadian): HB3599, HB3597. Term Ends: 2024.

Josh West, Assistant Majority Floor Leader (District 5-Delaware, Mayes): HB1068, HR1026. Term Ends: 2024.

Kevin Wallace, Chair of the House Budget and Appropriations Committee (District 32-Lincoln, Logan, Payne): HB2869, HB2868. Term Ends: 2024.

Ty Burns (District 35-Creek, Noble, Osage, Pawnee, Payne): HB2255, HB2253. Term Ends: 2024.

Mike Osburn (District 81-Oklahoma): HB1805, HB1794, HB1792. Term Ends: 2024.

#### 2) Senate –

Dave Rader, Majority Caucus Chair (District 39-Tulsa): SB1445, SB1438. Term Ends: 2024.

Paul Rosino, Senate Appropriations Committee Vice Chair (District 45-Canadian, Cleveland, Oklahoma): SB1709, SB782. Term Ends: 2024.

Chris Kidd (District 31- Jefferson, Stephens, Comanche, Cotton, and Love): SB1929, SR15. Term Ends: 2024.

John Haste (District 36-Tulsa, Wagoner): SB1909, SB510. Term Ends: 2026.

Todd Gollihare (District 12-Creek, Tulsa): SB1707, SB300. Term Ends: 2026.

Jessica Garvin (District 43-Cleveland, Garvin, Grady, McClain, Stephens): SB1511, SB369. Term Ends: 2024.

Brenda Stanley (District 42-Oklahoma): SB1384, SB1345, SB1215, SB479. Term Ends: 2026.

Roger Thompson (District 8-Creek, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okfuskee, Okmulgee): SB1125, SB463, SR31. Term Ends: 2026.



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It is requested that our Convention of States Action Oklahoma state and veteran leadership consider this legislative report when planning COSA Oklahoma support of veterancentered legislation during the  $60^{\rm th}$  Oklahoma State Legislature. Leadership is encouraged to make broad distribution of this report as appropriate.

Very sincerely,

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