

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 SENATE BILL 456

By: Newhouse

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to soldiers and sailors; directing
8 the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs to
9 establish and administer an Oklahoma veterans
10 registry; specifying contents of the registry and
11 procedures for collecting information; providing
12 definition; authorizing promulgation of rules;
13 providing for codification; and providing an
14 effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 67.16 of Title 72, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall create and
20 administer a comprehensive Oklahoma Veterans Registry as a permanent
21 record of all Oklahoma veterans who have served, past and present.
22 The registry shall record the name, rank and branch of service and
23 dates of service for all Oklahoma veterans. The date of death and
24 place of burial shall also be recorded for deceased veterans. The
Department shall establish a website portal and telephone number for
Oklahoma veterans to join the registry.

1 B. For the purposes of this section, all members of the
2 registry shall be a veteran as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101.

3 C. The Oklahoma Veterans Commission is authorized to promulgate
4 rules to implement the provisions of this section.

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

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