

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                   1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4                   ENGROSSED SENATE  
5                   BILL NO. 723

By: Woods and Stanley of the  
Senate

6                   and

7                   Burns and **Manger** of the  
House

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11                  An Act relating to veterans; amending 72 O.S. 2021,  
12                  Sections 63.18A and 64, which relate to the Oklahoma  
13                  Department of Veterans Affairs and exempt positions;  
14                  removing obsolete language; providing certain  
15                  exemption; updating statutory reference; and  
16                  providing an effective date.

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

18                  SECTION 1.       AMENDATORY       72 O.S. 2021, Section 63.18A, is  
19                  amended to read as follows:

20                  Section 63.18A. The following positions and personnel at the  
21                  Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall be ~~in the unclassified~~  
22                  civil service exempt as provided in the ~~Oklahoma Personnel Act Civil~~  
23                  Service and Human Capital Modernization Act:

- 24                  1. Physicians assistants;  
2. Occupational therapists;

1           3. Physical therapists;  
2           4. Pharmacists;  
3           5. Speech pathologists;  
4           6. Nurse practitioners;  
5           7. Physical therapy assistants;  
6           8. Administrative Assistant to the Director;  
7           9. Programs Administrators;  
8           10. Administrators, Veterans Centers; and  
9           11. Assistant Administrators, Veterans Centers.

10          SECTION 2.       AMENDATORY       72 O.S. 2021, Section 64, is

11 amended to read as follows:

12          Section 64. The status of positions that have been exempted by  
13 executive order and positions previously authorized to be ~~in the~~  
14 ~~unclassified service~~ exempt from civil service rules are not  
15 affected by this act.

16          SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OVERSIGHT, dated 04/16/2025 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.  
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