

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 723

By: Woods and Stanley of the
Senate

3 and

4 Burns of the House

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

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

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

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

- 19 1. Physicians assistants;
- 20 2. Occupational therapists;
- 21 3. Physical therapists;
- 22 4. Pharmacists;
- 23 5. Speech pathologists;
- 24 6. Nurse practitioners;

7. Physical therapy assistants;
8. Administrative Assistant to the Director;
9. Programs Administrators;
10. Administrators, Veterans Centers; and
11. Assistant Administrators, Veterans Centers.

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

amended to read as follows:

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

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

Passed the Senate the 11th day of March, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the _____ day of _____,
2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives