House Bill 2034

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SUMMARY

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Establishes Merchant Marine motor vehicle registration for person who qualifies as veteran of Merchant Marine.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to Merchant Marine motor vehicle registration.

3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

4 <u>SECTION 1.</u> Section 2 of this 2009 Act is added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle 5 Code.

6 <u>SECTION 2.</u> (1) In the absence of just cause for refusal, the Department of Transporta-

7 tion shall provide for registration of any motor vehicle required to be registered by this state

8 in a manner consistent with this section for persons who qualify as veterans of the Merchant

9 Marine of the United States under this section. The special registration provisions under

10 this section are subject to all of the following:

(a) The fee to register or renew registration under this section shall be the regular reg istration fee for the vehicle.

(b) The department may not register a motor vehicle under this section if another vehicle
owned by the applicant or a member of the applicant's household has been registered under
this section.

(c) The department may not register any commercial vehicle, or any motor vehicle with
 a loaded weight in excess of 10,000 pounds, under this section.

(2) A person is a veteran of the Merchant Marine who qualifies for registration of a vehicle under this section if the person provides proof, as determined by the department by
rule, that the person served in the Merchant Marine of the United States during World War
II, the Korean Conflict or the Vietnam War.

(3) The surviving spouse of a veteran of the Merchant Marine who was issued registra tion under this section may, upon the death of the veteran, continue to use the registration
 plates on a motor vehicle or may keep the plates as a memento.

(4) The department may suspend or revoke any registration issued under this section if the department determines that the vehicle is owned by a person not qualified for registration under this section or the vehicle is a kind not qualified for registration under this section.

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