

# House Bill 2230

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Director of Oregon Health Authority to notify Director of Veterans' Affairs upon receipt of certain written information from member or veteran of uniformed service, if authorized to do so by member or veteran. Restricts notification to name and address of member or veteran.

Becomes operative January 1, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to communication between state agencies regarding members of uniformed services; and  
3 declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

### 5 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

6 (a) **"Uniformed service" means the Armed Forces of the United States, the Army Na-**  
7 **tional Guard or the Air National Guard when the member is engaged in active duty for**  
8 **training, inactive duty for training or full-time National Guard duty, the commissioned corps**  
9 **of the United States Public Health Service and any other category of persons designated by**  
10 **the President of the United States in time of war or national emergency.**

11 (b) **"Written information" means information that is in written form and includes but is**  
12 **not limited to information obtained by electronic means, such as electronic mail, facsimile**  
13 **or other form of electronic communication.**

14 (2)(a) **Subject to subsection (3) of this section, the Director of the Oregon Health Au-**  
15 **thority shall notify the Director of Veterans' Affairs at least once each month regarding**  
16 **receipt of written information from a member or veteran of a uniformed service in con-**  
17 **nection with an application for health care coverage.**

18 (b) **The notification required under this subsection is limited to notifying the Director**  
19 **of Veterans' Affairs of the name and residence address or mailing address of the member**  
20 **or veteran.**

21 (c) **The authorization of a member or veteran as required by subsection (3) of this section**  
22 **may be contained in the written information at the time it is received by the Oregon Health**  
23 **Authority or separately at another time, but the authorization must specifically authorize**  
24 **the notification to be made under this section.**

25 (3) **The Director of the Oregon Health Authority shall notify the Director of Veterans'**  
26 **Affairs as required by subsection (2) of this section only if authorized to do so in writing by**  
27 **the member or veteran of a uniformed service.**

28 (4) **The Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with the Department of Veterans' Af-**  
29 **fairs, shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section, including but not limited**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 to the method of notification required under subsection (2) of this section.

2 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2015 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2016.

3 **SECTION 3.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
4 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect  
5 July 1, 2015.

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