

House Bill 3027

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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**.

Directs Department of Transportation to establish Mt. Hood registration plate program for issuance of special registration plate.

Imposes surcharge per year of registration and directs department to transfer net proceeds from surcharge to Travel Information Council account.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to the Mt. Hood registration plate program; creating new provisions; amending ORS 805.202
2 and section 2, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009; and declaring an emergency.

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

MT. HOOD

REGISTRATION PLATE PROGRAM

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9 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2015 Act are added to and made a part of the Oregon**
10 **Vehicle Code.**

11 **SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish a Mt. Hood registration**
12 **plate program to issue special registration plates called "Mt. Hood registration plates" upon**
13 **request to owners of motor vehicles registered under ORS 803.420 (1). In addition, the de-**
14 **partment may adopt rules for issuance of Mt. Hood registration plates for vehicles not reg-**
15 **istered under ORS 803.420 (1).**

16 **(2) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, for each Mt. Hood registration plate**
17 **issued under subsection (1) of this section, the department shall collect a surcharge of \$30**
18 **per year of registration, payable when the plate is issued and upon each subsequent renewal**
19 **of registration of a vehicle bearing the plate. The department shall distribute the surcharge**
20 **as provided in section 3 of this 2015 Act.**

21 **(3) Notwithstanding ORS 803.530, the Mt. Hood registration plates may be transferred**
22 **from vehicle to vehicle if the department stops issuing the plates, as long as the plates are**
23 **not so old, damaged, mutilated or otherwise rendered illegible as to be not useful for pur-**
24 **poses of identification.**

FUNDING FOR TRAVEL INFORMATION COUNCIL

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28 **SECTION 3. (1) Moneys from the surcharge imposed by section 2 of this 2015 Act shall**
29 **be transferred to the Travel Information Council account described in ORS 377.840 after de-**

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 **duction of the cost of administration of the Mt. Hood registration plate program, including**
 2 **but not limited to the costs of collecting the Mt. Hood registration plate surcharge and**
 3 **transferring Mt. Hood registration plates that are above the normal costs of issuing, re-**
 4 **newing and transferring registration plates in the normal course of business of the Depart-**
 5 **ment of Transportation.**

6 (2) **Moneys deposited under subsection (1) of this section are continuously appropriated**
 7 **to the Travel Information Council for the purpose of promoting bicycle and pedestrian**
 8 **tourism on Mt. Hood and the surrounding area.**

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 10 **DESIGN**

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 12 **SECTION 4. (1) The Department of Transportation, after consultation with the Travel**
 13 **Information Council, shall design the Mt. Hood registration plates issued under section 2 of**
 14 **this 2015 Act and shall ensure that the design includes an image of Mt. Hood.**

15 (2) **Except as otherwise required by subsection (1) of this section, Mt. Hood registration**
 16 **plates must comply with the requirements of ORS 803.535.**

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 18 **START-UP FUNDING**

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 20 **SECTION 5. The Department of Transportation may not begin creating or issuing Mt.**
 21 **Hood registration plates under section 2 of this 2015 Act until the department receives an**
 22 **amount sufficient to cover all of the department’s anticipated costs of creating and issuing**
 23 **the Mt. Hood registration plate, including, but not limited to, computer programming costs**
 24 **and vendor setup fees.**

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 26 **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS**

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 28 **SECTION 6.** ORS 805.202 is amended to read:

29 805.202. (1) As used in this section, “special registration plate” means a registration plate issued
 30 by the Department of Transportation:

- 31 (a) For which a surcharge is imposed in order to raise money for an entity other than the de-
 32 partment;
- 33 (b) That is not a plate issued under ORS 805.105 or 805.205;
- 34 (c) That is not an elected official plate issued under ORS 805.220; and
- 35 (d) That is not a customized plate issued under ORS 805.240.

36 (2) The Legislative Assembly may not require the Department of Transportation to offer more
 37 than *[four]* **five** kinds of special registration plates at any one time. At any time the department is
 38 offering *[four]* **five** kinds of special registration plates, any bill enacted by the Legislative Assembly
 39 that requires the department to issue a new kind of special registration plate shall include a pro-
 40 vision requiring the department to eliminate at least one kind of special registration plate.

41 (3) When the department eliminates a kind of special registration plate in accordance with the
 42 provisions of a law described in subsection (2) of this section, the department shall continue to issue
 43 the plate until the new plate is available. When the new plate is available, the department shall
 44 destroy the remaining stock of the eliminated plate.

45 **SECTION 7.** Section 2, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009, as amended by section 8, chapter 709,

1 Oregon Laws 2011, is amended to read:

2 **Sec. 2.** (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish a Pacific Wonderland registration
3 plate program to issue special registration plates called “Pacific Wonderland registration plates”
4 upon request to owners of motor vehicles registered under the provisions of ORS 803.420 (1). In ad-
5 dition, the department may adopt rules for issuance of Pacific Wonderland registration plates for
6 vehicles not registered under the provisions of ORS 803.420 (1).

7 (2) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, for each set of Pacific Wonderland registra-
8 tion plates issued under subsection (1) of this section, the department shall collect a surcharge of
9 \$100 payable when the plates are issued. The department shall transfer the moneys from the sur-
10 charge as provided in section 3, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009.

11 (3) Notwithstanding ORS 803.530, Pacific Wonderland registration plates may be transferred
12 from vehicle to vehicle if the department stops issuing the plates, as long as the plates are not so
13 old, damaged, mutilated or otherwise rendered illegible as to be not useful for purposes of identifi-
14 cation.

15 (4) The department shall limit the total number of Pacific Wonderland registration plates to
16 40,000 sets of plates.

17 (5) Notwithstanding ORS 805.202, until the department has issued 40,000 sets of plates under this
18 section, the department may issue [*five*] **six** kinds of special registration plates at any one time.

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20 **CAPTIONS**

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22 **SECTION 8. The unit captions used in this 2015 Act are provided only for the convenience**
23 **of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any leg-**
24 **islative intent in the enactment of this 2015 Act.**

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26 **EMERGENCY CLAUSE**

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28 **SECTION 9. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
29 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
30 **on its passage.**