

Senate Bill 1543

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SUMMARY

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Authorizes issuance of group sportspac license to qualifying facility or program.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to State Department of Fish and Wildlife licenses; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2020 Act are added to and made a part of ORS chapter 497.

SECTION 2. As used in this section and section 3 of this 2020 Act:

(1) "Armed Forces of the United States" means:

(a) The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard of the United States;

(b) The reserves of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard of the United States; and

(c) The Oregon National Guard and a National Guard of any other state or territory.

(2) "Qualifying facility or program" means:

(a) Organizations supplying aid and services as described in ORS 406.320 or 406.340 that:

(A) Have a mission that includes the provision of services to veterans; and

(B) Provide services for the benefit of members of the Armed Forces of the United States who are on active duty.

(b) An Oregon Veterans' Home as defined in ORS 408.362.

(c) A detention facility as defined in ORS 419A.004, youth correction facility as defined in ORS 420.005 or youth care center as defined in ORS 420.855.

(d) A hospital or long term care facility, both as defined in ORS 442.015.

(e) A residential facility as defined in ORS 443.400.

(f) Community-based structured housing as defined in ORS 443.480.

(g) An adult foster home as defined in ORS 443.705.

(h) Any facility or program operated by the state, or by a not-for-profit organization licensed by the state, to benefit persons who:

(A) Have a physical disability;

(B) Have a mental illness;

(C) Are emotionally dependent on institutional care;

(D) Have a developmental disability;

(E) Are hospitalized;

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 (F) Have a serious illness; or

2 (G) Are terminally ill.

3 (i) Any facility or program operated by state or local government, or by a not-for-profit
4 organization licensed by the state, to benefit at-risk youth.

5 (j) Any facility or program operated by state or local government, or by a not-for-profit
6 organization licensed by the state, that:

7 (A) Has a mission that includes the provision of services to veterans; and

8 (B) Provides services for the benefit of members of the Armed Forces of the United
9 States who are on active duty.

10 (k) Any facility operated by the state, or by a not-for-profit organization licensed by the
11 state, to benefit senior citizens residing at the facility.

12 **SECTION 3.** (1) Upon application of a qualifying facility or program, the State Depart-
13 ment of Fish and Wildlife shall issue, without fee, a group sportspac license for use by the
14 qualifying facility or program to conduct organized hunting, angling or shellfish activities for
15 residents or other beneficiaries of the qualifying facility or program.

16 (2) Except as provided in this subsection, a group sportspac license is valid for use during
17 the calendar year identified on the license. The department may suspend or cancel a group
18 sportspac license if the license holder ceases to be a qualifying facility or program or for a
19 violation of this section or rules adopted under this section.

20 (3) If a qualifying facility or program holds a valid group sportspac license, residents,
21 other beneficiaries or accompanying staff may participate in organized hunting, angling or
22 shellfish activities of the qualifying facility or program without securing individual licenses,
23 permits, stamps or tags.

24 (4) At least one staff member for the qualifying facility or program must be present to
25 supervise any activity conducted under a group sportspac license. The group sportspac li-
26 cense must be in the possession of a staff member present to supervise the activity.

27 (5) Each person participating in an activity conducted under a group sportspac license
28 must comply with any area restrictions, equipment restrictions, take limits or other regu-
29 lations that would apply if the person carried out the hunting, angling or shellfish activity
30 under an individual sportspac license issued to the person under ORS 497.132.

31 (6) The department shall adopt rules for the administration and enforcement of this
32 section.

33 **SECTION 4.** This 2020 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
34 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2020 Act takes effect
35 on its passage.

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