

Senate Bill 565

Sponsored by Senators GELSER, THATCHER (Presession filed.)

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**.

Modifies definition of "slayer" to include individuals who are found responsible or guilty except for insanity of taking person's life.

Declares emergency; effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to slayers; amending ORS 112.455; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 112.455 is amended to read:

5 112.455. As used in ORS 112.455 to 112.555:

6 (1) "Abuser" means a person who is convicted of a felony by reason of conduct that constitutes
7 physical abuse as described in ORS 124.105 or financial abuse as described in ORS 124.110.

8 (2) "Decedent" means:

9 (a) A person whose life is taken by a slayer; or

10 (b) A person whose date of death is not later than five years after an abuser is convicted of a
11 felony by reason of conduct against the person that constitutes physical abuse as described in ORS
12 124.105 or financial abuse as described in ORS 124.110.

13 (3) "Slayer" means a person who[,]:

14 (a) With felonious intent, takes or procures the taking of [*the life of a decedent*] **a person's life;**

15 (b) **Is found guilty except for insanity under ORS 161.295 of taking a person's life; or**

16 (c) **Is found responsible except for insanity under ORS 419C.411 of taking a person's life.**

17 **SECTION 2. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**
19 **on its passage.**
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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.