

House Bill 3619

Sponsored by Representative JAVADI

SUMMARY

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Authorizes driver improvement course as alternative to conviction of traffic violation for person 18 years of age or less whose driving record shows no prior convictions of traffic offenses.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to traffic offenses.

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

3 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle**
4 **Code.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "specific fine traffic violation" means specific fine**
6 **traffic violations punishable by a maximum fine of \$50.**

7 **(2) When a police officer issues a citation for a Class D traffic violation or a specific fine**
8 **traffic violation to a person under 18 years of age whose driving record shows no prior con-**
9 **victions for traffic offenses, the officer shall notify the person that a driver improvement**
10 **course is available and that if the person successfully completes a driver improvement**
11 **course, approved by the Department of Transportation under section 3 of this 2023 Act, at**
12 **the person's own expense, the person will not be convicted of the violation. Notification**
13 **consists of giving the person a form developed by the department, along with the citation**
14 **and summons.**

15 **(3) The department shall develop a form to be given to a person described in subsection**
16 **(2) of this section who is issued a citation. The form must explain that completion of the**
17 **course will enable the person to avoid a conviction and must inform the person of how to**
18 **obtain information about a course.**

19 **(4) In order to avoid conviction of the traffic violation, a person referred to a driver im-**
20 **provement course must complete the course before the court date mentioned in the sum-**
21 **mons.**

22 **(5) When a person has successfully completed a course described in this section, the in-**
23 **structor shall issue a certificate to the person indicating completion. When the person pre-**
24 **sents the certificate of completion to the court, the court shall dismiss the citation.**

25 **(6) The department may adopt rules it deems necessary for the implementation of this**
26 **section.**

27 **SECTION 3. (1) The Department of Transportation by rule shall establish standards for**
28 **a driver improvement course provided to persons pursuant to section 2 of this 2023 Act. The**
29 **standards must describe the contents and quality of a curriculum for the course, specify**
30 **requirements for obtaining a certificate and otherwise determine the level and depth of**
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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.

1 **knowledge a person must have obtained from the course.**

2 **(2) The department shall maintain a list of providers approved to lead the course de-**
3 **scribed in this section and shall update the list monthly. The department shall prescribe**
4 **procedures for providing the provider list to police officers.**

5 **SECTION 4. Section 2 of this 2023 Act applies to persons issued citations for traffic vio-**
6 **lations on or after the effective date of this 2023 Act.**

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