

Senate Bill 693

Sponsored by Senator MANNING JR (at the request of Zach Mulholland) (Pre-session 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**.

Establishes voluntary bicycle registration program. Sets registration, transfer of ownership, change of address and other fees. Establishes Bicycle Transportation Improvement Fund. Makes bicycle ownership information available to law enforcement agencies.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to bicycle registration.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 11 of this 2023 Act are added to and made a part of the Oregon**
5 **Vehicle Code.**

6 **SECTION 2. As used in sections 2 to 11 of this 2023 Act:**

7 (1) **“Bicycle” has the meaning given that term in ORS 801.150, except that “bicycle” does**
8 **not include a tricycle designed to be ridden by a child. An electric assisted bicycle is consid-**
9 **ered a bicycle for the purposes of sections 2 to 11 of this 2023 Act.**

10 (2) **“Bicycle seller” means a person engaged in whole or in part in the business of selling**
11 **bicycles, buying bicycles or taking bicycles in trade for the purpose of resale, or offering bi-**
12 **cycles for sale or trade.**

13 (3) **“Registration agent” means a bicycle seller, a nonprofit organization or a service or-**
14 **ganization authorized by the Department of Transportation to issue registration certificates**
15 **and registration decals.**

16 (4) **“Serial number” means a legible number stamped on, cast or affixed to the bicycle**
17 **frame as required under section 4 of this 2023 Act.**

18 **SECTION 3. (1) The Department of Transportation shall adopt rules to implement a vol-**
19 **untary bicycle registration program under sections 2 to 11 of this 2023 Act, including desig-**
20 **nation of convenient sites where registration certificates and registration decals may be**
21 **issued.**

22 (2) **The department may appoint registration agents to issue the registration certificates**
23 **and registration decals and to collect the fees required under section 7 of this 2023 Act.**

24 (3) **In addition to the fees required under section 7 of this 2023 Act, a registration agent**
25 **may charge and collect a fee prescribed by the department for each registration certificate**
26 **issued, as compensation for the service performed by the agent.**

27 (4) **If the department finds that a registration agent appointed pursuant to this section**
28 **has violated any of the provisions of this section or rules adopted by the department under**
29 **this section, the department may revoke the authority of the agent to issue registration**
30 **certificates and registration decals or may suspend the authority of the agent for such time**
31 **as the department considers appropriate.**

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 **SECTION 4.** All bicycles registered in this state must have a legible serial number per-
2 manently affixed to the bicycle frame. If the serial number is illegible or missing when the
3 owner of a bicycle first attempts to register the bicycle, the Department of Transportation
4 shall assign a unique serial number. The state-issued bicycle serial number shall be perma-
5 nently stamped on the bicycle frame, or a metal tag bearing the serial number shall be per-
6 manently affixed to the bicycle frame.

7 **SECTION 5.** (1) A person commits the offense of altering a bicycle serial number if the
8 person willfully removes, destroys, mutilates or otherwise alters the serial number of any
9 bicycle.

10 (2) The offense described in this section, altering a bicycle serial number, is a Class D
11 traffic violation.

12 **SECTION 6.** (1) A person who is a resident of this state and owns a bicycle may register
13 the bicycle. For the purposes of this section, a person is a resident of this state if the person
14 meets the residency requirements described in ORS 807.062.

15 (2) Upon application to the Department of Transportation or to a registration agent of
16 the department, the owner of a bicycle shall be issued a registration certificate and a regis-
17 tration decal that are serially numbered to correspond with each other and that are in a
18 form and design approved by the department. The registration certificate shall show the
19 name and address of the applicant, the date of issuance of the certificate and the serial
20 number or model of the bicycle.

21 (3) An application for registration of a bicycle must include the following information:

- 22 (a) Name of the owner of the bicycle;
- 23 (b) Owner's address and telephone number;
- 24 (c) Owner's date of birth;
- 25 (d) Make of the bicycle or the name of the bicycle manufacturer;
- 26 (e) Model of the bicycle;
- 27 (f) Wheel and frame size of the bicycle;
- 28 (g) Serial number of the bicycle; and
- 29 (h) Any other information considered necessary by the Department of Transportation.

30 (4) The department shall prescribe by rule the forms to be used for:

- 31 (a) The bicycle registration application;
- 32 (b) Address changes;
- 33 (c) Transfers of ownership;
- 34 (d) Reporting the fees collected by the registration agent and remitted to the department;

35 and

- 36 (e) Any other reporting related to bicycle ownership as determined by the department.

37 **SECTION 7.** Bicycle registration fees are as follows:

- 38 (1) Registration fee, \$12.
- 39 (2) State-issued bicycle serial number, \$3.
- 40 (3) Registration decal to replace a destroyed, mutilated or altered registration decal, \$3.
- 41 (4) Change of address of registered bicycle owner, \$3.
- 42 (5) Transfer of ownership of a registered bicycle from the registered owner to another
43 person, \$6.

44 **SECTION 8.** (1) Whenever the owner of any bicycle registered under sections 2 to 11 of
45 this 2023 Act sells or transfers ownership of the bicycle, the owner shall file a transfer of

1 ownership form with the Department of Transportation within 30 days of the sale or trans-
2 fer.

3 (2) Whenever the owner of any bicycle registered under sections 2 to 11 of this 2023 Act
4 changes their address, the owner shall file a change of address form with the department
5 within 30 days of the change of address.

6 (3) Whenever a bicycle seller sells or trades a bicycle, the bicycle seller shall file a report
7 of sale to the department that includes the information described in section 6 (3) of this 2023
8 Act, to the department within 30 days after the sale or trade.

9 (4) A person commits the offense of failure to report a change of bicycle ownership or
10 change of address to the department if the person fails to report to the department as re-
11 quired by this section.

12 (5) The offense of failure to report a change of bicycle ownership or change of address
13 to the department is a Class D traffic violation.

14 SECTION 9. The Department of Transportation shall maintain a database of information
15 from the information collected from bicycle owners and bicycle sellers concerning bicycle
16 ownership under sections 6 and 8 of this 2023 Act. The information contained in the database
17 shall be available to any law enforcement agency.

18 SECTION 10. The Department of Transportation shall adopt rules for the implementation
19 and administration of sections 2 to 11 of this 2023 Act. Nothing in sections 2 to 11 of this 2023
20 Act prevents the department from contracting any service provided under sections 2 to 11
21 of this 2023 Act to any private person or entity or other unit of government.

22 SECTION 11. The Bicycle Transportation Improvement Fund is established in the State
23 Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Bicycle
24 Transportation Improvement Fund shall be credited to the fund. All fees received by the
25 Department of Transportation under section 7 of this 2023 Act shall be deposited into the
26 fund and are continuously appropriated to the department to pay the expenses of the de-
27 partment in administering the bicycle registration program under sections 2 to 10 of this 2023
28 Act.

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