

Senate Bill 74

Sponsored by Senator THATCHER (at the request of Representative Kevin Mannix) (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**.

Establishes Department of the Oregon Public Safety Reserve Force to employ retired law enforcement officers and corrections officers and law enforcement officers and corrections officers from other states to serve in reserve force for local law enforcement units and Department of Corrections.

Requires employment contracts for reserve force officers to expire no later than December 31, 2030.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Department of the Oregon Public Safety Reserve Force.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of the Oregon Public Safety Reserve Force is estab-**
5 **lished.**

6 **(2) The department shall employ retired law enforcement officers and corrections officers**
7 **and law enforcement officers and corrections officers from other states to serve in a reserve**
8 **force for local law enforcement units and the Department of Corrections.**

9 **(3) The Department of the Oregon Public Safety Reserve Force may only employ reserve**
10 **force officers on a contract basis. A contract for employment of a reserve force officer may**
11 **not be for less than two years or for more than five years.**

12 **(4) A reserve force officer employed by the department is not eligible for membership in**
13 **the Public Employees Retirement System.**

14 **(5) The department may adopt rules establishing the qualifications for reserve force of-**
15 **ficers. The rules must require reserve force officers to be certified by the Department of**
16 **Public Safety Standards and Training.**

17 **(6) The Department of the Oregon Public Safety Reserve Force may adopt rules allowing**
18 **for the payment of up to \$5,000 in moving expenses for a person to move to Oregon to be-**
19 **come a reserve force officer, and up to \$5,000 for a person to move to another state after**
20 **completing service as a reserve force officer. The rules must require a person to commit to**
21 **serve as a reserve force officer for at least two years to qualify for the payment of moving**
22 **expenses.**

23 **SECTION 2. (1) The Department of the Oregon Public Safety Reserve Force is under the**
24 **supervision and control of a captain, who is responsible for the performance of the duties,**
25 **functions and powers of the department.**

26 **(2) The Governor shall appoint the Captain of the Department of the Oregon Public**
27 **Safety Reserve Force, who holds office at the pleasure of the Governor.**

28 **(3) The captain shall be paid a salary as provided by law or, if not so provided, as pre-**
29 **scribed by the Governor.**

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 (4) Subject to the approval of the Governor, the captain may organize and reorganize the
2 administrative structure of the department as the captain considers appropriate to properly
3 conduct the work of the department.

4 (5) The captain may divide the functions of the department into administrative divisions.
5 Subject to the approval of the Governor, the captain may appoint an individual to administer
6 each division. The administrator of each division serves at the pleasure of the captain and
7 is not subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 240. Each individual appointed under this
8 subsection must be well qualified by technical training and experience in the functions to be
9 performed by the individual.

10 SECTION 3. (1) The Captain of the Department of the Oregon Public Safety Reserve
11 Force shall, by written order filed with the Secretary of State, appoint a deputy captain. The
12 deputy captain serves at the pleasure of the captain, has authority to act for the captain in
13 the absence of the captain and is subject to the control of the captain at all times.

14 (2) Subject to section 1 of this 2023 Act and any applicable provisions of ORS chapter 240,
15 the captain shall appoint all subordinate officers and employees of the Department of the
16 Oregon Public Safety Reserve Force, prescribe their duties and fix their compensation.

17 SECTION 4. In accordance with the provisions of ORS chapter 183, the Department of
18 the Oregon Public Safety Reserve Force may adopt rules for the administration of the laws
19 that the department is charged with administering.

20 SECTION 5. Employment contracts for reserve officers entered into by the Department
21 of the Oregon Public Safety Reserve Force must expire no later than December 31, 2030.
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