

# A-Engrossed Senate Bill 935

Ordered by the Senate April 5  
Including Senate Amendments dated April 5

Sponsored by Senator MANNING JR; Senators JAMA, PROZANSKI, WAGNER, WOODS, Representative BYNUM  
(at the request of Neil Simon)

## 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.

Prohibits landlords from denying application for tenancy based on certain rental or financial screening or admissions criteria if applicant is refugee from Ukraine.

Waives [*written test or*] actual demonstration requirements for issuance of **Class C** driver license for refugee from Ukraine who holds valid driver license issued by Ukraine that expires on or after January 1, 2022.

Requires Department of Transportation to waive fees relating to issuance or provision of up to two replacements of driver license issued to refugee from Ukraine.

Requires Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement to develop and provide informational material to each field office of Department of Transportation where applications for driver licenses or vehicle registrations are accepted. Directs that informational material identify types of driver licenses issued by Ukraine that may be used to obtain Oregon driver license, **identify documents that may be used by individual to demonstrate that individual is refugee from Ukraine** and explain eligibility for waivers to fees and [*certain testing*] **demonstration** requirements and be provided in English, Ukrainian and Russian languages.

Sunset January 2, 2028.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to refugees from Ukraine; and declaring an emergency.

3       Whereas the Russian Federation's unprovoked war on Ukraine, carried out since February 2022,  
4 has displaced millions of Ukrainian people; and

5       Whereas close to eight million Ukrainians have been internally displaced and more than six  
6 million Ukrainians have been externally displaced in what is Europe's largest humanitarian crisis  
7 since World War II; and

8       Whereas the United States of America is extending protections to as many as 180,000 Ukrainian  
9 refugees; and

10       Whereas Oregon is hosting 4,500 Ukrainian refugees as measured by the Uniting for Ukraine  
11 program as of February 3, 2023; and

12       Whereas the Slavic community, composed of countries formerly part of the Soviet Union, is the  
13 largest refugee community in Oregon and Oregon was a leading state to welcome refugees from  
14 those countries between 1990 and 2000; and

15       Whereas Oregon has the power to assist Ukrainian refugees by easing barriers to resettlement,  
16 including those barriers related to housing, mobility and state-issued identification; now, therefore,

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

18       **SECTION 1.** **Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 90.**

19       **SECTION 2.** **(1) As used in this section, "refugee from Ukraine" means an individual from**

**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 the country of Ukraine who is displaced as a result of the armed conflict in Ukraine and  
2 granted refugee status for admission to the United States by United States Citizenship and  
3 Immigration Services.

4 (2) Notwithstanding ORS 90.295 and 90.304, a landlord may not apply screening or admis-  
5 sions criteria to deny an application for a tenancy based on rental or financial information  
6 as described in ORS 90.304 (2)(a) to (d) if the applicant is a refugee from Ukraine.

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

9 **SECTION 4.** (1) As used in this section, “refugee from Ukraine” means an individual from  
10 the country of Ukraine who is displaced as a result of the armed conflict in Ukraine and  
11 granted refugee status for admission to the United States by United States Citizenship and  
12 Immigration Services.

13 (2) Notwithstanding ORS 807.072, the Department of Transportation shall waive for an  
14 individual who is applying for a Class C license any actual demonstration required under ORS  
15 807.070 (3) if the applicant is a refugee from Ukraine and holds a valid driver license issued  
16 by the country of Ukraine that expires on or after January 1, 2022.

17 (3) Notwithstanding ORS 807.370, the department shall provide for the waiver of all fees  
18 relating to the issuance or provision of up to two replacements of a driver license when the  
19 department issues a Class C license to a refugee from Ukraine.

20 (4) An individual may use Form I-94, Form I-766 or any other documents identified by the  
21 United States Department of Homeland Security or Department of Human Services to dem-  
22 onstrate that the individual is a refugee from Ukraine.

23 (5) The Department of Transportation shall waive for a refugee from Ukraine the re-  
24 quirements described in subsection (2) of this section and fees described in subsection (3) of  
25 this section, irrespective of whether the department has already issued the refugee from  
26 Ukraine an identification card under ORS 807.400.

27 (6) The department shall adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section.

28 **SECTION 5.** (1) Within 30 days following the effective date of this 2023 Act, the Office  
29 of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement shall develop and provide informational material,  
30 as described in subsection (2) of this section, to each field office of the Department of  
31 Transportation where applications for driver licenses or vehicle registrations are accepted.

32 (2) The informational material developed under this section must:

33 (a) Identify the types of driver licenses issued by the country of Ukraine that may be  
34 used under section 4 of this 2023 Act;

35 (b) Identify and describe Form I-94, Form I-766 and any other documents identified by  
36 the United States Department of Homeland Security or Department of Human Services that  
37 an individual may use to demonstrate that the individual is a refugee from Ukraine;

38 (c) Explain the waivers provided under section 4 of this 2023 Act; and

39 (d) Be provided, at a minimum, in the English, Ukrainian and Russian languages.

40 **SECTION 6.** Sections 1 to 5 of this 2023 Act are repealed on January 2, 2028.

41 **SECTION 7.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-  
42 ated to the Department of Transportation, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the  
43 General Fund, the amount of \$50,000, which may be expended for the purpose of implement-  
44 ing section 4 of this 2023 Act.

45 **SECTION 8.** (1) Section 4 of this 2023 Act becomes operative 90 days following the effec-

1 **tive date of this 2023 Act.**

2 **(2) The Department of Transportation may take any action before the operative date**  
3 **specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary for the department to exercise,**  
4 **on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties,**  
5 **functions and powers conferred on the department under section 4 of this 2023 Act.**

6 **SECTION 9. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
7 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**  
8 **on its passage.**

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