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# House Bill 2341

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### AN ACT

Relating to the Department of Veterans' Affairs; amending ORS 406.072, 406.073 and 414.044.

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

**SECTION 1.** ORS 406.072 is amended to read:

406.072. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Uniformed service" means the Armed Forces of the United States, the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard when the member is engaged in active duty for training, inactive duty for training or full-time National Guard duty, the commissioned corps of the United States Public Health Service and any other category of persons designated by the President of the United States in time of war or national emergency.

(b) "Written information" means information that is in written form and includes but is not limited to information obtained by electronic means, electronic mail, facsimile or other form of electronic communication.

(2)(a) Subject to subsection (3) of this section and upon implementation or upgrade of an electronic delivery system that will enable the Department of Human Services to provide the notice required by this subsection in a cost-effective and efficient manner, the Director of Human Services shall notify the Director of Veterans' Affairs within 30 days of receipt of written information from a member or veteran of a uniformed service who has applied for benefits or services under the following:

- (A) Temporary assistance for needy families program under ORS 412.001 to 412.069;
- (B) Assistance funded under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act as administered in this state by the Department of Human Services;
- (C) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program under ORS 411.806 to 411.845;
- (D) Oregon Health Plan;
- (E) Programs and services for seniors and persons with disabilities administered by the Department of Human Services; and
- (F) Vocational rehabilitation services and programs administered by the Department of Human Services.

(b) Subject to subsection (3) of this section, the Early Learning System Director shall notify the Director of Veterans' Affairs within 30 days of receipt of written information from a member or veteran of a uniformed service who has applied for benefits or services under the Employment Related Day Care subsidy program administered by the Department of Early Learning and Care.

(c) The notification required under this subsection is limited to notifying the Director of Veterans' Affairs of the name, [and] residence [address] or mailing address **and electronic mail address** of the member or veteran.

(d) The authorization of a member or veteran as required by subsection (3) of this section may be contained in the written information at the time it is received by the Department of Human Services or the Department of Early Learning and Care or separately at another time but the authorization must specifically authorize the notification to be made under this subsection.

(3) The Director of Human Services or the Early Learning System Director shall notify the Director of Veterans' Affairs as required by subsection (2) of this section only when authorized to do so by the member or veteran of a uniformed service who submitted the written information.

(4) The Department of Human Services and the Early Learning Council, in consultation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section, including but not limited to the method of notification required under subsection (2) of this section.

**SECTION 2.** ORS 406.073 is amended to read:

406.073. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Uniformed service" means the Armed Forces of the United States, the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard when the member is engaged in active duty for training, inactive duty for training or full-time National Guard duty, the commissioned corps of the United States Public Health Service and any other category of persons designated by the President of the United States in time of war or national emergency.

(b) "Written information" means information that is in written form and includes but is not limited to information obtained by electronic means, such as electronic mail, facsimile or other form of electronic communication.

(2)(a) Subject to subsection (3) of this section, the Director of Transportation shall notify the Director of Veterans' Affairs at least once a month regarding receipt of written information from a member or veteran of a uniformed service when the Department of Transportation receives the written information in connection with an application for:

- (A) A license under ORS 807.050;
- (B) An identification card under ORS 807.400;
- (C) A certificate of title under ORS 803.050; or
- (D) A vehicle registration under ORS 803.370.

(b) The notification required under this subsection is limited to notifying the Director of Veterans' Affairs of the name, [and] residence [address] or mailing address **and electronic mail address** of the member or veteran.

(c) The authorization of a member or veteran as required by subsection (3) of this section may be contained in the written information at the time it is received by the department or separately at another time, but the authorization must specifically authorize the notification to be made under this section.

(3) The Director of Transportation shall notify the Director of Veterans' Affairs as required by subsection (2) of this section only if authorized to do so in writing by the member or veteran of a uniformed service.

(4) The Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section, including but not limited to the method of notification required under subsection (2) of this section.

**SECTION 3.** ORS 414.044 is amended to read:

414.044. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Uniformed service" means the Armed Forces of the United States, the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard when the member is engaged in active duty for training, inactive duty for training or full-time National Guard duty, the commissioned corps of the United States Public Health Service and any other category of persons designated by the President of the United States in time of war or national emergency.

(b) "Written information" means information that is in written form and includes but is not limited to information obtained by electronic means, such as electronic mail, facsimile or other form of electronic communication.

(2)(a) Subject to subsection (3) of this section, the Director of the Oregon Health Authority shall notify the Director of Veterans' Affairs at least once each month regarding receipt of written information from a member or veteran of a uniformed service in connection with an application for health care coverage.

(b) The notification required under this subsection is limited to notifying the Director of Veterans' Affairs of the name, [and] residence [address] or mailing address **and electronic mail address** of the member or veteran.

(c) The authorization of a member or veteran as required by subsection (3) of this section may be contained in the written information at the time it is received by the Oregon Health Authority or separately at another time, but the authorization must specifically authorize the notification to be made under this section.

(3) The Director of the Oregon Health Authority shall notify the Director of Veterans' Affairs as required by subsection (2) of this section only if authorized to do so in writing by the member or veteran of a uniformed service.

(4) The Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section, including but not limited to the method of notification required under subsection (2) of this section.

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