

House Bill 2683

Sponsored by Representative MCINTIRE (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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act says a person can ask ODOT to add a note on their reg card, driver license, permit or ID card. The note will let police officers know that the person has a disability that makes it hard to communicate with the officer. To do this, the person will need to fill out a form and get a doctor or other listed health professional to confirm the disability. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.1).

Provides that a person may request that the Department of Transportation include on a registration card, driver license, driver permit or identification card the fact that the person has a disability that interferes with the person's ability to effectively communicate with a police officer. Requires the person to submit an application to the department and have a health care professional verify the disability.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to documents issued by the Department of Transportation; creating new provisions; and
3 amending ORS 803.500 and 807.110.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle**
6 **Code.**

7 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

8 (a) **"Disability" means a disability, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of**
9 **1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and that interferes with the person's ability to effectively**
10 **communicate with a police officer.**

11 (b) **"Health care professional" means a person licensed in this state to practice as a**
12 **physician, physician associate, naturopathic physician, nurse practitioner, psychologist, pro-**
13 **fessional counselor or marriage and family therapist.**

14 (2) **A person who has a disability may request that the Department of Transportation add**
15 **a symbol on the person's registration card, driver license, driver permit or identification card**
16 **that indicates that the disability interferes with the person's ability to effectively communi-**
17 **cate with a police officer.**

18 (3) **The department shall approve a request to include a symbol on the person's regis-**
19 **tration card, driver license, driver permit or identification card by any person whose disa-**
20 **bility is verified by a health care professional and who submits an application that complies**
21 **with this section.**

22 (4) **An application for approval to include a symbol on a person's registration card, driver**
23 **license, driver permit or identification card must include:**

24 (a) **A certificate, signed and dated within six months preceding the date of application,**
25 **submitted by a health care professional to the department verifying that the applicant is a**
26 **person with a disability;**

27 (b) **The state-issued licensing number of the health care professional who signed the**

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 **certificate; and**

2 (c) **The number of the registration card, driver license, driver permit or identification**
 3 **card issued to the applicant by the department.**

4 (5) **At the time of renewal or replacement of a registration card, driver license, driver**
 5 **permit or identification card, a person may elect to remove the symbol.**

6 (6) **The verification requirements under this section do not apply to a person who elects**
 7 **to include a designation on the person's registration card, driver license, driver permit or**
 8 **identification card as permitted under ORS 803.500 (7) or 807.110 (1)(m) because the person**
 9 **is deaf or hard of hearing.**

10 (7) **A request for the inclusion of a symbol under this section does not, by itself, consti-**
 11 **tute good cause to impose restrictions on driving privileges as provided under ORS 807.120.**

12 (8) **The department may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section.**

13 **SECTION 3.** ORS 807.110 is amended to read:

14 807.110. (1) A driver license issued by the Department of Transportation shall contain all of the
 15 following:

16 (a) The distinguishing number assigned to the person issued the driver license by the depart-
 17 ment.

18 (b) For the purpose of identification, a brief description of the person to whom the driver license
 19 is issued.

20 (c) The full legal name of the person to whom the driver license is issued, except that the de-
 21 partment may limit the number of characters displayed on the driver license.

22 (d) The date of birth and sex of the person to whom the driver license is issued.

23 (e) Except as provided for corrections officers in ORS 802.253, eligible employees in ORS 802.250
 24 or Address Confidentiality Program participants in ORS 192.846, the residence address of the person
 25 to whom the driver license is issued.

26 (f) Upon request of the person to whom the driver license is issued, the fact that the person is
 27 an anatomical donor.

28 (g) Upon request of the person to whom the driver license is issued and presentation of proof,
 29 as determined by the department, the fact that the person is a veteran, as defined in ORS 408.225.

30 (h) Upon order of the juvenile court, the fact that the person to whom the driver license is is-
 31 sued is an emancipated minor.

32 (i) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, a photograph described in this
 33 paragraph. A photograph required under this paragraph shall:

34 (A) Be a full-faced, color photograph of the person to whom the driver license is issued;

35 (B) Be of a size approved by the department; and

36 (C) Be taken at the time of application for issuance of the driver license whether the application
 37 is for an original driver license, replacement of a driver license under ORS 807.160 or renewal of a
 38 driver license under ORS 807.150, except that the department, by rule, may allow the applicant to
 39 use a photograph already on file with the department.

40 (j) The class of driver license issued and any endorsements granted.

41 (k) The signature of the person to whom the driver license is issued.

42 (L) If the driver license is not a Real ID, a design differentiating it from a Real ID.

43 (m) Upon request of the person to whom the driver license is issued, the fact that the person is
 44 deaf or hard of hearing.

45 (n) **Subject to approval under section 2 of this 2025 Act, upon request of the person to**

1 **whom the driver license is issued, the fact that the person has a disability as defined in**
 2 **section 2 of this 2025 Act.**

3 (2) The department may issue a valid driver license, other than a commercial driver license,
 4 without a photograph to an applicant:

5 (a) Who objects on religious grounds;

6 (b) Who objects because of the applicant’s facial disfigurement; or

7 (c) Who is stationed outside of this state while serving in the active military service in the
 8 Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard, and the department does not have an
 9 acceptable photograph of the applicant, as determined by the department by rule. This paragraph
 10 applies to an applicant who is renewing or replacing a driver license.

11 (3) A limited term driver license or a limited term commercial driver license issued under ORS
 12 807.730 shall indicate:

13 (a) That it is a limited term driver license; and

14 (b) The date on which the limited term driver license expires.

15 (4) The department shall use security procedures, processes and materials in the preparation,
 16 manufacture and issuance of any driver license that prohibit as nearly as possible anyone’s ability
 17 to alter, counterfeit, duplicate or modify the driver license without ready detection. The security
 18 features used in the production of the driver licenses shall provide for:

19 (a) The authentication of a genuine document in a reasonable time; and

20 (b) The production of the driver license only by equipment that requires verification of the
 21 identity of the operator of the equipment before a driver license may be produced.

22 **SECTION 4.** ORS 803.500 is amended to read:

23 803.500. The Department of Transportation shall furnish for each vehicle and camper registered
 24 by the department, a registration card that shows all of the following information:

25 (1) The name of the registered owner.

26 (2) The make.

27 (3) The year model.

28 (4) The vehicle identification number as denoted by the title issued for the vehicle or camper.

29 (5) The mileage of the vehicle as reported to the department at the time the most recent title
 30 transfer was reported to the department, or the mileage reported to the department at the time the
 31 vehicle was initially titled in Oregon, whichever occurred last.

32 (6) The word “totaled” if the vehicle has been reported to the department as a totaled vehicle
 33 under the provisions of ORS 819.012 or 819.014, unless the reason for the report was theft and the
 34 vehicle has been recovered.

35 (7) Upon request of the registered owner, the fact that the registered owner, or a person who
 36 may operate the vehicle, is deaf or hard of hearing.

37 **(8) Subject to section 2 of this 2025 Act, upon request of the person to whom the regis-**
 38 **tration card is issued, the fact that the person has a disability as defined in section 2 of this**
 39 **2025 Act.**

40 [(8)] (9) Any other information required by the department.

41 [(9)] (10) Notwithstanding subsection [(8)] (9) of this section, after receiving the registration card
 42 from the department, the registered owner may black out or otherwise obscure the residence ad-
 43 dress, business address, mailing address or vehicle address shown on the registration card. No other
 44 information on the registration card may be blacked out or otherwise obscured.

45 **SECTION 5.** The Department of Transportation shall conduct public awareness cam-

1 **paigns to inform individuals with disabilities, as defined in section 2 of this 2025 Act, and**
2 **their families about the availability of the communication impairment designation on regis-**
3 **tration cards, driver licenses, driver permits and identification cards pursuant to section 2**
4 **of this 2025 Act and the amendments to ORS 803.500 and 807.110 by sections 3 and 4 of this**
5 **2025 Act.**

6 **SECTION 6. Section 5 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.**

7 **SECTION 7. Section 2 of this 2025 Act and the amendments to ORS 803.500 and 807.110**
8 **by sections 3 and 4 of this 2025 Act apply to registration cards, driver licenses, driver permits**
9 **and identification cards issued, renewed or replaced on or after the effective date of this 2025**
10 **Act.**

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