

House Bill 3460

Sponsored by Representative BOICE

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 tells OHA to create a program for veterans to be treated with HBOT. (Flesch Readability Score: 78.8).

Directs the Oregon Health Authority to administer a program to reimburse the cost of hyperbaric oxygen therapy for low-income veterans who have been diagnosed with traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder and are ineligible for medical assistance.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to hyperbaric oxygen therapy; and prescribing an effective date.

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

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

5 (a) **"Hyperbaric oxygen therapy" means the systemic administration of 100 percent oxy-**
6 **gen while the patient is inside a pressurized treatment chamber.**

7 (b) **"Medical assistance" has the meaning given that term in ORS 414.025.**

8 (c) **"Veteran" has the meaning given that term in ORS 413.650.**

9 (2) **The Oregon Health Authority shall administer a program to reimburse the cost of**
10 **hyperbaric oxygen therapy for an individual who:**

11 (a) **Is a resident of Oregon;**

12 (b) **Is a veteran;**

13 (c) **Has been diagnosed with traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder and**
14 **has been prescribed hyperbaric oxygen therapy by a licensed health care provider;**

15 (d) **Is ineligible for medical assistance; and**

16 (e) **Has income that is at or below 400 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.**

17 (3) **The authority shall adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section and shall**
18 **explore any and all opportunities to obtain federal financial participation in the costs of im-**
19 **plementing this section.**

20 **SECTION 2. (1) Section 1 of this 2025 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2026.**

21 (2) **The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the operative date specified**
22 **in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the authority to exercise, on and**
23 **after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions**
24 **and powers conferred on the authority by section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

25 **SECTION 3. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**
26 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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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.