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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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act defines what a “powered micromobility device” is. It also combines the laws for kids under 16, making it clear that they must wear helmets when riding bikes, e-bikes, e-scooters and some other vehicles. ODOT must tell the public about these new laws. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.2).

[Digest: The Act defines what a “powered micromobility device” is. It also combines the laws for kids under 16, making it clear that they must wear helmets when riding bikes, e-bikes, e-scooters and some other vehicles. Kids who are 12 and older can use e-scooters and certain e-bikes. ODOT must tell the public about these new laws. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.7).]

Defines “powered micromobility device” for the vehicle code.

Consolidates and makes uniform standards for wearing protective headgear for children under 16 years of age when riding or using a bicycle, electric assisted bicycle, motor assisted scooter, powered micromobility device and certain nonmotorized vehicles.

Provides that a person [12] 14 years of age or older can use a [motor assisted scooter or] Class 1 [or Class 2] electric assisted bicycle. **Provides that a person 16 years of age or older can use a Class 2 or Class 3 electric assisted bicycle.**

Directs the Department of Transportation to undertake a public information campaign to inform the public about the changes to the law **and develop a safety education program.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to vehicles; creating new provisions; amending ORS 153.633, 153.645, 153.650, 153.660, 803.030, 803.305, 806.020, 807.020, 811.050, 811.440, 814.485, 814.486, 814.488, 814.489, 814.512, 815.052 and 815.281; and repealing ORS 814.487, 814.534 and 814.600.

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

POWERED MICROMOBILITY DEVICES AND MOTOR ASSISTED SCOOTERS

SECTION 1. Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this 2025 Act are added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle Code.

SECTION 2. Definition of “powered micromobility device.” (1) “Powered micromobility device” means a vehicle that:

(a) Is designed to transport a person;

(b) Has a propulsion system;

(c) Has a maximum speed of 30 miles per hour; and

(d) Has an unloaded weight of less than 100 pounds.

(2) A “powered micromobility device” does not include:

(a) Devices exclusively powered by human power; or

(b) The following devices or vehicles:

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 **(A) Electric assisted bicycles;**
- 2 **(B) Electric personal assistive mobility devices;**
- 3 **(C) Motor assisted scooters; or**
- 4 **(D) Motorized wheelchairs.**

5 **SECTION 3. Application of vehicle laws to powered micromobility devices.** (1) A powered
6 micromobility device is not a motor vehicle for purposes of the Oregon Vehicle Code, except
7 when specifically provided by statute.

8 (2) A person operating a powered micromobility device on a bicycle lane, bicycle path or
9 any part of a highway is subject to any provisions applicable to and has the same rights and
10 duties as the driver of a bicycle when operating on a bicycle lane, bicycle path or any part
11 of a highway, except when otherwise specifically provided by statute.

12 (3) Subject to the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this section, for purposes of the
13 vehicle code:

14 (a) A powered micromobility device is a vehicle; and

15 (b) When the term “vehicle” is used the term shall be deemed to be applicable to powered
16 micromobility devices, except those provisions that by their very nature can have no appli-
17 cation to the devices.

18 (4) The provisions of the vehicle code relating to the operation of a powered micromo-
19 bility device do not relieve an operator or motorist from the duty to exercise due care.

20 **SECTION 4. Local government and state agency regulation of the operation of powered**
21 **micromobility devices.** Local governments and state agencies having jurisdiction over public
22 highways, sidewalks, alleys, bridges, trails, recreational roads and other ways of public pas-
23 sage may regulate by ordinance or rule and by traffic control device the time, place and
24 manner of the operation of powered micromobility devices, including prohibiting their use
25 entirely.

26 **SECTION 5.** ORS 803.030 is amended to read:

27 803.030. This section establishes exemptions from the requirements under ORS 803.025 to obtain
28 title issued by this state. The exemptions are subject to ORS 803.040. The exemptions are in addition
29 to any exemptions under ORS 801.026. Vehicles exempted by this section from the requirements to
30 be titled by this state are not prohibited from being titled by this state if titling is permitted under
31 ORS 803.035. The exemptions are partial or complete as provided in the following:

32 (1) Title from this state is not required for a vehicle unless the vehicle is operated on a highway
33 in this state.

34 (2) Title from this state is not required unless a vehicle is operated under a registration number
35 of this state.

36 (3) Snowmobiles and Class I, Class III and Class IV all-terrain vehicles are not subject to the
37 requirements under ORS 803.025. The requirements and procedures for titling snowmobiles are as
38 provided under ORS 821.060 and 821.070.

39 (4) Road rollers, farm tractors and traction engines are exempt from the requirements for title.

40 (5) Trolleys are exempt from the requirements for title.

41 (6) Bicycles are exempt from the requirements for title.

42 (7) United States Government owned and operated motor vehicles and trailers are exempt from
43 the requirements for title.

44 (8) Implements of husbandry, well drilling machinery, emergency fire apparatus providing public
45 fire protection and wheelchairs are exempt from the requirements for title.

1 (9) Except as provided in subsection (23) of this section, fixed load vehicles are exempt from the
2 requirements for title while operated within the immediate construction project, as described in the
3 governmental agency contract, in the construction or reconstruction of state or county roads,
4 highways or city streets.

5 (10) Motor vehicles designed to operate at a loaded weight over 8,000 pounds, trailers and
6 equipment are exempt from requirements for title while:

7 (a) Owned, leased, contracted or requisitioned by the State Forester, State Board of Forestry,
8 their contractors under ORS chapter 477, or the federal government; and

9 (b) Being used for the purposes of forest protection and fire suppression under ORS chapter 477
10 or a similar federal statute, including movement of the vehicles to and from the work area.

11 (11) Farm trailers are exempt from requirements for title when the operation or movement of
12 the vehicle upon the highways is incidental to its use in an agricultural operation.

13 (12) Golf carts operated under an ordinance adopted under ORS 810.070 are exempt from re-
14 quirements for title.

15 (13) Golf carts or similar vehicles are exempt from requirements for title when:

16 (a) They have not less than three wheels in contact with the ground;

17 (b) They have an unloaded weight of less than 1,300 pounds;

18 (c) They are designed to be and are operated at not more than 15 miles per hour; and

19 (d) They are operated by persons with disabilities.

20 (14) The nonresident owners of vehicles currently registered and titled in any other country,
21 state or territory may operate such vehicles over the highways of this state without complying with
22 the titling requirements under ORS 803.025. All of the following apply to this subsection:

23 (a) This subsection only provides an exemption so long as the owner satisfactorily shows that
24 the owner is not a resident of this state or has been a resident of this state for less than 30 days.
25 For the purpose of this paragraph, a person is a resident of this state if the person meets the resi-
26 dency requirements described in ORS 803.200.

27 (b) The exemption under this subsection applies to vehicles granted exemptions under ORS
28 802.500, 802.520 or 826.005, unless otherwise provided under paragraph (c) of this subsection.

29 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, a vehicle operated over the highways of this
30 state for compensation or profit must comply with the titling requirements under ORS 803.025 in the
31 same manner as required of nontitled vehicles. The following vehicles are not subject to this para-
32 graph:

33 (A) Vehicles operated under reciprocal registration exemptions established under ORS 802.500
34 or 826.005.

35 (B) Vehicles operated under an exemption established under ORS 802.520.

36 (C) Vehicles that are proportionally registered under an agreement established under ORS
37 826.007, and according to the procedures established under ORS 826.009 or 826.011.

38 (D) Any vehicle if duly registered and titled under the laws of the state or country of which the
39 owner is a bona fide resident to the extent that in the foreign country, state, territory or federal
40 district where the owner resides like exemptions and privileges are granted vehicles duly registered
41 and titled under the laws of this state and owned by residents of this state.

42 (d) If no exemptions from titling requirements are in effect under ORS 802.500, 802.520, 826.005
43 or 826.007 with respect to another jurisdiction, any vehicle properly registered and titled in such
44 other jurisdiction and for which evidence of compliance is supplied shall receive, when operated in
45 this state, the same exemptions, benefits and privileges granted by such other jurisdictions to vehi-

cles properly registered and titled in this state. Reciprocity extended under this paragraph shall apply to commercial vehicles only when engaged exclusively in interstate commerce.

(e) Any vehicle operated under dealer registration plates issued by another state, country, province, territory or the District of Columbia is subject to this subsection.

(15) Vehicle dealers issued certificates under ORS 822.020 may use and operate untitled vehicles as provided under ORS 822.040.

(16) Towing businesses issued certificates under ORS 822.205 may tow untitled vehicles as provided under ORS 822.210.

(17) Vehicle transporters issued certificates under ORS 822.310 may transport untitled vehicles as provided in ORS 822.310.

(18) Untitled vehicles may be operated under trip permits described under ORS 803.600 or under permits described under ORS 803.610 to 803.625.

(19) Vehicles that are registered by the United States Department of State and that are owned or operated by foreign nationals with diplomatic immunity are exempt from the requirements for title.

(20)(a) Vehicles that are registered under the proportional registration provisions of ORS chapter 826 and are titled in a jurisdiction other than Oregon are exempt from the requirements for title.

(b) A trailer that is registered under the proportional registration provisions of ORS chapter 826 and titled in a jurisdiction other than Oregon shall remain exempt from the requirements for title in Oregon if the trailer is registered when the other jurisdiction removes its exception to proportional registration requirements for the trailer.

(21) Converter dollies and tow dollies are exempt from the requirements for title.

(22) Electric personal assistive mobility devices are exempt from the requirements for title.

(23) Road machinery that is operated at the direction of a road authority is exempt from the requirements for title. The exemption under this subsection also applies when the operation of road machinery upon a highway or an alley is incidental to its use in a highway maintenance operation.

(24) Special mobile equipment is exempt from the requirements for title.

(25) Powered micromobility devices are exempt from the requirements for title.

SECTION 6. ORS 803.305 is amended to read:

803.305. This section establishes exemptions from the requirements under ORS 803.300. The exemptions under this section are in addition to any exemptions under ORS 801.026. Vehicles exempted by this section from the requirements to be registered by this state are not prohibited from being registered by this state if registration is permitted under ORS 803.310. The following are exempt, either partially or completely as described, from the registration requirements under ORS 803.300:

(1) Road rollers, farm tractors, trolleys and traction engines are exempt from registration.

(2) Bicycles are exempt from registration.

(3) A vehicle is exempt from registration if it has registration issued for the vehicle by the Armed Forces of the United States where the registration is issued in a foreign country to a vehicle owned by a member of the Armed Forces. The exemption granted by this subsection applies only for a period of 45 days from the time the vehicle is returned to the United States.

(4) A vehicle is exempt from registration if it is not operated on the highways of this state.

(5) A trailer is exempt from registration if it is equipped with pneumatic tires made of elastic material and is not operated in this state with a loaded weight of more than 1,800 pounds. A trailer for hire, travel trailer or camper is not exempt by this subsection.

(6) Vehicles owned and operated by the United States Government are exempt from registration.

(7) Snowmobiles are subject to the requirements for registration provided under ORS 821.080 to 821.110.

(8) Implements of husbandry, well drilling machinery, emergency fire apparatus providing public fire protection and wheelchairs are exempt from registration.

(9) Road graders, farm tractors and farm trailers on highways are exempt from registration when the operation of the vehicle upon the highway is incidental to its use in an agricultural operation.

(10) Except as provided in subsection (26) of this section, fixed load vehicles are exempt from registration while the vehicles are operated:

(a) In the construction or reconstruction of state or county roads, highways or city streets; and

(b) Within the immediate construction projects, as described in the governmental agency contract under which the work is being performed.

(11) Motor vehicles designed to operate at a loaded weight over 8,000 pounds, trailers and equipment are exempt from registration while being used for the purposes of forest protection and fire suppression under ORS chapter 477 or a similar federal statute. The exemption under this subsection applies to the vehicles or equipment described while being moved to or from the work area. The exemption under this subsection only applies to vehicles or equipment owned, leased, contracted for or requisitioned by the State Forester or State Board of Forestry, a contractor of the State Forester or State Board of Forestry under ORS chapter 477 or the United States Government.

(12) Vehicles being used for the purposes of forest protection and fire suppression are exempt if the vehicles are necessary in order to comply with ORS 477.615 or 477.650 or a similar federal statute. The exemption under this subsection also applies to the vehicles described being moved to or from the work area.

(13) Golf cart exemptions from registration are as provided in ORS 820.210.

(14) Vehicles currently registered and titled in any other country, state or territory are not required to be registered by this state. All of the following apply to this subsection:

(a) This subsection only provides an exemption as long as the owner of the vehicle satisfactorily shows that the owner is not a resident of this state or has been a resident of this state for less than 30 days. For the purpose of this paragraph, a person is a resident of this state if the person meets the residency requirements described in ORS 803.200.

(b) The exemption under this subsection applies to vehicles granted exemptions under ORS 802.500, 802.520 or 826.005 unless otherwise provided for under paragraph (c) of this subsection.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, a vehicle operated over the highways of this state for compensation or profit must comply with the registration requirements under ORS 803.300 in the same manner as vehicles owned by persons in this state. The following vehicles are not subject to this paragraph:

(A) Vehicles operated under reciprocal registration exemptions established under ORS 802.500 or 826.005.

(B) Vehicles operated under an exemption established under ORS 802.520.

(C) Vehicles that are proportionally registered under an agreement established under ORS 826.007 and according to the procedures established under ORS 826.009 and 826.011.

(D) Any vehicle if duly registered and titled under the laws of the state or country of which the owner is a bona fide resident to the extent that in the foreign country, state, territory or federal district where the owner resides like exemptions and privileges are granted vehicles duly registered and titled under the laws of this state and owned by residents of this state.

(d) If no exemption from registration requirements is in effect under ORS 802.500, 802.520,

826.005 or 826.007 with respect to another jurisdiction, any vehicle properly registered and titled in such other jurisdiction and for which evidence of compliance is supplied shall receive, when operated in this state, the same exemptions, benefits and privileges granted by such other jurisdictions to vehicles properly registered and titled in this state. Reciprocity extended under this paragraph shall apply to commercial vehicles only when engaged exclusively in interstate commerce.

(e) Any vehicle operated under dealer registration plates issued by another state, country, province, territory or the District of Columbia is subject to this subsection.

(15) Vehicles operated or used by vehicle dealers may be operated or used without registration as provided under ORS 822.040.

(16) Vehicles towed by towing businesses may be towed without registration as provided under ORS 822.210.

(17) Vehicles without registration may be transported by vehicle transporters as provided under ORS 822.310.

(18) Vehicles that are not registered may be operated under trip permits described under ORS 803.600 or under permits described under ORS 803.610 to 803.625.

(19) If trailers that are part of a fleet of trailers for hire are properly registered in this state under an agreement entered into pursuant to ORS 802.500, all trailers that are identified as being a part of the same fleet and that are currently registered in any state, territory, province, country or the District of Columbia shall be permitted to operate in this state in both interstate and intrastate commerce without being registered by this state.

(20) Vehicles that are registered by the United States Department of State and that are owned or operated by foreign nationals with diplomatic immunity are exempt from registration.

(21) Tow dollies and converter dollies are exempt from registration.

(22) Class I, Class III and Class IV all-terrain vehicles are exempt from registration.

(23) Motor assisted scooters are exempt from registration.

(24) Electric personal assistive mobility devices are exempt from registration.

(25) A racing activity vehicle that is being operated for the purposes of a test drive within a 30-mile radius of the location where the vehicle is manufactured is exempt from registration.

(26) Road machinery that is operated at the direction of a road authority is exempt from registration. The exemption under this subsection also applies when the operation of road machinery upon a highway or an alley is incidental to its use in a highway maintenance operation.

(27) Powered micromobility devices are exempt from registration.

SECTION 7. ORS 806.020 is amended to read:

806.020. This section provides exemptions from the necessity for compliance with or proof of compliance with financial responsibility requirements in accident reports under ORS 811.725, when applying for vehicle registration under ORS 803.370 or 803.460 and for operating a vehicle under ORS 806.010. The owner or operator of a vehicle is exempt, as provided by this section, from financial responsibility requirements if the vehicle involved in the accident, sought to be registered or operated is any of the following:

(1) An antique vehicle issued permanent registration under ORS 805.010.

(2) A farm trailer.

(3) A farm tractor.

(4) An implement of husbandry.

(5) A vehicle of special interest that is maintained as a collector's item and used for exhibitions, parades, club activities and similar uses, but not used primarily for the transportation of persons

or property.

(6) A snowmobile or a Class I, Class III or Class IV all-terrain vehicle, unless the vehicle is operating on an all-terrain vehicle highway access route that is designated by the Oregon Transportation Commission as open to all-terrain vehicles.

(7) Any motor vehicle not operated on any highway or premises open to the public in this state.

(8) A motor assisted scooter.

(9) An electric personal assistive mobility device.

(10) A powered micromobility device.

SECTION 8. ORS 807.020, as amended by section 3, chapter 12, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended to read:

807.020. A person who is granted a driving privilege by this section may exercise the driving privilege described without violation of the requirements under ORS 807.010. A grant of driving privileges to operate a motor vehicle under this section is subject to suspension and revocation the same as other driving privileges granted under the vehicle code. This section is in addition to any exemptions from the vehicle code under ORS 801.026. The following persons are granted the described driving privileges:

(1) A person who is not a resident of this state or who has been a resident of this state for less than 30 days may operate a motor vehicle without an Oregon license or driver permit if the person holds a current out-of-state license issued to the person. For the purpose of this subsection, a person is a resident of this state if the person meets the residency requirements described in ORS 807.062. To qualify under this subsection, the person must have the out-of-state license or driver permit in the person's possession. A person is not granted driving privileges under this subsection:

(a) If the person is under the minimum age required to be eligible for driving privileges under ORS 807.060;

(b) During a period of suspension or revocation by this state or any other jurisdiction of driving privileges or of the right to apply for a license or driver permit issued by this state or any other jurisdiction; or

(c) That exceed the driving privileges granted to the person by the out-of-state license or driver permit.

(2) A person who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or a member of the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration may operate a motor vehicle without an Oregon license or driver permit if the person is operating a motor vehicle in the course of the person's duties in the Armed Forces or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(3) A person without a license or driver permit may operate a road roller or road machinery that is not required to be registered under the laws of this state.

(4) A person without a license or driver permit may temporarily operate, draw, move or propel a farm tractor or implement of husbandry.

(5) A person without a license or driver permit may operate a motor vehicle to demonstrate driving ability during the course of an examination administered under ORS 807.070 for the purpose of qualifying for a license or driver permit. This subsection only applies when an authorized examiner is in a seat beside the driver of the motor vehicle.

(6) Driving privileges for snowmobiles are exclusively as provided in ORS 821.150.

(7) Driving privileges for Class I all-terrain vehicles are exclusively as provided in ORS 821.170, unless a person is operating a Class I all-terrain vehicle on an all-terrain vehicle highway access

route that is designated by the Oregon Transportation Commission as open to all-terrain vehicles.

(8) Driving privileges for Class III all-terrain vehicles are exclusively as provided in ORS 821.172, unless a person is operating a Class III all-terrain vehicle on an all-terrain vehicle highway access route that is designated by the commission as open to all-terrain vehicles.

(9) Driving privileges for Class IV all-terrain vehicles are exclusively as provided in ORS 821.176, unless a person is operating a Class IV all-terrain vehicle on an all-terrain vehicle highway access route that is designated by the commission as open to all-terrain vehicles.

(10) A person without a license or driver permit may operate a golf cart in accordance with an ordinance adopted under ORS 810.070.

(11) The spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty or the spouse of a member of the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who is accompanying the member on assignment in this state may operate a motor vehicle if the spouse has a current out-of-state license or driver permit issued to the spouse by another state in the spouse's possession.

(12) A person who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty or a member of the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration may operate a motor vehicle if the person has a current out-of-state license or driver permit in the person's possession that is issued to the person by the person's state of domicile or by the Armed Forces of the United States in a foreign country. Driving privileges described under this subsection that are granted by the Armed Forces apply only for a period of 45 days from the time the person returns to the United States.

(13) A person who does not hold a motorcycle endorsement may operate a motorcycle if the person is:

(a) Within an enclosed cab;

(b) Operating a vehicle designed to travel with three wheels in contact with the ground at speeds of less than 15 miles per hour; or

(c) Operating an autocycle.

(14) Except as provided in subsection (15) of this section, a person may operate a bicycle without any grant of driving privileges.

(15) A person may operate the following without any grant of driving privileges if the person is *[16 years of age or older]* **operating:**

(a) A Class 1 electric assisted bicycle **and is 14 years of age or older;**

(b) A Class 2 electric assisted bicycle **and is 16 years of age or older;** or

(c) A Class 3 electric assisted bicycle **and is 16 years of age or older.**

(16) A person may operate a motor assisted scooter without *[a driver license or driver permit]* **any grant of driving privileges** if the person is 16 years of age or older.

(17) A person who is not a resident of this state or who has been a resident of this state for less than 30 days may operate a motor vehicle without an Oregon license or driver permit if the person is at least 15 years of age and has in the person's possession a current out-of-state equivalent of a Class C instruction driver permit issued to the person. For the purpose of this subsection, a person is a resident of this state if the person meets the residency requirements described in ORS 807.062. A person operating a motor vehicle under authority of this subsection has the same privileges and is subject to the same restrictions as a person operating under the authority of a Class C instruction driver permit issued as provided in ORS 807.280.

(18) A person may operate an electric personal assistive mobility device without any grant of

driving privileges if the person is 16 years of age or older.

(19) A person may operate a powered micromobility device without any grant of driving privileges if the person is 16 years of age or older.

SECTION 9. ORS 811.050 is amended to read:

811.050. (1) A person commits the offense of failure of a motor vehicle operator to yield to a rider on a bicycle lane if the person is operating a motor vehicle and the person does not yield the right of way to a person operating a bicycle, electric assisted bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, moped, motor assisted scooter, **powered micromobility device** or motorized wheelchair upon a bicycle lane.

(2) This section does not require a person operating a moped to yield the right of way to a bicycle or a motor assisted scooter if the moped is operated on a bicycle lane in the manner permitted under ORS 811.440.

(3) The offense described in this section, failure of a motor vehicle operator to yield to a rider on a bicycle lane, is a Class B traffic violation.

SECTION 10. ORS 811.440 is amended to read:

811.440. This section provides exemptions from the prohibitions under ORS 811.435 and 814.210 against operating motor vehicles on bicycle lanes and paths. The following vehicles are not subject to ORS 811.435 and 814.210 under the circumstances described:

(1) A person may operate a moped on a bicycle lane that is immediately adjacent to the roadway only while the moped is being exclusively powered by human power.

(2) A person may operate a motor vehicle upon a bicycle lane when:

(a) Making a turn;

(b) Entering or leaving an alley, private road or driveway; or

(c) Required in the course of official duty.

(3) An implement of husbandry may momentarily cross into a bicycle lane to permit other vehicles to overtake and pass the implement of husbandry.

(4) A person may operate a motorized wheelchair on a bicycle lane or path.

(5) A person may operate a motor assisted scooter on a bicycle lane or path.

(6) A person may operate an electric personal assistive mobility device on a bicycle lane or path.

(7) A person may operate a powered micromobility device on a bicycle lane or path.

SECTION 11. ORS 814.512 is amended to read:

814.512. (1) A person operating a motor assisted scooter commits the offense of unlawful operation of a motor assisted scooter if:

(a) The person is under [16] **12** years of age; or

(b) The person operates a motor assisted scooter at a rate of speed exceeding 15 miles per hour.

(2) The offense described in this section, unlawful operation of a motor assisted scooter, is a Class D traffic violation.

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 12. ORS 814.485 is amended to read:

814.485. (1) A person commits the offense of failure *[of a bicycle operator or rider]* to wear protective headgear if the person is under 16 years of age, operates, **uses** or rides on a *[bicycle]* **vehicle** on a highway or on premises open to the public and is not wearing protective headgear of a type approved under ORS 815.052. **This section applies to the following:**

- (a) **Bicycles;**
- (b) **Motor assisted scooters;**
- (c) **Electric personal assistive mobility devices;**
- (d) **Powered micromobility devices; or**
- (e) **Skateboards, nonmotorized scooters or in-line skates.**

[(2) Exemptions from this section are as provided in ORS 814.487.]

[(3)] (2) The offense described in this section, failure *[of a bicycle operator or rider]* to wear protective headgear, is a specific fine traffic violation. The presumptive fine for failure *[of a bicycle operator or rider]* to wear protective headgear is \$25.

SECTION 13. ORS 814.486 is amended to read:

814.486. (1) A person commits the offense of endangering a *[bicycle]* **vehicle** operator or passenger if:

(a) The person is operating **or using** a *[bicycle]* **vehicle** on a highway or on premises open to the public and the person carries another person on the *[bicycle]* **vehicle** who is under 16 years of age and is not wearing protective headgear of a type approved under ORS 815.052; or

(b) The person is the parent, legal guardian or person with legal responsibility for the safety and welfare of a child under 16 years of age and the child operates, **uses** or rides on a *[bicycle]* **vehicle** on a highway or on premises open to the public without wearing protective headgear of a type approved under ORS 815.052.

[(2) Exemptions from this section are as provided in ORS 814.487.]

(2) This section applies to the following vehicles:

- (a) **Bicycles;**
- (b) **Motor assisted scooters;**
- (c) **Electric personal assistive mobility devices;**
- (d) **Powered micromobility devices; or**
- (e) **Skateboards, nonmotorized scooters or in-line skates.**

(3) The offense described in this section, endangering a *[bicycle]* **vehicle** operator or passenger, is a specific fine traffic violation. The presumptive fine for endangering a *[bicycle]* **vehicle** operator or passenger is \$25.

SECTION 14. ORS 814.489 is amended to read:

814.489. Evidence of violation of ORS 814.485 or 814.486 and evidence of lack of protective headgear *[shall]* **is** not *[be]* admissible, applicable or effective to reduce the amount of damages or to constitute a defense to an action for damages brought by or on behalf of an injured *[bicyclist or bicycle passenger]* **vehicle operator, vehicle user** or the survivors of a deceased *[bicyclist]* **vehicle operator, vehicle user** or passenger if the *[bicyclist]* **vehicle operator, vehicle user** or passenger was injured or killed as a result in whole or in part of the fault of another.

SECTION 15. ORS 814.488 is amended to read:

814.488. (1) If a child in violation of ORS 814.485 is *[11]* **under 16** years of age *[or younger]*, any citation issued shall be issued to the parent, legal guardian or person with legal responsibility for the safety and welfare of the child for violation of ORS 814.486, rather than to the child for violation of ORS 814.485.

[(2) If a child in violation of ORS 814.485 is at least 12 years of age and is under 16 years of age, a citation may be issued to the child for violation of ORS 814.485 or to the parent, legal guardian or person with legal responsibility for the safety and welfare of the child for violation of ORS 814.486, but not to both.]

1 [(3)] (2) The first time a person is convicted of an offense described in ORS 814.485 or 814.486,
2 the person *[shall]* **is** not *[be]* required to pay a fine if the person proves to the satisfaction of the
3 court that the person has protective headgear of a type approved under ORS 815.052.

4 **SECTION 16.** ORS 815.052 is amended to read:

5 815.052. (1) The Department of Transportation shall adopt and enforce rules establishing mini-
6 mum standards and specifications for safe protective headgear to be worn by people operating, **us-**
7 **ing or riding** *[bicycles, by passengers on bicycles and by people riding on skateboards or scooters or*
8 *using in-line skates]* **vehicles.**

9 **(2) This section applies to the following vehicles:**

10 **(a) Bicycles;**

11 **(b) Motor assisted scooters;**

12 **(c) Electric personal assistive mobility devices;**

13 **(d) Powered micromobility devices; or**

14 **(e) Skateboards, nonmotorized scooters or in-line skates.**

15 **(3)** The rules shall conform, insofar as practicable, to national safety standards and specifica-
16 tions for such headgear.

17 **SECTION 17.** ORS 815.281 is amended to read:

18 815.281. (1) A person commits the offense of selling noncomplying bicycle equipment if the per-
19 son sells or offers for sale any *[bicycle]* **protective** headgear that does not meet the standards es-
20 tablished by the Department of Transportation under ORS 815.052.

21 (2) A person commits the offense of unlawfully renting or leasing a bicycle to another if the
22 person:

23 (a) Is in the business of renting or leasing bicycles; and

24 (b) Does not have *[bicycle]* **protective** headgear approved under ORS 815.052 available for rental
25 for use by persons under 16 years of age.

26 (3) The offenses described in this section are Class D traffic violations.

27 **SECTION 18.** ORS 814.487, 814.534 and 814.600 are repealed.

28 **NOTE:** Section 19 was deleted by amendment. Subsequent sections were not renumbered.

30 PUBLIC EDUCATION

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32 **SECTION 20.** Section 21 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of the Oregon Ve-
33 hicle Code.

34 **SECTION 21.** The Department of Transportation shall develop a safety education program
35 and inform the public through its various driver education programs about vehicle safety for
36 children and adults, including but not limited to increasing knowledge and understanding
37 about laws relating to protective headgear, the age requirements and the rules of the road
38 when operating, riding or using the following types of vehicles:

39 **(1) Bicycles;**

40 **(2) Motor assisted scooters;**

41 **(3) Electric personal assistive mobility devices;**

42 **(4) Powered micromobility devices; or**

43 **(5) Skateboards, nonmotorized scooters or in-line skates.**

44 **SECTION 22.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
45 priated to the Department of Transportation, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out

1 of the General Fund, the amount of \$250,000, which may be expended for carrying out the
2 provisions of section 21 of this 2025 Act.

3 **SECTION 23.** Section 21 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.

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5 **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS**
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7 **SECTION 24.** ORS 153.633 is amended to read:

8 153.633. (1) In any criminal action in a circuit court in which a fine is imposed, the lesser of the
9 following amounts is payable to the state before any other distribution of the fine is made:

10 (a) \$65; or

11 (b) The amount of the fine if the fine is less than \$65.

12 (2) In any criminal action in a justice or municipal court in which a fine is imposed, the lesser
13 of the following amounts is payable to the state before any other distribution of the fine is made:

14 (a) \$50; or

15 (b) The amount of the fine if the fine is less than \$50.

16 (3) A justice or municipal court shall forward the amount prescribed under subsection (2) of this
17 section to the Department of Revenue for deposit in the Criminal Fine Account.

18 (4)(a) The provisions of this section do not apply to fines imposed under ORS 339.990.

19 (b) The provisions of subsection (2) of this section do not apply to fines imposed in justice and
20 municipal courts under ORS 811.590, 814.485, 814.486, [814.534,] 814.536[, 814.600] or 830.990 (1).

21 **SECTION 25.** ORS 153.645 is amended to read:

22 153.645. (1) If a justice court enters a judgment of conviction for a traffic offense and the con-
23 viction resulted from a prosecution arising out of an arrest or complaint made by an officer of the
24 Oregon State Police or by any other enforcement officer employed by state government, as defined
25 in ORS 174.111:

26 (a) The amount prescribed by ORS 153.633 (2) is payable to the state and must be forwarded to
27 the Department of Revenue for deposit in the Criminal Fine Account;

28 (b) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, one-half of the amount remaining after any payment
29 required by paragraph (a) of this subsection is payable to the county in which the justice court is
30 located; and

31 (c) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, one-half of the amount remaining after any payment
32 required by paragraph (a) of this subsection is payable to the state.

33 (2) If a justice court enters a judgment of conviction for a traffic offense and the conviction
34 resulted from a prosecution arising out of an arrest or complaint made by a sheriff, deputy sheriff
35 or any other enforcement officer employed by the county:

36 (a) The amount prescribed by ORS 153.633 (2) is payable to the state and must be forwarded to
37 the Department of Revenue for deposit in the Criminal Fine Account; and

38 (b) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, the remaining amount of the fine is payable to the
39 county in which the court is located.

40 (3) If a justice court enters a judgment of conviction for a traffic offense and the conviction
41 resulted from a prosecution arising out of an arrest or complaint made by an enforcement officer
42 employed by any other local government, as defined in ORS 174.116:

43 (a) The amount prescribed by ORS 153.633 (2) is payable to the state and must be forwarded to
44 the Department of Revenue for deposit in the Criminal Fine Account;

45 (b) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, one-half of the amount remaining after any payment

1 required by paragraph (a) of this subsection is payable to the local government that employs the
2 enforcement officer; and

3 (c) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, one-half of the amount remaining after any payment
4 required by paragraph (a) of this subsection is payable to the county in which the court is located.

5 (4) If the full amount of the fine imposed by a justice court is collected, the last \$16 of the
6 amount collected shall be paid to the county treasurer for the county in which the court is located
7 and may be used only for the purposes specified in ORS 153.660. If the full amount of the fine im-
8 posed is not collected, the \$16 payment required by this subsection shall be reduced by one dollar
9 for every dollar of the fine that is not collected. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to
10 fines imposed for violations of ORS 811.590, 814.485, 814.486, [814.534,] 814.536[, 814.600] or 830.990
11 (1).

12 **SECTION 26.** ORS 153.650 is amended to read:

13 153.650. (1) If a municipal court enters a judgment of conviction for a traffic offense and the
14 conviction resulted from a prosecution arising out of an arrest or complaint made by an officer of
15 the Oregon State Police or by any other enforcement officer employed by state government, as de-
16 fined in ORS 174.111:

17 (a) The amount prescribed by ORS 153.633 (2) is payable to the state and must be forwarded to
18 the Department of Revenue for deposit in the Criminal Fine Account;

19 (b) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, one-half of the amount remaining after any payment
20 required by paragraph (a) of this subsection is payable to the city in which the municipal court is
21 located; and

22 (c) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, one-half of the amount remaining after any payment
23 required by paragraph (a) of this subsection is payable to the state.

24 (2) If a municipal court enters a judgment of conviction for a traffic offense and the conviction
25 resulted from a prosecution arising out of an arrest or complaint made by a city police officer or
26 any other enforcement officer employed by the city:

27 (a) The amount prescribed by ORS 153.633 (2) is payable to the state and must be forwarded to
28 the Department of Revenue for deposit in the Criminal Fine Account; and

29 (b) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, the remaining amount of the fine is payable to the
30 city in which the court is located.

31 (3) If a municipal court enters a judgment of conviction for a traffic offense and the conviction
32 resulted from a prosecution arising out of an arrest or complaint made by an enforcement officer
33 employed by any other local government, as defined in ORS 174.116:

34 (a) The amount prescribed by ORS 153.633 (2) is payable to the state and must be forwarded to
35 the Department of Revenue for deposit in the Criminal Fine Account;

36 (b) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, one-half of the amount remaining after any payment
37 required by paragraph (a) of this subsection is payable to the local government that employs the
38 enforcement officer; and

39 (c) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, one-half of the amount remaining after any payment
40 required by paragraph (a) of this subsection is payable to the city in which the court is located.

41 (4) If the full amount of the fine imposed by a municipal court is collected, the last \$16 of the
42 amount collected shall be paid to the county treasurer for the county in which the court is located
43 and may be used only for the purposes specified in ORS 153.660. If the full amount of the fine im-
44 posed is not collected, the \$16 payment required by this subsection shall be reduced by one dollar
45 for every dollar of the fine that is not collected. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to

1 fines imposed for violations of ORS 811.590, 814.485, 814.486, [814.534,] 814.536[, 814.600] or 830.990
2 (1).

3 **SECTION 27.** ORS 153.660 is amended to read:

4 153.660. (1) If a justice or municipal court imposes a fine for any offense other than a traffic
5 offense and the full amount of the fine imposed is collected, the last \$16 of the amount collected
6 shall be paid to the county treasurer for the county in which the court is located and may be used
7 only for the purposes specified in this section. If the full amount of the fine imposed is not collected,
8 the \$16 payment required by this subsection shall be reduced by one dollar for every dollar of the
9 fine that is not collected. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to fines imposed for vio-
10 lations of ORS 811.590, 814.485, 814.486, [814.534,] 814.536[, 814.600] or 830.990 (1).

11 (2) Sixty percent of the amounts paid to the county treasurer under this section and under ORS
12 153.645 (4) and 153.650 (4) shall be deposited by the treasurer in the county treasury and may be
13 used only for drug and alcohol programs and for the costs of planning, operating and maintaining
14 county juvenile and adult corrections programs and facilities.

15 (3) Forty percent of the amounts paid to the county treasurer under this section and under ORS
16 153.645 (4) and 153.650 (4) shall be deposited by the treasurer in the court facilities security account
17 established under ORS 1.182 for the county in which the court is located.

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19 **CAPTIONS**
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21 **SECTION 28.** The unit and section captions used in this 2025 Act are provided only for
22 the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or
23 express any legislative intent in the enactment of this 2025 Act.
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