

House Bill 3627

Sponsored by Representative LEWIS, Senators MEEK, MANNING JR; Representatives BOICE, EVANS, HELFRICH, YUNKER

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 creates the Disabled Veterans Assistance Fund. The Act tells a state agency to give money from the fund to disabled veterans for some purposes. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.2).

Establishes the Disabled Veterans Assistance Fund. Requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide grants to disabled veterans for accessibility resources at residences inhabited by the veteran if the residence is owned by the veteran or a family member of the veteran.

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to funding for disabled veterans; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall provide grants to disabled**
5 **veterans, as defined in ORS 408.225, for accessibility resources at residences inhabited by**
6 **disabled veterans if the residence is owned by the veteran or a family member of the veteran.**

7 **(2) The department shall prioritize providing grants under this section to disabled veter-**
8 **ans with an income not exceeding 80 percent of the area median income in which the veteran**
9 **resides as determined by the Oregon Housing Stability Council based on information from the**
10 **United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.**

11 **(3) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall consult and coordinate with county**
12 **veterans' service officers to provide grants to disabled veterans under this section.**

13 **(4) The department may adopt rules necessary for the administration of this section.**

14 **(5) The department shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**
15 **may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative**
16 **Assembly related to veterans no later than December 15 of each even-numbered year. The**
17 **report must address:**

18 **(a) Successes, challenges and opportunities for improvement of the administration of this**
19 **section.**

20 **(b) The amount and manner in which moneys were granted to disabled veterans under**
21 **this section.**

22 **(c) Any outstanding balance of moneys in the Disabled Veterans Assistance Fund estab-**
23 **lished under section 2 of this 2025 Act.**

24 **SECTION 2. (1) The Disabled Veterans Assistance Fund is established in the State**
25 **Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund.**

26 **(2) The Disabled Veterans Assistance Fund consists of moneys appropriated, allocated,**
27 **deposited or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise. Interest**

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 earned by the Disabled Veterans Assistance Fund shall be credited to the fund.

2 (3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Veterans'
3 Affairs to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this 2025 Act.

4 SECTION 3. The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall submit the first report required
5 under section 1 (5) of this 2025 Act no later than December 15, 2026.

6 SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

7 SECTION 5. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
8 ated to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of
9 the General Fund, the amount of \$2,000,000 for deposit in the Disabled Veterans Assistance
10 Fund established under section 2 of this 2025 Act, to be used for the purpose of carrying out
11 the provisions of section 1 of this 2025 Act.

12 SECTION 6. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025
13 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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