

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 1161

By COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

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On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 6 through 27 and delete pages 2 through 14 and insert:

“SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 682.

“SECTION 2. (1) An organ transport vehicle may not operate in this state unless the organ transport vehicle is licensed under this section.

“(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall issue an organ transport vehicle license to an organ procurement organization, as defined in ORS 97.953, that:

“(a) Applies to the authority as required by the authority by rule;

“(b) Demonstrates that the organ transport vehicle to be licensed is clearly and identifiably marked on all sides of the vehicle as an organ transport vehicle; and

“(c) Provides proof of commercial general liability insurance in the amount of \$5,000,000, automobile liability insurance in the amount of \$5,000,000 and an umbrella policy of \$2,000,000.

“(3) Only a person who meets the requirements of this subsection and who is employed or contracted by an organ procurement organization licensed under this section may drive an organ transport vehicle. In order to drive an organ transport vehicle, a person must:

“(a) Be at least 25 years of age;

“(b) Be a current, former or retired police officer, firefighter or emergency medical services provider;

“(c) Have a minimum of five years of experience operating an official police vehicle, fire department vehicle or ambulance under emergency conditions;

“(d) Hold a valid driver license;

“(e) Not have more than one traffic offense that was committed while driving a motor vehicle, not including parking violations, in any three-year period;

“(f) Pass an emergency vehicle operators course and a defensive drivers course approved by the authority; and

“(g) Meet any other requirements established by the authority by rule, including rules related to state or nationwide criminal records checks conducted under ORS 181A.195.

“(4) In order to obtain a license under this section, an organ procurement organization may require a person applying for employment or a contract to drive an organ transport vehicle on behalf of the organ procurement organization to provide to the authority the person’s fingerprints for the purposes of conducting a state or nationwide criminal records check under ORS 181A.195.

“(5) The authority shall establish by rule:

“(a) A license fee and a license renewal fee; and

“(b) Requirements for the renewal of a license issued under this section.

“(6) As used in this section, ‘traffic offense’ has the meaning given that term in ORS

1 **801.555.**

2 **“SECTION 3.** ORS 682.025 is amended to read:

3 **“682.025.** As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

4 **“(1) ‘Ambulance’** or ‘ambulance vehicle’ means a privately or publicly owned motor vehicle,
5 aircraft or watercraft that is regularly provided or offered to be provided for the emergency trans-
6 portation of persons who are ill or injured or who have disabilities.

7 **“(2) ‘Ambulance service’** means a person, governmental unit or other entity that operates am-
8 bulances and that holds itself out as providing prehospital care or medical transportation to persons
9 who are ill or injured or who have disabilities.

10 **“(3) ‘Emergency care’** means the performance of acts or procedures under emergency conditions
11 in the observation, care and counsel of persons who are ill or injured or who have disabilities; in
12 the administration of care or medications prescribed by a licensed physician or naturopathic physi-
13 cian, insofar as any of these acts is based upon knowledge and application of the principles of bi-
14 ological, physical and social science as required by a completed course utilizing an approved
15 curriculum in prehospital emergency care. ‘Emergency care’ does not include acts of medical diag-
16 nosis or prescription of therapeutic or corrective measures.

17 **“(4) ‘Emergency medical services provider’** means a person who has received formal training in
18 prehospital and emergency care, and is licensed to attend any person who is ill or injured or who
19 has a disability. Police officers, firefighters, funeral home employees and other persons serving in a
20 dual capacity one of which meets the definition of ‘emergency medical services provider’ are ‘emer-
21 gency medical services providers’ within the meaning of this chapter.

22 **“(5) ‘Fraud or deception’** means the intentional misrepresentation or misstatement of a material
23 fact, concealment of or failure to make known any material fact, or any other means by which
24 misinformation or false impression knowingly is given.

25 **“(6) ‘Governmental unit’** means the state or any county, municipality or other political subdivi-
26 sion or any department, board or other agency of any of them.

27 **“(7) ‘Highway’** means every public way, thoroughfare and place, including bridges, viaducts and
28 other structures within the boundaries of this state, used or intended for the use of the general
29 public for vehicles.

30 **“(8) ‘Nonemergency care’** means the performance of acts or procedures on a patient who is not
31 expected to die, become permanently disabled or suffer permanent harm within the next 24 hours,
32 including but not limited to observation, care and counsel of a patient and the administration of
33 medications prescribed by a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677 or naturopathic physician
34 licensed under ORS chapter 685, insofar as any of those acts are based upon knowledge and appli-
35 cation of the principles of biological, physical and social science and are performed in accordance
36 with scope of practice rules adopted by the Oregon Medical Board or Oregon Board of Naturopathic
37 Medicine in the course of providing prehospital care.

38 **“(9)(a) ‘Organ transport vehicle’** means any motor vehicle operated or contracted by an
39 organ procurement organization for the emergency transportation of body parts intended to
40 be transplanted.

41 **“(b) As used in this subsection, ‘body part’ and ‘organ procurement organization’** have
42 the meanings given those terms in ORS 97.953.

43 **“[(9)] (10) ‘Owner’** means the person having all the incidents of ownership in an ambulance
44 service or an ambulance vehicle or where the incidents of ownership are in different persons, the
45 person, other than a security interest holder or lessor, entitled to the possession of an ambulance

1 vehicle or operation of an ambulance service under a security agreement or a lease for a term of
2 10 or more successive days.

3 “[(10)] (11) ‘Patient’ means a person who is ill or injured or who has a disability and who re-
4 ceives emergency or nonemergency care from an emergency medical services provider.

5 “[(11)] (12) ‘Prehospital care’ means care rendered by emergency medical services providers as
6 an incident of the operation of an ambulance and care rendered by emergency medical services
7 providers as incidents of other public or private safety duties, and includes, but is not limited to,
8 ‘emergency care.’

9 “[(12)] (13) ‘Scope of practice’ means the maximum level of emergency or nonemergency care
10 that an emergency medical services provider may provide.

11 “[(13)] (14) ‘Standing orders’ means the written protocols that an emergency medical services
12 provider follows to treat patients when direct contact with a physician is not maintained.

13 “[(14)] (15) ‘Supervising physician’ means a physician licensed under ORS 677.100 to 677.228,
14 actively registered and in good standing with the Oregon Medical Board, who provides direction of
15 emergency or nonemergency care provided by emergency medical services providers.

16 “[(15)] (16) ‘Unprofessional conduct’ means conduct unbecoming a person licensed to perform
17 emergency care, or detrimental to the best interests of the public and includes:

18 “(a) Any conduct or practice contrary to recognized standards of ethics of the medical profes-
19 sion or any conduct or practice which does or might constitute a danger to the health or safety of
20 a patient or the public or any conduct, practice or condition which does or might impair an emer-
21 gency medical services provider’s ability safely and skillfully to practice emergency or nonemer-
22 gency care;

23 “(b) Willful performance of any medical treatment which is contrary to acceptable medical
24 standards; and

25 “(c) Willful and consistent utilization of medical service for treatment which is or may be con-
26 sidered inappropriate or unnecessary.

27 “**SECTION 4.** ORS 682.031 is amended to read:

28 “682.031. (1) As used in this section, ‘political subdivision’ includes counties, cities, districts,
29 authorities and other public corporations and entities organized and existing under statute or
30 charter.

31 “(2) An ordinance of any political subdivision regulating ambulance services, [or] emergency
32 medical services providers **or organ transport vehicles** may not require less than is required under
33 ORS 820.300 to 820.380, or this chapter or the rules adopted by the Oregon Health Authority under
34 this chapter.

35 “(3) When a political subdivision enacts an ordinance regulating ambulance services, [or] emer-
36 gency medical services providers **or organ transport vehicles**, the ordinance must comply with the
37 county plan for ambulance services and ambulance service areas adopted under ORS 682.062 by the
38 county in which the political subdivision is situated and with the rules of the Oregon Health Au-
39 thority relating to such services and service areas. The county governing body shall make the de-
40 termination of whether the ordinance is in compliance with the county plan.

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

43 “**SECTION 6. (1) ‘Organ transport vehicle’ means any motor vehicle operated or con-**
44 **tracted by an organ procurement organization for the emergency transportation of body**
45 **parts intended to be transplanted.**

1 “(2) As used in this section, ‘body part’ and ‘organ procurement organization’ have the
2 meanings given those terms in ORS 97.953.

3 “SECTION 7. ORS 811.145 is amended to read:

4 “811.145. (1) A person commits the offense of failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, **organ**
5 **transport vehicle** or ambulance if an ambulance, **organ transport vehicle** or emergency vehicle
6 that is using a visual or audible signal in a manner described under ORS 820.300 and 820.320 ap-
7 proaches the vehicle the person is operating and the person does not do all of the following:

8 “(a) Yield the right of way to the ambulance, **organ transport vehicle** or emergency vehicle.

9 “(b) Immediately drive to a position as near as possible and parallel to the right-hand edge or
10 curb of the roadway clear of any intersection.

11 “(c) Stop and remain in such position until the emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or
12 ambulance has passed.

13 “(2) A person is not in violation of this section if the person is acting as otherwise directed by
14 a police officer.

15 “(3) This section does not relieve the driver of an emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle**
16 or ambulance from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway,
17 nor does this section protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequence of an arbitrary
18 exercise of the right of way granted under this section.

19 “(4) The offense described in this section, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, **organ**
20 **transport vehicle** or ambulance, is a Class B traffic violation.

21 “SECTION 8. ORS 811.150 is amended to read:

22 “811.150. (1) A person commits the offense of interference with an emergency vehicle, **organ**
23 **transport vehicle** or ambulance if the person does any of the following:

24 “(a) Drives a vehicle following at a distance closer than 500 feet any emergency vehicle, **organ**
25 **transport vehicle** or ambulance that is traveling in response to a fire alarm or emergency.

26 “(b) Drives or parks a vehicle in a manner that interferes with the emergency vehicle, **organ**
27 **transport vehicle** or ambulance responding to a fire alarm or emergency.

28 “(c) Drives over an unprotected hose of a fire department laid down on any highway, private
29 road or driveway to be used at any fire, alarm of fire or emergency.

30 “(2) The following exemptions apply to this section:

31 “(a) Nothing in this section prohibits a driver of an emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehi-**
32 **cle** or ambulance from following within 500 feet of an emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle**
33 or ambulance traveling in response to a fire alarm or emergency or from driving into or parking a
34 vehicle in the area or vicinity where such vehicles have stopped in response to an alarm or emer-
35 gency.

36 “(b) Nothing in this section prevents any person from driving over an unprotected hose of a fire
37 department if the person first obtains the permission of a fire department official or police officer
38 at the scene of the fire, alarm of fire or emergency.

39 “(3) The offense described in this section, interference with an emergency vehicle, **organ**
40 **transport vehicle** or ambulance, is a Class B traffic violation.

41 “SECTION 9. ORS 811.265 is amended to read:

42 “811.265. (1) A person commits the offense of driver failure to obey a traffic control device if the
43 person drives a vehicle and the person does any of the following:

44 “(a) Fails to obey the directions of any traffic control device.

45 “(b) Fails to obey any specific traffic control device described in ORS 811.260 in the manner

1 required by that section.

2 “(2) A person is not subject to this section if the person is doing any of the following:

3 “(a) Following the directions of a police officer.

4 “(b) Driving an emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or ambulance in accordance with
5 the privileges granted those vehicles under ORS 820.300.

6 “(c) Properly proceeding on a red light as authorized under ORS 811.360.

7 “(d) Driving in a funeral procession led by a funeral lead vehicle or under the direction of the
8 driver of a funeral escort vehicle.

9 “(e) Properly entering an intersection or executing a turn at a stop sign as authorized under
10 ORS 814.414.

11 “(f) Properly entering an intersection or executing a turn at a flashing red signal as authorized
12 under ORS 814.416.

13 “(3) The offense described in this section, driver failure to obey a traffic control device, is a
14 Class B traffic violation.

15 “**SECTION 10.** ORS 811.507 is amended to read:

16 “811.507. (1) As used in this section:

17 “(a)(A) ‘Driving’ means operating a motor vehicle on a highway or premises open to the public,
18 and while temporarily stationary because of traffic, a traffic control device or other momentary de-
19 lays.

20 “(B) ‘Driving’ does not include when the motor vehicle has stopped in a location where it can
21 safely remain stationary and:

22 “(i) Is pulled over on the side of, or is pulled off, a roadway;

23 “(ii) Is in a designated parking space; or

24 “(iii) Is required to park in the roadway to conduct construction or utility maintenance work.

25 “(b) ‘Hands-free accessory’ means an attachment or built-in feature for or an addition to a mo-
26 bile electronic device that gives a person the ability to keep both hands on the steering wheel at
27 all times while using the device or requires only the minimal use of a finger, via a swipe or tap, to
28 activate or deactivate a function of the device.

29 “(c) ‘Livestock’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 609.125.

30 “(d)(A) ‘Mobile electronic device’ means an electronic device that is not permanently installed
31 in a motor vehicle.

32 “(B) ‘Mobile electronic device’ includes but is not limited to a device capable of text messaging,
33 voice communication, entertainment, navigation, accessing the Internet or producing electronic mail.

34 “(e) ‘Using a mobile electronic device’ includes but is not limited to using a mobile electronic
35 device for text messaging, voice communication, entertainment, navigation, accessing the Internet
36 or producing electronic mail.

37 “(2) A person commits the offense of driving a motor vehicle while using a mobile electronic
38 device if the person, while driving a motor vehicle on a highway or premises open to the public:

39 “(a) Holds a mobile electronic device in the person’s hand; or

40 “(b) Uses a mobile electronic device for any purpose.

41 “(3) This section does not apply to a person:

42 “(a) Who is employed as a commercial motor vehicle driver, or as a school bus driver, and is
43 using a mobile electronic device within the scope of the person’s employment if the use is permitted
44 under regulations promulgated pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 31136;

45 “(b) Who is employed as a driver of a vehicle having a gross vehicle weight rating or gross ve-

hicle weight of at least 10,001 pounds and is using a mobile electronic device within the scope of the person's employment and as required under regulations promulgated pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 31137;

"(c) Who is operating a two-way radio device that transmits radio communication transmitted by a station operating on an authorized frequency within the business, citizens' or family radio service bands in accordance with rules of the Federal Communications Commission while transporting forest products, or while operating a vehicle to assist in logging operations, within the scope of the person's employment;

"(d) Who is using a two-way radio device while operating a school bus or school activity vehicle within the scope of the person's employment;

"(e) Who is using a two-way radio device or operating a two-way radio device that transmits radio communication transmitted by a station operating on an authorized frequency within the business, citizens' or family radio service bands in accordance with rules of the Federal Communications Commission while operating a vehicle owned or contracted by a utility for the purpose of installing, repairing, maintaining, operating or upgrading utility service, including but not limited to natural gas, electricity, water or telecommunications, within the scope of the person's employment;

"(f) Who is using a two-way radio device while operating a vehicle wider than the lane of travel, a vehicle transporting livestock or a vehicle requiring a slow-moving vehicle emblem under ORS 815.110, and the use of the device facilitates the safe operation of the vehicle; or

"(g) Who is using a two-way radio device while operating a pilot or safety vehicle used to assist the safe movement of a vehicle described in paragraph (f) of this subsection, and the use of the device facilitates the safe movement of the vehicle described in paragraph (f) of this subsection.

"(4) It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution of a person under this section that the person:

"(a) Used the mobile electronic device to communicate if the person was summoning or providing medical or other emergency help if no other person in the vehicle was capable of summoning help;

"(b) Was 18 years of age or older and was using a hands-free accessory;

"(c) Was driving an ambulance, **organ transport vehicle** or emergency vehicle while acting within the scope of the person's employment;

"(d) Was a police officer, firefighter or emergency medical services provider and was acting within the scope of the person's employment;

"(e) Was 18 years of age or older, held a valid amateur radio operator license issued or any other license issued by the Federal Communications Commission and was operating an amateur radio;

"(f) Was operating a two-way radio device that transmits radio communication transmitted by a station operating on an authorized frequency within the business, citizens' or family radio service bands in accordance with rules of the Federal Communications Commission to summon medical or other emergency help; or

"(g) Was using a medical device.

"(5) The offense described in this section, driving a motor vehicle while using a mobile electronic device, is:

"(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, for a person's first conviction, a Class B traffic violation.

"(b) For a person's first conviction, if commission of the offense contributes to an accident described in ORS 811.720, a Class A traffic violation.

1 “(c) For a person’s second conviction within a 10-year period following the date of the person’s
2 first conviction, a Class A traffic violation.

3 “(d) For a person’s third or subsequent conviction within a 10-year period preceding the date
4 of the person’s current conviction, a Class B misdemeanor.

5 “(6) In addition to any other sentence that may be imposed, the court shall impose a minimum
6 fine of \$2,000 on a person convicted of a Class B misdemeanor under subsection (5)(d) of this section.

7 “(7) For purposes of this section, sentences for two or more convictions that are imposed in the
8 same sentencing proceeding are considered to be one sentence.

9 “(8)(a) For a person’s first conviction of driving a motor vehicle while using a mobile electronic
10 device, the court may suspend the fine to be imposed under subsection (5)(a) of this section on the
11 condition that the person, within 120 days of sentencing:

12 “(A) Complete at the person’s own expense a distracted driving avoidance course approved by
13 the Department of Transportation under ORS 811.508; and

14 “(B) Provide proof of completion to the court.

15 “(b) The court may schedule a hearing to determine whether the person successfully completed
16 the distracted driving avoidance course.

17 “(c) If the person has successfully completed the requirements described in paragraph (a) of this
18 subsection, the court shall enter a sentence of discharge. Notwithstanding ORS 153.021, a sentence
19 of discharge imposed under this paragraph may not include a fine.

20 “(d) If the person has not successfully completed the requirements described in paragraph (a)
21 of this subsection, the court shall:

22 “(A) Grant the person an extension based on good cause shown; or

23 “(B) Impose the fine under subsection (5)(a) of this section.

24 “(9) The department shall place signs on state highways to notify drivers that it is unlawful to
25 drive a motor vehicle on the highways of this state while using a mobile electronic device and vi-
26 olators are subject to criminal penalties.

27 “**SECTION 11.** ORS 814.050 is amended to read:

28 “814.050. (1) A pedestrian commits the offense of pedestrian failure to yield to an ambulance,
29 **organ transport vehicle** or emergency vehicle if the pedestrian does not yield the right of way to:

30 “(a) An ambulance used in an emergency situation; or

31 “(b) An emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or an ambulance upon the approach of the
32 vehicle using a visual signal or audible signal or both according to requirements under ORS 820.300
33 or 820.320.

34 “(2) This section does not relieve the driver of an ambulance, **organ transport vehicle** or
35 emergency vehicle from the duty to:

36 “(a) Drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway; and

37 “(b) Exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian.

38 “(3) The offense described in this section, pedestrian failure to yield to an ambulance, **organ**
39 **transport vehicle** or emergency vehicle, is a Class D traffic violation.

40 “**SECTION 12.** ORS 815.225 is amended to read:

41 “815.225. (1) A person commits the offense of violation of use limits on sound equipment if the
42 person does any of the following:

43 “(a) Uses upon a vehicle, any bell, siren, compression or exhaust whistle.

44 “(b) Uses a horn otherwise than as a reasonable warning or makes any unnecessary or unrea-
45 sonably loud or harsh sound by means of a horn or other warning device.

1 “(2) Authorized emergency vehicles, **organ transport vehicle** and ambulances are not subject
2 to this section but are subject to ORS 820.370 and 820.380.

3 “(3) The offense described in this section, violation of use limits on sound equipment, is a Class
4 C traffic violation.

5 “**SECTION 13.** ORS 816.050 is amended to read:

6 “816.050. Each of the following is a requirement for headlights as described:

7 “(1) On vehicles required to be equipped with two or more headlights under ORS 816.320 and
8 816.330 the headlights shall be equally distributed on each side of the front of the vehicle. This
9 subsection does not apply to motorcycles and mopeds.

10 “(2) Headlights shall show a continuously burning light except that:

11 “(a) When permitted under ORS 814.320, headlights for motorcycles or mopeds may have an
12 upper beam that can be modulated between a high and lower brightness at a rate of 200 to 280
13 pulses per minute.

14 “(b) A federally approved headlight flashing system may be used as emergency vehicle lights on
15 police **vehicles**, fire **vehicles**, **organ transport vehicles**, emergency **vehicles** or ambulance vehi-
16 cles.

17 “(3) Headlights shall show a white light described in Standard Number 108 of the Federal Motor
18 Vehicle Safety Standards.

19 “(4) Headlights shall show the light forward.

20 “(5) The Department of Transportation shall adopt and enforce rules establishing minimum
21 standards and specifications for headlights. The rules shall conform, insofar as practicable, to safety
22 standards and specifications for vehicle lighting issued by the federal government or to standards
23 and recommendations established by the Society of Automotive Engineers.

24 “(6) When multiple beam headlights are used or when headlights are used in combination with
25 auxiliary lights or passing lights, the lights shall be arranged on the vehicle so that the selection
26 between distributions of light projected to different elevations may be selected by the driver at will
27 or so that the selection can be made automatically.

28 “(7) Headlights shall be aimed in accordance with rules adopted by the department. If headlights
29 provide only a single distribution of light and are not supplemented by auxiliary lights, the single
30 beam headlights shall be so aimed that when the vehicle is not loaded, none of the high intensity
31 portion of the light shall, at a distance of 25 feet ahead of the vehicle, project higher than five
32 inches below the level of the center of the lamp from which it comes, or higher than 42 inches above
33 the level on which the vehicle stands at a distance of 75 feet ahead of the vehicle.

34 “(8) The intensity of the light of single beam headlights shall be sufficient to reveal persons and
35 vehicles upon a street or highway at a distance of at least 200 feet ahead of the vehicle to which
36 they are attached.

37 “(9) Headlights that are required under ORS 816.320 and 816.330 must be mounted, adjusted and
38 aimed in accordance with standards adopted by the department under ORS 816.010.

39 “(10) Headlights that are required under ORS 816.320 and 816.330 and any part for such head-
40 light that tends to change the original design or performance must be of a type that complies with
41 standards adopted by the department under ORS 816.010.

42 “(11) Single beam headlights that are not supplemented by auxiliary lights shall be permitted
43 on a motor vehicle in lieu of multiple beam headlights only if the single distribution of lights com-
44 plies with any requirements for single beam headlights under this section.

45 “**SECTION 14.** ORS 816.310 is amended to read:

1 “816.310. This section establishes exemptions from ORS 816.040 to 816.300. The exemptions un-
2 der this section are in addition to any exemptions under ORS 801.026. The exemptions established
3 under this section are partial or complete as described in the following:

4 “(1) ORS 816.040 to 816.300 shall not be construed to prohibit the use of additional parts and
5 accessories on any vehicle not inconsistent with the provisions of those sections.

6 “(2) Lighting equipment used on vehicles of special interest that are registered under ORS
7 805.020 shall be deemed in compliance with ORS 816.040 to 816.300 if the equipment is original
8 manufacturer’s equipment and accessories, or their equivalent and if the equipment is maintained in
9 safe operating condition.

10 “(3) ORS 816.040 to 816.300 do not apply to equipment on any of the following:

11 “(a) Road machinery.

12 “(b) Road rollers.

13 “(c) Farm tractors.

14 “(d) Antique vehicles that are maintained as a collector’s item and used for exhibitions, parades,
15 club activities and similar uses, but not used primarily for the transportation of persons or property.

16 “(e) Motorized wheelchairs when used as permitted under ORS 811.440.

17 “(4) On any combination of vehicles, only the lighting equipment on the rearmost vehicle in the
18 combination of vehicles need be visible from distances specified under ORS 816.040 to 816.290 for
19 lighting equipment on the rear of vehicles.

20 “(5) Lighting equipment on bicycles shall meet the requirements established for such equipment
21 under ORS 815.280.

22 “(6) Vehicle lighting equipment requirements for ambulances, **organ transport vehicles** and
23 emergency vehicles are established in ORS 820.350.

24 “(7) Lighting equipment on electric personal assistive mobility devices shall meet the require-
25 ments established in ORS 815.284.

26 “**SECTION 15.** ORS 816.340 is amended to read:

27 “816.340. This section establishes exemptions from ORS 816.320 and 816.330. The exemptions
28 established under this section are in addition to any exemptions under ORS 801.026. The exemptions
29 under this section are partial or complete as described in the following:

30 “(1) ORS 816.320 and 816.330 shall not be construed to prohibit the use of additional parts and
31 accessories on any vehicle consistent with the provisions of those sections.

32 “(2) Vehicles of special interest that are registered under ORS 805.020 shall be deemed in com-
33 pliance with ORS 816.320 and 816.330 if:

34 “(a) The vehicles are equipped with original manufacturer’s equipment and accessories, or their
35 equivalent, and if the equipment is maintained in safe operating condition; or

36 “(b) The vehicles are street rods that conform to ORS 815.107.

37 “(3) ORS 816.320 and 816.330 do not apply to any of the following vehicles:

38 “(a) Road machinery.

39 “(b) Road rollers.

40 “(c) Farm tractors, implements of husbandry and farm trailers.

41 “(d) Antique vehicles that are maintained as a collector’s item and used for exhibitions, parades,
42 club activities and similar uses, but not used primarily for the transportation of persons or property.

43 “(4) Motorcycles manufactured before 1973 are not required to be equipped with turn signals if
44 the motorcycle is not driven during limited visibility conditions under ORS 811.405 and 811.515.

45 “(5) Truck tractors are not required to be equipped with rear reflectors.

1 “(6) Pole trailers are not required to be equipped with side reflectors, side marker lights,
2 clearance lights or identification lights.

3 “(7) Motor vehicles registered in this state on or before January 1, 1940, are not required to be
4 equipped with a high-beam indicator.

5 “(8) Bicycles shall be equipped with lighting equipment as required under ORS 815.280.

6 “(9) Requirements for warning lights on ambulances **and organ transport vehicles** are provided
7 under ORS 820.350 and 820.360.

8 “(10) Electric personal assistive mobility devices shall be equipped with lighting equipment as
9 required under ORS 815.284.

10 “**SECTION 16.** ORS 816.370 is amended to read:

11 “816.370. This section establishes exemptions from ORS 816.350 and 816.360. The exemptions
12 established under this section are in addition to any exemptions under ORS 801.026. The exemptions
13 under this section are partial or complete as described in the following:

14 “(1) ORS 816.350 and 816.360 shall not be construed to prohibit the use of additional parts and
15 accessories on any vehicle not inconsistent with the provisions of those sections.

16 “(2) Lighting equipment used on vehicles of special interest that are registered under ORS
17 805.020 shall be deemed in compliance with ORS 816.350 and 816.360 if the equipment is original
18 manufacturer’s equipment and accessories, or their equivalent and if the equipment is maintained in
19 safe operating condition.

20 “(3) ORS 816.350 and 816.360 do not apply to equipment on any of the following:

21 “(a) Road machinery.

22 “(b) Road rollers.

23 “(c) Farm tractors.

24 “(d) Antique vehicles that are maintained as a collector’s item and used for exhibitions, parades,
25 club activities and similar uses, but not used primarily for the transportation of persons or property.

26 “(4) Ambulances, **organ transport vehicles** and emergency vehicles are subject to the pro-
27 visions under ORS 820.350 and 820.360.

28 “**SECTION 17.** ORS 820.300 is amended to read:

29 “820.300. (1) Subject to conditions, limitations, prohibitions and penalties established for emer-
30 gency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** and ambulance drivers under ORS 820.320, the driver of
31 an emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or ambulance may do any of the following:

32 “(a) Park or stand in disregard of a statute, regulation or ordinance prohibiting that parking
33 or standing.

34 “(b) Proceed past a red signal or stop sign.

35 “(c) Exceed the designated speed limits.

36 “(d) Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions.

37 “(e) Proceed past the flashing bus safety lights without violating ORS 811.155 if the driver first
38 stops the vehicle and then proceeds only when the driver:

39 “(A) Determines that no passengers of the bus remain on the roadway; and

40 “(B) Proceeds with caution.

41 “(2) The provisions of this section:

42 “(a) Do not relieve the driver of an emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or ambulance
43 from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all other persons.

44 “(b) Are not a defense to the driver of an emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or am-
45 bulance in an action brought for criminal negligence or reckless conduct.

1 “(c) Except as specifically provided in this section, do not relieve the driver of an emergency
2 vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or ambulance from the duty to comply with ORS 811.155.

3 “**SECTION 18.** ORS 820.320 is amended to read:

4 “820.320. (1) A person commits the offense of illegal operation of an emergency vehicle, **organ**
5 **transport vehicle** or ambulance if the person is the driver of an emergency vehicle, **organ trans-**
6 **port vehicle** or ambulance and the person violates any of the following:

7 “(a) The driver of an emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or ambulance may only ex-
8 ercise privileges granted under ORS 820.300 when responding to an emergency call or when re-
9 sponding to, but not upon returning from, an emergency. The driver of an emergency vehicle may
10 exercise privileges granted under ORS 820.300 when in pursuit of an actual or suspected violator
11 of the law.

12 “(b) The driver of an emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or ambulance must use a
13 visual signal with appropriate warning lights when the driver is exercising privileges granted under
14 ORS 820.300.

15 “(c) In addition to any required visual signal, the driver of an emergency vehicle, **organ**
16 **transport vehicle** or ambulance must make use of an audible signal meeting the requirements under
17 ORS 820.370 when the driver is proceeding past a stop light or stop sign under privileges granted
18 by ORS 820.300 (1)(b).

19 “(d) A driver of an emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or ambulance who is exercising
20 privileges granted under ORS 820.300 by parking or standing an emergency vehicle in disregard of
21 a regulation or ordinance prohibiting that parking, stopping or standing, shall not use the audible
22 signal.

23 “(e) In exercising the privileges under ORS 820.300 (1)(e) relating to buses and bus safety lights,
24 the driver of an emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or ambulance must first stop the ve-
25 hicle and then must:

26 “(A) Determine that no passengers of the bus remain on the roadway; and

27 “(B) Proceed with caution.

28 “(f) In proceeding past any stop light or stop sign under the privileges granted by ORS 820.300,
29 the driver of an emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or ambulance must slow down as may
30 be necessary for safe operation.

31 “(g) The driver of an emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or ambulance must not ex-
32 ceed any designated speed limit to an extent which endangers persons or property.

33 “(2) The driver of an emergency vehicle that is operated as an emergency police vehicle is not
34 required to use either visual signal or the audible signal as described in this section in order to
35 exercise the privileges granted in ORS 820.300 when it reasonably appears to the driver that the
36 use of either or both would prevent or hamper the apprehension or detection of a violator of a
37 statute, ordinance or regulation.

38 “(3) The offense described in this section, illegal operation of an emergency vehicle, **organ**
39 **transport vehicle** or ambulance, is a Class B traffic violation.

40 “**SECTION 19.** ORS 820.350 is amended to read:

41 “820.350. (1) Subject to any other law or rule pursuant thereto relating to lighting of a vehicle,
42 the Department of Transportation may prescribe required warning lights for ambulances **and organ**
43 **transport vehicles**. The requirements established under this section may include, but are not lim-
44 ited to, numbers required, placement, visibility, rate of flash if applicable and inside indicators.

45 “(2) Enforcement of the requirements established under this section is provided under ORS

1 820.360.

2 “**SECTION 20.** ORS 820.360 is amended to read:

3 “820.360. (1) A person commits the offense of illegal ambulance **or organ transport vehicle**
4 lighting equipment if the person drives or moves on any highway or owns and causes or knowingly
5 permits to be driven or moved on any highway an ambulance **or organ transport vehicle** that does
6 not contain and is not at all times equipped with warning lights in proper condition and adjustment
7 as required under ORS 820.350.

8 “(2) This section does not apply to any person or ambulance exempted by ORS 682.035 or 682.079
9 from regulation by the Oregon Health Authority.

10 “(3) Authority of political subdivisions to regulate warning lights on ambulances **and organ**
11 **transport vehicles** is limited under ORS 682.031.

12 “(4) The offense described under this section, illegal ambulance **and organ transport vehicle**
13 lighting equipment, is a Class C traffic violation.

14 “**SECTION 21.** ORS 820.370 is amended to read:

15 “820.370. (1) Subject to any other law or rule pursuant thereto relating to the noise of a vehicle,
16 the Department of Transportation may prescribe required sirens or other audible signals for ambu-
17 lances, **organ transport vehicles** and emergency vehicles. The requirements established under this
18 section may include, but are not limited to, numbers required, placement, audibility and inside indi-
19 cators.

20 “(2) Enforcement of the requirements established under this section is provided under ORS
21 820.380.

22 “**SECTION 22.** ORS 820.380 is amended to read:

23 “820.380. (1) A person commits the offense of illegal ambulance, **organ transport vehicle** or
24 emergency vehicle sirens if the person drives or moves on any highway or owns and causes or
25 knowingly permits to be driven or moved on any highway an ambulance, **organ transport vehicle**
26 or emergency vehicle that does not contain and is not at all times equipped with sirens or other
27 audible signals in proper conditions and adjustment as required under ORS 820.370.

28 “(2) This section does not apply to any ambulance or person operating or owning an ambulance
29 if the ambulance or person is exempted by ORS 682.035 or 682.079 from regulation by the Oregon
30 Health Authority.

31 “(3) Authority of political subdivisions to regulate sirens and other audible signals is limited
32 under ORS 682.031.

33 “(4) The offense described under this section, illegal ambulance, **organ transport vehicle** or
34 emergency vehicle sirens, is a Class C traffic violation.

35 “**SECTION 23.** ORS 825.017 is amended to read:

36 “825.017. Except as provided in this section and ORS 825.026 and 825.030, this chapter does not
37 apply to the persons or vehicles described in this section. The exemption under this section applies
38 to the following persons and vehicles:

39 “(1) Vehicles being used by, or under contract with, any school board, district or person re-
40 sponsible for the administration of elementary or secondary school activities, and engaged exclu-
41 sively in transporting students or combinations of students and other persons to or from school, to
42 or from authorized school activities or other activities sponsored by the governing board of a public
43 university listed in ORS 352.002, or for purposes provided under ORS 332.427. This exemption shall
44 not be affected by the charging of a fee to cover the costs of the transportation.

45 “(2) Vehicles being used in a taxicab operation if the vehicle:

1 “(a) Is a passenger vehicle with a passenger seating capacity that does not exceed five;
2 “(b) Carries passengers for hire where the destination and route traveled may be controlled by
3 a passenger and the fare is calculated on the basis of any combination of an initial fee, distance
4 traveled or waiting time; and
5 “(c) Is transporting persons or property, or both, between points in Oregon.
6 “(3) Vehicles being used for the transportation of property by private carrier by means of a
7 single vehicle or combination of vehicles with a combined weight that does not exceed 8,000 pounds.
8 “(4) Vehicles being used in operating implements of husbandry.
9 “(5) Vehicles being used as a hearse, **organ transport vehicle** or ambulance.
10 “(6) Vehicles being used over any private road or thoroughfare.
11 “(7) Vehicles being used on any road, thoroughfare or property, other than a state highway,
12 county road or city street, for the removal of forest products as defined in ORS 321.005, or the
13 product of forest products converted to a form other than logs at or near the harvesting site, or
14 when used for the construction or maintenance of the road, thoroughfare or property, pursuant to
15 a written agreement or permit authorizing the use, construction or maintenance of the road,
16 thoroughfare or property, with:
17 “(a) An agency of the United States;
18 “(b) The State Board of Forestry;
19 “(c) The State Forester; or
20 “(d) A licensee of an agency named in this subsection.
21 “(8) Vehicles being used on any county road for the removal of forest products as defined in
22 ORS 321.005, or the products of forest products converted to a form other than logs at or near the
23 harvesting site, if:
24 “(a) The use is pursuant to a written agreement entered into with the State Board of Forestry,
25 the State Forester or an agency of the United States, authorizing the owner of the motor vehicle
26 to use the road and requiring the owner to pay for or to perform the construction or maintenance
27 of the county road, including any operator of a motor vehicle retained to transport logs, poles and
28 piling for the owners who are exempt under this section;
29 “(b) The board, officer or agency that entered into the agreement or granted the permit, by
30 contract with the county court or board of county commissioners, has assumed the responsibility for
31 the construction or maintenance of the county road; and
32 “(c) Copies of the agreements or permits required by this subsection are filed with the Director
33 of Transportation.
34 “(9) Vehicles being used in transporting persons with disabilities, with or without their super-
35 visors or assistants, to or from rehabilitation facilities or child care services if the motor vehicle is
36 a passenger motor vehicle with a seating capacity of not more than 12 passengers. The exemption
37 provided by this subsection applies only when the motor vehicle is operated by or under contract
38 with any person responsible for the administration of rehabilitation facilities as defined in ORS
39 344.710 to 344.730 or child care services provided by a facility licensed under ORS 329A.250 to
40 329A.450.
41 “(10) Vehicles owned or operated by the United States or by any governmental jurisdiction
42 within the United States except as provided in ORS 825.022. This chapter does apply to vehicles
43 when owned or operated:
44 “(a) As a carrier of property for hire;
45 “(b) By a transportation district organized under ORS 267.510 to 267.650;

1 “(c) By a county service district authorized to provide public transportation under ORS 451.010;
2 or

3 “(d) By an intergovernmental body formed by two or more public bodies, as defined in ORS
4 174.109, to provide public transportation.

5 “(11) Vehicles owned or operated by a mass transit district organized under ORS 267.010 to
6 267.394.

7 “(12) Vehicles owned or operated by, or under contract with, a person responsible for the con-
8 struction or reconstruction of a highway under contract with the Department of Transportation or
9 with an agency of the United States when operated within the immediate construction project as
10 described in the governmental agency contract during the construction period.

11 “(13) Vehicles owned or operated by, or under contract with, a charitable organization when
12 exclusively engaged in performing transportation, either one way or round trip, necessary to the
13 operation of the charitable organization. As used in this subsection, ‘charitable organization’ means
14 an organization that has no capital stock and no provision for making dividends or profits, but de-
15 rives its funds principally from public and private charity and holds them in trust for the promotion
16 of the welfare of others and not for profit. Any organization claiming an exemption under this sub-
17 section shall file an affidavit with the department stating that it is organized and operated in ac-
18 cordance with the requirements of this subsection.

19 “(14) Passenger vehicles with a passenger seating capacity that does not exceed five when used
20 in the transportation of new telephone books.

21 “(15) A vehicle that is used in a limousine service operation in which the destination and route
22 traveled may be controlled by the passenger and the fare is calculated on the basis of any combi-
23 nation of initial fee, distance traveled and waiting time if the vehicle:

24 “(a) Is a passenger vehicle with a passenger seating capacity that does not exceed eight;

25 “(b) Carries passengers for hire between points in Oregon; and

26 “(c) Operates on an irregular route basis.

27 “(16) Fire trucks and rescue vehicles that are designated as emergency vehicles by the Depart-
28 ment of Transportation under ORS 801.260, while involved in emergency and related operations.

29 “(17) A person who provides services related to the packing or loading of household goods if the
30 person does not:

31 “(a) Provide or operate a motor vehicle for the movement of the household goods; and

32 “(b) Act as an agent for any person who does provide or operate a motor vehicle for the move-
33 ment of the household goods.

34 **“SECTION 24. (1) Sections 2 and 6 of this 2025 Act and the amendments to ORS 682.025,**
35 **682.031, 811.145, 811.150, 811.265, 811.507, 814.050, 815.225, 816.050, 816.310, 816.340, 816.370,**
36 **820.300, 820.320, 820.350, 820.360, 820.370, 820.380 and 825.017 by sections 3 and 4 and 7 to 23**
37 **of this 2025 Act become operative on January 1, 2027.**

38 **“(2) The Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Transportation may take any**
39 **action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary**
40 **to enable the authority and the department to exercise, on and after the operative date**
41 **specified in subsection (1) of this section, all the duties, functions and powers conferred on**
42 **the authority and the department by sections 2 and 6 of this 2025 Act and the amendments**
43 **to ORS 682.025, 682.031, 811.145, 811.150, 811.265, 811.507, 814.050, 815.225, 816.050, 816.310,**
44 **816.340, 816.370, 820.300, 820.320, 820.350, 820.360, 820.370, 820.380 and 825.017 by sections 3 and**
45 **4 and 7 to 23 of this 2025 Act.**

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