

Requested by Senator PATTERSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1161**

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

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

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

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

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

11 **“(b) Demonstrates that the organ transport vehicle to be licensed**
12 **is clearly and identifiably marked on all sides of the vehicle as an or-**
13 **gan transport vehicle; and**

14 **“(c) Provides proof of commercial general liability insurance in the**
15 **amount of \$5,000,000, automobile liability insurance in the amount of**
16 **\$5,000,000 and an umbrella policy of \$2,000,000.**

17 **“(3) Only a person who meets the requirements of this subsection**
18 **and who is employed or contracted by an organ procurement organ-**
19 **ization licensed under this section may drive an organ transport ve-**
20 **hicle. In order to drive an organ transport vehicle, a person must:**

21 **“(a) Be at least 25 years of age;**

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

3 **“(c) Have a minimum of five years of experience operating an offi-**
4 **cial police vehicle, fire department vehicle or ambulance under emer-**
5 **gency conditions;**

6 **“(d) Hold a valid driver license;**

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

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

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

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

21 **“(5) The authority shall establish by rule:**

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

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

25 **“(6) As used in this section, ‘traffic offense’ has the meaning given**
26 **that term in ORS 801.555.**

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

28 **“682.025. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:**

29 **“(1) ‘Ambulance’ or ‘ambulance vehicle’ means a privately or publicly**
30 **owned motor vehicle, aircraft or watercraft that is regularly provided or of-**

1 fered to be provided for the emergency transportation of persons who are ill
2 or injured or who have disabilities.

3 “(2) ‘Ambulance service’ means a person, governmental unit or other en-
4 tity that operates ambulances and that holds itself out as providing prehos-
5 pital care or medical transportation to persons who are ill or injured or who
6 have disabilities.

7 “(3) ‘Emergency care’ means the performance of acts or procedures under
8 emergency conditions in the observation, care and counsel of persons who
9 are ill or injured or who have disabilities; in the administration of care or
10 medications prescribed by a licensed physician or naturopathic physician,
11 insofar as any of these acts is based upon knowledge and application of the
12 principles of biological, physical and social science as required by a com-
13 pleted course utilizing an approved curriculum in prehospital emergency
14 care. ‘Emergency care’ does not include acts of medical diagnosis or pre-
15 scription of therapeutic or corrective measures.

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

23 “(5) ‘Fraud or deception’ means the intentional misrepresentation or mis-
24 statement of a material fact, concealment of or failure to make known any
25 material fact, or any other means by which misinformation or false im-
26 pression knowingly is given.

27 “(6) ‘Governmental unit’ means the state or any county, municipality or
28 other political subdivision or any department, board or other agency of any
29 of them.

30 “(7) ‘Highway’ means every public way, thoroughfare and place, including

1 bridges, viaducts and other structures within the boundaries of this state,
2 used or intended for the use of the general public for vehicles.

3 “(8) ‘Nonemergency care’ means the performance of acts or procedures on
4 a patient who is not expected to die, become permanently disabled or suffer
5 permanent harm within the next 24 hours, including but not limited to ob-
6 servation, care and counsel of a patient and the administration of
7 medications prescribed by a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677 or
8 naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685, insofar as any of
9 those acts are based upon knowledge and application of the principles of bi-
10 ological, physical and social science and are performed in accordance with
11 scope of practice rules adopted by the Oregon Medical Board or Oregon
12 Board of Naturopathic Medicine in the course of providing prehospital care.

13 **“(9)(a) ‘Organ transport vehicle’ means any motor vehicle operated**
14 **or contracted by an organ procurement organization for the emer-**
15 **gency transportation of body parts intended to be transplanted.**

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

18 “[9] (10) ‘Owner’ means the person having all the incidents of ownership
19 in an ambulance service or an ambulance vehicle or where the incidents of
20 ownership are in different persons, the person, other than a security interest
21 holder or lessor, entitled to the possession of an ambulance vehicle or oper-
22 ation of an ambulance service under a security agreement or a lease for a
23 term of 10 or more successive days.

24 “[10] (11) ‘Patient’ means a person who is ill or injured or who has a
25 disability and who receives emergency or nonemergency care from an emer-
26 gency medical services provider.

27 “[11] (12) ‘Prehospital care’ means care rendered by emergency medical
28 services providers as an incident of the operation of an ambulance and care
29 rendered by emergency medical services providers as incidents of other pub-
30 lic or private safety duties, and includes, but is not limited to, ‘emergency

1 care.’

2 “[~~(12)~~] **(13)** ‘Scope of practice’ means the maximum level of emergency or
3 nonemergency care that an emergency medical services provider may provide.

4 “[~~(13)~~] **(14)** ‘Standing orders’ means the written protocols that an emer-
5 gency medical services provider follows to treat patients when direct contact
6 with a physician is not maintained.

7 “[~~(14)~~] **(15)** ‘Supervising physician’ means a physician licensed under ORS
8 677.100 to 677.228, actively registered and in good standing with the Oregon
9 Medical Board, who provides direction of emergency or nonemergency care
10 provided by emergency medical services providers.

11 “[~~(15)~~] **(16)** ‘Unprofessional conduct’ means conduct unbecoming a person
12 licensed to perform emergency care, or detrimental to the best interests of
13 the public and includes:

14 “(a) Any conduct or practice contrary to recognized standards of ethics
15 of the medical profession or any conduct or practice which does or might
16 constitute a danger to the health or safety of a patient or the public or any
17 conduct, practice or condition which does or might impair an emergency
18 medical services provider’s ability safely and skillfully to practice emergency
19 or nonemergency care;

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

22 “(c) Willful and consistent utilization of medical service for treatment
23 which is or may be considered inappropriate or unnecessary.

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

25 “682.031. (1) As used in this section, ‘political subdivision’ includes coun-
26 ties, cities, districts, authorities and other public corporations and entities
27 organized and existing under statute or charter.

28 “(2) An ordinance of any political subdivision regulating ambulance ser-
29 vices, [~~or~~] emergency medical services providers **or organ transport vehi-**
30 **cles** may not require less than is required under ORS 820.300 to 820.380, or

1 this chapter or the rules adopted by the Oregon Health Authority under this
2 chapter.

3 “(3) When a political subdivision enacts an ordinance regulating ambu-
4 lance services, [or] emergency medical services providers **or organ trans-**
5 **port vehicles**, the ordinance must comply with the county plan for
6 ambulance services and ambulance service areas adopted under ORS 682.062
7 by the county in which the political subdivision is situated and with the
8 rules of the Oregon Health Authority relating to such services and service
9 areas. The county governing body shall make the determination of whether
10 the ordinance is in compliance with the county plan.

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

13 **“SECTION 6. (1) ‘Organ transport vehicle’ means any motor vehicle**
14 **operated or contracted by an organ procurement organization for the**
15 **emergency transportation of body parts intended to be transplanted.**

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

18 **“SECTION 7. ORS 811.145 is amended to read:**

19 **“811.145. (1) A person commits the offense of failure to yield to an emer-**
20 **gency vehicle, organ transport vehicle or ambulance if an ambulance, or-**
21 **gan transport vehicle or emergency vehicle that is using a visual or**
22 **audible signal in a manner described under ORS 820.300 and 820.320 ap-**
23 **proaches the vehicle the person is operating and the person does not do all**
24 **of the following:**

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

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

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

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

3 “(3) This section does not relieve the driver of an emergency vehicle,
4 **organ transport vehicle** or ambulance from the duty to drive with due re-
5 gard for the safety of all persons using the highway, nor does this section
6 protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequence of an arbitrary
7 exercise of the right of way granted under this section.

8 “(4) The offense described in this section, failure to yield to an emergency
9 vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or ambulance, is a Class B traffic vio-
10 lation.

11 **“SECTION 8.** ORS 811.150 is amended to read:

12 “811.150. (1) A person commits the offense of interference with an emer-
13 gency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or ambulance if the person does any
14 of the following:

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

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

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

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

25 “(a) Nothing in this section prohibits a driver of an emergency vehicle,
26 **organ transport vehicle** or ambulance from following within 500 feet of an
27 emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or ambulance traveling in re-
28 sponse to a fire alarm or emergency or from driving into or parking a vehicle
29 in the area or vicinity where such vehicles have stopped in response to an
30 alarm or emergency.

1 “(b) Nothing in this section prevents any person from driving over an
2 unprotected hose of a fire department if the person first obtains the permis-
3 sion of a fire department official or police officer at the scene of the fire,
4 alarm of fire or emergency.

5 “(3) The offense described in this section, interference with an emergency
6 vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or ambulance, is a Class B traffic vio-
7 lation.

8 “**SECTION 9.** ORS 811.265 is amended to read:

9 “811.265. (1) A person commits the offense of driver failure to obey a
10 traffic control device if the person drives a vehicle and the person does any
11 of the following:

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

13 “(b) Fails to obey any specific traffic control device described in ORS
14 811.260 in the manner required by that section.

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

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

18 “(b) Driving an emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or ambu-
19 lance in accordance with the privileges granted those vehicles under ORS
20 820.300.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 “(a)(A) ‘Driving’ means operating a motor vehicle on a highway or prem-
3 ises open to the public, and while temporarily stationary because of traffic,
4 a traffic control device or other momentary delays.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 “(B) ‘Mobile electronic device’ includes but is not limited to a device ca-
20 pable of text messaging, voice communication, entertainment, navigation,
21 accessing the Internet or producing electronic mail.

22 “(e) ‘Using a mobile electronic device’ includes but is not limited to using
23 a mobile electronic device for text messaging, voice communication, enter-
24 tainment, navigation, accessing the Internet or producing electronic mail.

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

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

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

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

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

5 “(b) Who is employed as a driver of a vehicle having a gross vehicle
6 weight rating or gross vehicle weight of at least 10,001 pounds and is using
7 a mobile electronic device within the scope of the person’s employment and
8 as required under regulations promulgated pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 31137;

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

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

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

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

29 “(g) Who is using a two-way radio device while operating a pilot or safety
30 vehicle used to assist the safe movement of a vehicle described in paragraph

1 (f) of this subsection, and the use of the device facilitates the safe movement
2 of the vehicle described in paragraph (f) of this subsection.

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

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

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

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

11 “(d) Was a police officer, firefighter or emergency medical services pro-
12 vider and was acting within the scope of the person’s employment;

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

16 “(f) Was operating a two-way radio device that transmits radio commu-
17 nication transmitted by a station operating on an authorized frequency
18 within the business, citizens’ or family radio service bands in accordance
19 with rules of the Federal Communications Commission to summon medical
20 or other emergency help; or

21 “(g) Was using a medical device.

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

24 “(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, for a person’s
25 first conviction, a Class B traffic violation.

26 “(b) For a person’s first conviction, if commission of the offense contrib-
27 utes to an accident described in ORS 811.720, a Class A traffic violation.

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

30 “(d) For a person’s third or subsequent conviction within a 10-year period

1 preceding the date of the person's current conviction, a Class B
2 misdemeanor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 “(d) If the person has not successfully completed the requirements de-
24 scribed in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the court shall:

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

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

27 “(9) The department shall place signs on state highways to notify drivers
28 that it is unlawful to drive a motor vehicle on the highways of this state
29 while using a mobile electronic device and violators are subject to criminal
30 penalties.

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

2 “814.050. (1) A pedestrian commits the offense of pedestrian failure to
3 yield to an ambulance, **organ transport vehicle** or emergency vehicle if the
4 pedestrian does not yield the right of way to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 “815.225. (1) A person commits the offense of violation of use limits on
19 sound equipment if the person does any of the following:

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

21 “(b) Uses a horn otherwise than as a reasonable warning or makes any
22 unnecessary or unreasonably loud or harsh sound by means of a horn or
23 other warning device.

24 “(2) Authorized emergency vehicles, **organ transport vehicle** and ambu-
25 lances are not subject to this section but are subject to ORS 820.370 and
26 820.380.

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

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

30 “816.050. Each of the following is a requirement for headlights as de-

1 scribed:

2 “(1) On vehicles required to be equipped with two or more headlights
3 under ORS 816.320 and 816.330 the headlights shall be equally distributed on
4 each side of the front of the vehicle. This subsection does not apply to mo-
5 torcycles and mopeds.

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

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

10 “(b) A federally approved headlight flashing system may be used as
11 emergency vehicle lights on police **vehicles**, fire **vehicles**, **organ transport**
12 **vehicles**, emergency **vehicles** or ambulance vehicles.

13 “(3) Headlights shall show a white light described in Standard Number
14 108 of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

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

16 “(5) The Department of Transportation shall adopt and enforce rules es-
17 tablishing minimum standards and specifications for headlights. The rules
18 shall conform, insofar as practicable, to safety standards and specifications
19 for vehicle lighting issued by the federal government or to standards and
20 recommendations established by the Society of Automotive Engineers.

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

26 “(7) Headlights shall be aimed in accordance with rules adopted by the
27 department. If headlights provide only a single distribution of light and are
28 not supplemented by auxiliary lights, the single beam headlights shall be so
29 aimed that when the vehicle is not loaded, none of the high intensity portion
30 of the light shall, at a distance of 25 feet ahead of the vehicle, project higher

1 than five inches below the level of the center of the lamp from which it
2 comes, or higher than 42 inches above the level on which the vehicle stands
3 at a distance of 75 feet ahead of the vehicle.

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

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

10 “(10) Headlights that are required under ORS 816.320 and 816.330 and any
11 part for such headlight that tends to change the original design or perform-
12 ance must be of a type that complies with standards adopted by the depart-
13 ment under ORS 816.010.

14 “(11) Single beam headlights that are not supplemented by auxiliary lights
15 shall be permitted on a motor vehicle in lieu of multiple beam headlights
16 only if the single distribution of lights complies with any requirements for
17 single beam headlights under this section.

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

19 “816.310. This section establishes exemptions from ORS 816.040 to 816.300.
20 The exemptions under this section are in addition to any exemptions under
21 ORS 801.026. The exemptions established under this section are partial or
22 complete as described in the following:

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

26 “(2) Lighting equipment used on vehicles of special interest that are reg-
27 istered under ORS 805.020 shall be deemed in compliance with ORS 816.040
28 to 816.300 if the equipment is original manufacturer’s equipment and acces-
29 sories, or their equivalent and if the equipment is maintained in safe oper-
30 ating condition.

1 “(3) ORS 816.040 to 816.300 do not apply to equipment on any of the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(a) Road machinery.

4 “(b) Road rollers.

5 “(c) Farm tractors.

6 “(d) Antique vehicles that are maintained as a collector’s item and used
7 for exhibitions, parades, club activities and similar uses, but not used pri-
8 marily for the transportation of persons or property.

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

10 “(4) On any combination of vehicles, only the lighting equipment on the
11 rearmost vehicle in the combination of vehicles need be visible from dis-
12 tances specified under ORS 816.040 to 816.290 for lighting equipment on the
13 rear of vehicles.

14 “(5) Lighting equipment on bicycles shall meet the requirements estab-
15 lished for such equipment under ORS 815.280.

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

18 “(7) Lighting equipment on electric personal assistive mobility devices
19 shall meet the requirements established in ORS 815.284.

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

21 “816.340. This section establishes exemptions from ORS 816.320 and
22 816.330. The exemptions established under this section are in addition to any
23 exemptions under ORS 801.026. The exemptions under this section are partial
24 or complete as described in the following:

25 “(1) ORS 816.320 and 816.330 shall not be construed to prohibit the use
26 of additional parts and accessories on any vehicle consistent with the pro-
27 visions of those sections.

28 “(2) Vehicles of special interest that are registered under ORS 805.020
29 shall be deemed in compliance with ORS 816.320 and 816.330 if:

30 “(a) The vehicles are equipped with original manufacturer’s equipment

1 and accessories, or their equivalent, and if the equipment is maintained in
2 safe operating condition; or

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

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

5 “(a) Road machinery.

6 “(b) Road rollers.

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

8 “(d) Antique vehicles that are maintained as a collector’s item and used
9 for exhibitions, parades, club activities and similar uses, but not used pri-
10 marily for the transportation of persons or property.

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

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

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

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

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

21 “(9) Requirements for warning lights on ambulances **and organ trans-**
22 **port vehicles** are provided under ORS 820.350 and 820.360.

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

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

26 “816.370. This section establishes exemptions from ORS 816.350 and
27 816.360. The exemptions established under this section are in addition to any
28 exemptions under ORS 801.026. The exemptions under this section are partial
29 or complete as described in the following:

30 “(1) ORS 816.350 and 816.360 shall not be construed to prohibit the use

1 of additional parts and accessories on any vehicle not inconsistent with the
2 provisions of those sections.

3 “(2) Lighting equipment used on vehicles of special interest that are reg-
4 istered under ORS 805.020 shall be deemed in compliance with ORS 816.350
5 and 816.360 if the equipment is original manufacturer’s equipment and ac-
6 cessories, or their equivalent and if the equipment is maintained in safe op-
7 erating condition.

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

10 “(a) Road machinery.

11 “(b) Road rollers.

12 “(c) Farm tractors.

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

16 “(4) Ambulances, **organ transport vehicles** and emergency vehicles are
17 subject to the provisions under ORS 820.350 and 820.360.

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

19 “820.300. (1) Subject to conditions, limitations, prohibitions and penalties
20 established for emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** and ambulance
21 drivers under ORS 820.320, the driver of an emergency vehicle, **organ**
22 **transport vehicle** or ambulance may do any of the following:

23 “(a) Park or stand in disregard of a statute, regulation or ordinance pro-
24 hibiting that parking or standing.

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

26 “(c) Exceed the designated speed limits.

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

29 “(e) Proceed past the flashing bus safety lights without violating ORS
30 811.155 if the driver first stops the vehicle and then proceeds only when the

1 driver:

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

4 “(B) Proceeds with caution.

5 “(2) The provisions of this section:

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

9 “(b) Are not a defense to the driver of an emergency vehicle, **organ**
10 **transport vehicle** or ambulance in an action brought for criminal
11 negligence or reckless conduct.

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

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

16 “820.320. (1) A person commits the offense of illegal operation of an
17 emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or ambulance if the person is
18 the driver of an emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or ambulance
19 and the person violates any of the following:

20 “(a) The driver of an emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or
21 ambulance may only exercise privileges granted under ORS 820.300 when
22 responding to an emergency call or when responding to, but not upon re-
23 turning from, an emergency. The driver of an emergency vehicle may exercise
24 privileges granted under ORS 820.300 when in pursuit of an actual or sus-
25 pected violator of the law.

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

29 “(c) In addition to any required visual signal, the driver of an emergency
30 vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or ambulance must make use of an audible

1 signal meeting the requirements under ORS 820.370 when the driver is pro-
2 ceeding past a stop light or stop sign under privileges granted by ORS
3 820.300 (1)(b).

4 “(d) A driver of an emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or am-
5 bulance who is exercising privileges granted under ORS 820.300 by parking
6 or standing an emergency vehicle in disregard of a regulation or ordinance
7 prohibiting that parking, stopping or standing, shall not use the audible
8 signal.

9 “(e) In exercising the privileges under ORS 820.300 (1)(e) relating to buses
10 and bus safety lights, the driver of an emergency vehicle, **organ transport**
11 **vehicle** or ambulance must first stop the vehicle and then must:

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

13 “(B) Proceed with caution.

14 “(f) In proceeding past any stop light or stop sign under the privileges
15 granted by ORS 820.300, the driver of an emergency vehicle, **organ trans-**
16 **port vehicle** or ambulance must slow down as may be necessary for safe
17 operation.

18 “(g) The driver of an emergency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or
19 ambulance must not exceed any designated speed limit to an extent which
20 endangers persons or property.

21 “(2) The driver of an emergency vehicle that is operated as an emergency
22 police vehicle is not required to use either visual signal or the audible signal
23 as described in this section in order to exercise the privileges granted in ORS
24 820.300 when it reasonably appears to the driver that the use of either or
25 both would prevent or hamper the apprehension or detection of a violator
26 of a statute, ordinance or regulation.

27 “(3) The offense described in this section, illegal operation of an emer-
28 gency vehicle, **organ transport vehicle** or ambulance, is a Class B traffic
29 violation.

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

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

7 “(2) Enforcement of the requirements established under this section is
8 provided under ORS 820.360.

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

10 “820.360. (1) A person commits the offense of illegal ambulance **or organ**
11 **transport vehicle** lighting equipment if the person drives or moves on any
12 highway or owns and causes or knowingly permits to be driven or moved on
13 any highway an ambulance **or organ transport vehicle** that does not con-
14 tain and is not at all times equipped with warning lights in proper condition
15 and adjustment as required under ORS 820.350.

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

18 “(3) Authority of political subdivisions to regulate warning lights on am-
19 bulances **and organ transport vehicles** is limited under ORS 682.031.

20 “(4) The offense described under this section, illegal ambulance **and or-**
21 **gan transport vehicle** lighting equipment, is a Class C traffic violation.

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

23 “820.370. (1) Subject to any other law or rule pursuant thereto relating
24 to the noise of a vehicle, the Department of Transportation may prescribe
25 required sirens or other audible signals for ambulances, **organ transport**
26 **vehicles** and emergency vehicles. The requirements established under this
27 section may include, but are not limited to, numbers required, placement,
28 audibility and inside indicators.

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

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

2 “820.380. (1) A person commits the offense of illegal ambulance, **organ**
3 **transport vehicle** or emergency vehicle sirens if the person drives or moves
4 on any highway or owns and causes or knowingly permits to be driven or
5 moved on any highway an ambulance, **organ transport vehicle** or emer-
6 gency vehicle that does not contain and is not at all times equipped with
7 sirens or other audible signals in proper conditions and adjustment as re-
8 quired under ORS 820.370.

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

12 “(3) Authority of political subdivisions to regulate sirens and other audi-
13 ble signals is limited under ORS 682.031.

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

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

17 “825.017. Except as provided in this section and ORS 825.026 and 825.030,
18 this chapter does not apply to the persons or vehicles described in this sec-
19 tion. The exemption under this section applies to the following persons and
20 vehicles:

21 “(1) Vehicles being used by, or under contract with, any school board,
22 district or person responsible for the administration of elementary or sec-
23 ondary school activities, and engaged exclusively in transporting students
24 or combinations of students and other persons to or from school, to or from
25 authorized school activities or other activities sponsored by the governing
26 board of a public university listed in ORS 352.002, or for purposes provided
27 under ORS 332.427. This exemption shall not be affected by the charging of
28 a fee to cover the costs of the transportation.

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

30 “(a) Is a passenger vehicle with a passenger seating capacity that does

1 not exceed five;

2 “(b) Carries passengers for hire where the destination and route traveled
3 may be controlled by a passenger and the fare is calculated on the basis of
4 any combination of an initial fee, distance traveled or waiting time; and

5 “(c) Is transporting persons or property, or both, between points in
6 Oregon.

7 “(3) Vehicles being used for the transportation of property by private
8 carrier by means of a single vehicle or combination of vehicles with a com-
9 bined weight that does not exceed 8,000 pounds.

10 “(4) Vehicles being used in operating implements of husbandry.

11 “(5) Vehicles being used as a hearse, **organ transport vehicle** or ambu-
12 lance.

13 “(6) Vehicles being used over any private road or thoroughfare.

14 “(7) Vehicles being used on any road, thoroughfare or property, other
15 than a state highway, county road or city street, for the removal of forest
16 products as defined in ORS 321.005, or the product of forest products con-
17 verted to a form other than logs at or near the harvesting site, or when used
18 for the construction or maintenance of the road, thoroughfare or property,
19 pursuant to a written agreement or permit authorizing the use, construction
20 or maintenance of the road, thoroughfare or property, with:

21 “(a) An agency of the United States;

22 “(b) The State Board of Forestry;

23 “(c) The State Forester; or

24 “(d) A licensee of an agency named in this subsection.

25 “(8) Vehicles being used on any county road for the removal of forest
26 products as defined in ORS 321.005, or the products of forest products con-
27 verted to a form other than logs at or near the harvesting site, if:

28 “(a) The use is pursuant to a written agreement entered into with the
29 State Board of Forestry, the State Forester or an agency of the United
30 States, authorizing the owner of the motor vehicle to use the road and re-

1 quiring the owner to pay for or to perform the construction or maintenance
2 of the county road, including any operator of a motor vehicle retained to
3 transport logs, poles and piling for the owners who are exempt under this
4 section;

5 “(b) The board, officer or agency that entered into the agreement or
6 granted the permit, by contract with the county court or board of county
7 commissioners, has assumed the responsibility for the construction or main-
8 tenance of the county road; and

9 “(c) Copies of the agreements or permits required by this subsection are
10 filed with the Director of Transportation.

11 “(9) Vehicles being used in transporting persons with disabilities, with
12 or without their supervisors or assistants, to or from rehabilitation facilities
13 or child care services if the motor vehicle is a passenger motor vehicle with
14 a seating capacity of not more than 12 passengers. The exemption provided
15 by this subsection applies only when the motor vehicle is operated by or
16 under contract with any person responsible for the administration of reha-
17 bilitation facilities as defined in ORS 344.710 to 344.730 or child care services
18 provided by a facility licensed under ORS 329A.250 to 329A.450.

19 “(10) Vehicles owned or operated by the United States or by any govern-
20 mental jurisdiction within the United States except as provided in ORS
21 825.022. This chapter does apply to vehicles when owned or operated:

22 “(a) As a carrier of property for hire;

23 “(b) By a transportation district organized under ORS 267.510 to 267.650;

24 “(c) By a county service district authorized to provide public transporta-
25 tion under ORS 451.010; or

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

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

30 “(12) Vehicles owned or operated by, or under contract with, a person

1 responsible for the construction or reconstruction of a highway under con-
2 tract with the Department of Transportation or with an agency of the United
3 States when operated within the immediate construction project as described
4 in the governmental agency contract during the construction period.

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

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

17 “(15) A vehicle that is used in a limousine service operation in which the
18 destination and route traveled may be controlled by the passenger and the
19 fare is calculated on the basis of any combination of initial fee, distance
20 traveled and waiting time if the vehicle:

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

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

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

25 “(16) Fire trucks and rescue vehicles that are designated as emergency
26 vehicles by the Department of Transportation under ORS 801.260, while in-
27 volved in emergency and related operations.

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

30 “(a) Provide or operate a motor vehicle for the movement of the household

1 goods; and

2 “(b) Act as an agent for any person who does provide or operate a motor
3 vehicle for the movement of the household goods.

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

9 **“(2) The Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Trans-
10 portation may take any action before the operative date specified in
11 subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the authority
12 and the department to exercise, on and after the operative date spec-
13 ified in subsection (1) of this section, all the duties, functions and
14 powers conferred on the authority and the department by sections 2
15 and 6 of this 2025 Act and the amendments to ORS 682.025, 682.031,
16 811.145, 811.150, 811.265, 811.507, 814.050, 815.225, 816.050, 816.310, 816.340,
17 816.370, 820.300, 820.320, 820.350, 820.360, 820.370, 820.380 and 825.017 by
18 sections 3 and 4 and 7 to 23 of this 2025 Act.**

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

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