

HB 4004-12
(LC 242)
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Requested by Representative YUNKER

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 4004**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “308A.707” insert “and
2 830.624”.

3 On page 2, after line 29, insert:

4 **“SECTION 4.** ORS 830.624 is amended to read:

5 “830.624. (1) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section,
6 a person 14 years of age or older shall carry a waterway access permit while
7 operating a nonmotorized boat **that is at least 10 feet in length** or a
8 sailboat that is **at least 10 feet in length but** less than 12 feet in length,
9 in the manner provided by the State Marine Board by rule. The person shall
10 present proof of a permit upon request by a peace officer.

11 “(2) A waterway access permit under this section is transferable to any
12 nonmotorized boat **that is at least 10 feet in length** or a sailboat that is
13 **at least 10 feet in length but** less than 12 feet in length.

14 “(3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

15 “(a) Days that the board designates, by rule, as free boating days and on
16 which the board allows individuals to operate a boat described in subsection
17 (1) of this section without holding an otherwise required waterway access
18 permit.

19 “(b) A person operating a boat owned by an operator of a boat livery if
20 the operator of a boat livery displays proof of holding a waterway access
21 permit according to rules adopted by the board.

1 “(c) A person operating a boat on a federally designated wild and scenic
2 river for which a separate fee system is in place.

3 “(d) A person operating a boat if the person is engaged in law enforce-
4 ment, public safety or official business of a federal, state or municipal
5 agency, as defined by the board by rule.

6 “(e) A resident of a bordering state who launches a boat from that bor-
7 dering state into bordering waters, as defined by the board by rule.

8 “(f) A person operating a boat if the person holds a nonmotorized boating
9 permit, a registration or a similar authorization that is issued by another
10 state and accepted by the board by rule.

11 “(g) A person who is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe in
12 this state and who is engaged in tribal fishing or a tribal ceremony.

13 “(h) Nonmotorized boats that are [*less than 10 feet in length that are*]:

14 “(A) Engaged in whitewater recreation activities, as defined by the board
15 by rule; and

16 “(B) Operated on waters of this state identified by the board by rule.

17 “(4) The board may adopt rules that provide additional exemptions from
18 the requirement to obtain a permit under subsection (1) of this section.”.

19 In line 30, delete “4” and insert “5”.
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