

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Westlund, Walker

Nays: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/17, 5/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Removes discretion of applicant for renewal of license to choose between normal license term and extended term offered by agency. Modifies expiration date for certain licenses, permits, and certificates to allow agency to establish different expiration date by rule. Provides for payment for licenses directly to agency under certain circumstances. Removes requirement that Director of Aviation Department have airport operations and management experience. Transfers administration of Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots from Department of Transportation to Public Utility Commission. Establishes Pilot Account separate and distinct from General Fund for moneys received by board. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Flexibility for agencies
- Fees assessed for full or partial license terms
- Opportunity to challenge “non-controversial” rule changes

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Transfers administration of Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots from Department of Transportation to Public Utility Commission. Establishes Pilot Account separate and distinct from General Fund for moneys received by board. Resolves conflicts between HB 2243B, SB 206A that requires examination for licensure as naturopathic physician to include sections on basic sciences and clinical sciences, and SB 168 that authorizes the Real Estate Commission to allow late renewal of an expired escrow agent license. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2243-B deletes the specified expiration date for a number of licenses, permits and certificates issued by various state agencies. The licensure period would not be affected; rather, the agency would be allowed to designate by administrative rule the date on which the license would expire. The measure is permissive, allowing the agency to either maintain its current licensure schedule as outlined by statute or adopt a new one by rule.

Agencies that are affected by House Bill 2243-B include the Department of Transportation, the State Board of Pharmacy, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Consumer and Business Services, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Water Resources Department, the Department of Agriculture, the Occupational Therapy Licensing Board, the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, the Board of Naturopathic Examiners, the Veterinary Medical Examining Board, the Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians, the Mortuary and Cemetery Board, the Real Estate Commissioner, the State Marine Board, and the Department of Aviation.

Other provisions of House Bill 2243-B allow agencies to change division or program names and telephone numbers or addresses by rule; authorize the creation of combined license processing programs; permit the payment of license fees directly to state agencies in certain circumstances; revise the qualifications for Director of the Department of Aviation; and transfer administration of the Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots to the Public Utility Commission.

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