

# House Bill 2157

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## SUMMARY

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Adds unremarried surviving spouse of veteran to persons eligible to receive emergency financial assistance.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to emergency financial assistance; amending ORS 408.500.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 408.500 is amended to read:

5 408.500. (1) The Oregon Veterans' Emergency Financial Assistance Program is created.

6 (2) The purpose of the program is to provide emergency financial assistance to Oregon veterans  
7 and their immediate families for needs that include but are not limited to:

8 (a) Emergency or temporary housing and related housing expenses, such as expenses for utili-  
9 ties, insurance, house repairs, rent assistance or food;

10 (b) Emergency medical or dental expenses;

11 (c) Emergency transportation;

12 (d) Expenses related to starting a business, such as business licenses or occupational licenses;

13 (e) Temporary income after military discharge; and

14 (f) Legal assistance.

15 (3) The [*Director*] **Department** of Veterans' Affairs shall **administer the program created**  
16 **under subsection (1) of this section and shall** adopt rules implementing [*subsection (2) of this*  
17 *section*] **the program**, including but not limited to establishing procedures for applying for emer-  
18 gency financial assistance and criteria for determining eligibility to receive emergency financial  
19 assistance.

20 (4) As used in this section:

21 (a) "Immediate family" means a spouse, **unremarried surviving spouse**, child or stepchild.

22 (b) "Veteran" means:

23 (A) A veteran as defined in ORS 408.225;

24 (B) A person who is a member of the Oregon National Guard who has been demobilized after  
25 serving on federal active duty for more than 30 days; or

26 (C) A person who is an Oregon resident, is a member of the Reserves and has been demobilized  
27 after serving on federal active duty for more than 30 days.

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.