

House Bill 2225

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Provides that employees of Department of Public Safety Standards and Training who hold certification as police, certified reserve, corrections or parole and probation officers, fire service professionals, telecommunicators or emergency medical dispatchers are considered to be employed as full-time public safety officers for certain purposes.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to employees of Department of Public Safety Standards and Training; amending ORS
3 181.651.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 181.651 is amended to read:

6 181.651. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any full-time employee of the Depart-
7 ment of Public Safety Standards and Training who possesses the requisite qualifications may be
8 certified or recertified as a police officer, certified reserve officer, corrections officer, parole and
9 probation officer, **fire service professional**, telecommunicator or emergency medical dispatcher.

10 (2) A department employee who is certified as a police, certified reserve, corrections or parole
11 and probation officer may exercise the authority granted by law to such officers. This includes, but
12 is not limited to, the authority to possess material that is otherwise contraband under the laws of
13 this state in the performance of official duties and the authority to carry a firearm or other weapon
14 concealed.

15 (3) **A department employee who is certified as a police, certified reserve, corrections or**
16 **parole and probation officer, a fire service professional, a telecommunicator or an emergency**
17 **medical dispatcher is considered to be employed as a full-time public safety officer in the**
18 **discipline in which certification is held under this section for the following purposes:**

19 (a) **Denying, suspending or revoking certification under ORS 181.661, 181.662 and 181.664;**

20 (b) **Determining eligibility to apply for benefits from the Public Safety Memorial Fund**
21 **under ORS 243.954 to 243.974; and**

22 (c) **Determining eligibility to be honored at the memorial created pursuant to section 1,**
23 **chapter 508, Oregon Laws 1987.**

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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.