

House Bill 2275

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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**.

Requires operators and passengers of privately owned commercial vehicles to use safety belts if vehicle is designed or used primarily for transportation of property.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to safety belts; amending ORS 811.215.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 811.215 is amended to read:

5 811.215. ORS 811.210 does not apply to:

6 (1) Privately owned commercial vehicles[, *as defined in ORS 801.210*] **that are being used for**
7 **the transportation of persons for compensation or profit.** The exemption in this subsection does
8 not apply to any of the following:

9 [(a) *Vehicles commonly known as pickup trucks that have a combined weight of less than 10,000*
10 *pounds.*]

11 [(b)] (a) Motor carriers, as defined in ORS 825.005, when operating in interstate commerce.

12 [(c)] (b) Vehicles designed and used for the transportation of 15 or fewer persons, including the
13 driver, except that the operator of a vehicle described in this paragraph is not required to:

14 (A) Be properly secured with a safety belt or safety harness as required by ORS 811.210 if the
15 operator is a taxicab operator; or

16 (B) Ensure that a passenger is properly secured with a child safety system as described in ORS
17 811.210 (2)(a) and (b).

18 (2) Any vehicle not required to be equipped with safety belts or safety harnesses at the time the
19 vehicle was manufactured, unless safety belts or safety harnesses have been installed in the vehicle.

20 (3) Any vehicle exempted by ORS 815.080 from requirements to be equipped upon sale with
21 safety belts or safety harnesses.

22 (4) Any person for whom a certificate is issued by the Department of Transportation under ORS
23 811.220.

24 (5) Any person who is a passenger in a vehicle if all seating positions in the vehicle are occu-
25 pied by other persons.

26 (6) Any person who is being transported while in the custody of a police officer or any law
27 enforcement agency.

28 (7) Any person who is delivering newspapers or mail in the regular course of work.

29 (8) Any person who is riding in an ambulance for the purpose of administering medical aid to
30 another person in the ambulance, if being secured by a safety belt or safety harness would sub-
31 stantially inhibit the administration of medical aid.

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.

1 (9) Any person who is reading utility meters in the regular course of work.

2 (10) Any person who is employed to operate a vehicle owned by a mass transit district while the
3 vehicle is being used for the transportation of passengers in the public transportation system of the
4 district.

5 (11) Any person who is collecting solid waste or recyclable materials in the regular course of
6 work.

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