

House Bill 2704

Sponsored by Representative CANNON; Representatives BONAMICI, BRUUN, CLEM, READ, RILEY

SUMMARY

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Requires Department of Transportation to include fuel efficient driving techniques in examination for driver license.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to fuel efficient driving techniques; amending ORS 807.070.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 807.070 is amended to read:

5 807.070. The Department of Transportation shall administer an examination to establish quali-
6 fication for each class of license and endorsement. The examination for each class of license or
7 endorsement shall include all of the following as described:

8 (1) A test of the applicant's eyesight. This subsection does not apply to an applicant with a
9 limited vision condition as defined in section 2, chapter 277, Oregon Laws 2003.

10 (2) A test of the applicant's knowledge and understanding of the traffic laws of this state, safe
11 driving practices and factors that cause accidents. The following all apply to the test under this
12 subsection:

13 (a) The test shall not cover any subject that is not presented in the publications of the depart-
14 ment intended for the instruction of applicants for licenses and driver permits.

15 (b) The test for each class of license and endorsement shall include, but is not limited to, a test
16 of knowledge and understanding of traffic laws that relate specifically to the type of driving privi-
17 leges granted under the specific class of license or endorsement sought.

18 (c) The test under this subsection shall include, but is not limited to, the following subjects:

19 (A) Rights of blind pedestrians.

20 (B) The meaning of official traffic signs and signals.

21 (C) Proper operating procedure in emergency situations.

22 (D) Vehicle safety equipment and its use.

23 (E) Practices necessary for safe operation of a vehicle around pedestrians and bicyclists.

24 **(F) Fuel efficient driving techniques.**

25 (d) The department may waive the test under circumstances described in ORS 807.072.

26 (3) A test that is an actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to operate a motor vehicle
27 without endangering the safety of persons or property. The following apply to this subsection:

28 (a) The actual demonstration for each class of license shall be performed in a vehicle that may
29 be operated under the class of license sought, but that may not be operated under lower classes of
30 license.

31 (b) An actual demonstration for a passenger endorsement shall be performed in a vehicle that

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 is designed to transport 16 or more persons, including the driver.

2 (c) An actual demonstration for a school bus endorsement shall be performed in a school bus.

3 (d) The department may waive the demonstration under circumstances described in ORS 807.072.

4 (4) Any other examination or test, including demonstrations, that the department determines
 5 may be necessary to assist the department in establishing whether the applicant is eligible for a li-
 6 cense under ORS 807.060 or whether the applicant is fit to operate a motor vehicle safely on the
 7 highways of this state. In any examination or test under this subsection, the department shall only
 8 conduct an investigation for facts relating directly to the ability of the applicant to operate a motor
 9 vehicle safely or other facts that are specifically required to show the fitness of the applicant for
 10 license.

11 **SECTION 2.** ORS 807.070, as amended by section 10, chapter 277, Oregon Laws 2003, and sec-
 12 tion 6, chapter 649, Oregon Laws 2005, is amended to read:

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 19 subsection:

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 23 of knowledge and understanding of traffic laws that relate specifically to the type of driving privi-
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 37 license.

38 (b) An actual demonstration for a passenger endorsement shall be performed in a vehicle that
 39 is designed to transport 16 or more persons, including the driver.

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