

House Bill 3273

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

SUMMARY

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Allows weighmaster or motor carrier enforcement officer to use warning lights or other signal for purpose of stopping driver of commercial motor vehicle.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to motor carrier enforcement; amending ORS 810.530 and 818.400.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 810.530 is amended to read:

810.530. (1) A weighmaster or motor carrier enforcement officer in whose presence an offense described in this subsection is committed may arrest or issue a citation for the offense in the same manner as under ORS 810.410 as if the weighmaster or motor carrier enforcement officer were a police officer. This subsection applies to the following offenses:

- (a) Violation of maximum weight limits under ORS 818.020.
- (b) Violation of posted weight limits under ORS 818.040.
- (c) Violation of administratively imposed weight or size limits under ORS 818.060.
- (d) Violation of maximum size limits under ORS 818.090.
- (e) Exceeding maximum number of vehicles in combination under ORS 818.110.
- (f) Violation of posted limits on use of road under ORS 818.130.
- (g) Violation of towing safety requirements under ORS 818.160.
- (h) Operating with sifting or leaking load under ORS 818.300.
- (i) Dragging objects on highway under ORS 818.320.
- (j) Unlawful use of devices without wheels under ORS 815.155.
- (k) Unlawful use of metal objects on tires under ORS 815.160.
- (L) Operation without pneumatic tires under ORS 815.170.
- (m) Operation in violation of vehicle variance permit under ORS 818.340.
- (n) Failure to carry and display permit under ORS 818.350.
- (o) Failure to comply with commercial vehicle enforcement requirements under ORS 818.400.
- (p) Violation of any provision of ORS chapter 825.
- (q) Operation without proper fenders or mudguards under ORS 815.185.
- (r) Vehicle operating without driving privileges in violation of ORS 807.010 if the person is operating a commercial motor vehicle and the person does not have a commercial driver license or does not have an appropriate permit.
- (s) Violation driving while suspended or revoked in violation of ORS 811.175 if the person is operating a commercial motor vehicle while the person's commercial driver license is suspended or revoked.

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 (t) Failure to use vehicle traction tires or chains in violation of ORS 815.140 if the person is
 2 operating a motor vehicle subject to ORS chapter 825 or 826.

3 (2) A weighmaster or motor carrier enforcement officer in whose presence an offense described
 4 in this subsection is committed by a person operating a commercial motor vehicle may issue a ci-
 5 tation for the offense. A weighmaster or motor carrier enforcement officer who finds evidence that
 6 an offense described in this subsection has been committed by a person operating a commercial
 7 motor vehicle or by a motor carrier for which the person is acting as an agent may issue a citation
 8 for the offense. A weighmaster or motor carrier enforcement officer issuing a citation under this
 9 subsection has the authority granted a police officer issuing a citation under ORS 810.410. A citation
 10 issued under this subsection to the operator of a commercial motor vehicle shall be considered to
 11 have been issued to the motor carrier that owns the commercial motor vehicle if the operator is not
 12 the owner. This subsection applies to the following offenses, all of which are Class A traffic vio-
 13 lations under ORS 825.990 (1):

14 (a) Repeatedly violating or avoiding any order or rule of the Department of Transportation.

15 (b) Repeatedly refusing or repeatedly failing, after being requested to do so, to furnish service
 16 authorized by certificate.

17 (c) Refusing or failing to file the annual report as required by ORS 825.320.

18 (d) Refusing or failing to maintain records required by the department or to produce such re-
 19 cords for examination as required by the department.

20 (e) Failing to appear for a hearing after notice that the carrier's certificate or permit is under
 21 investigation.

22 (f) Filing with the department an application that is false with regard to the ownership, pos-
 23 session or control of the equipment being used or the operation being conducted.

24 (g) Delinquency in reporting or paying any fee, tax or penalty due to the department under ORS
 25 chapter 825 or 826.

26 (h) Refusing or failing to file a deposit or bond as required under ORS 825.506.

27 (i) Failing to comply with the applicable requirements for attendance at a motor carrier educa-
 28 tion program as required by ORS 825.402.

29 (3) A weighmaster or motor carrier enforcement officer who finds evidence that a person oper-
 30 ating a commercial motor vehicle has committed the offense of failure to pay the appropriate reg-
 31 istration fee under ORS 803.315 may issue a citation for the offense in the same manner as under
 32 ORS 810.410 as if the weighmaster or motor carrier enforcement officer were a police officer.

33 (4) The authority of a weighmaster or motor carrier enforcement officer to issue citations or
 34 arrest under this section is subject to ORS chapter 153.

35 (5)(a) A person is a weighmaster for purposes of this section if the person is a county
 36 weighmaster or a police officer.

37 (b) A person is a motor carrier enforcement officer under this section if the person is duly au-
 38 thorized as a motor carrier enforcement officer by the Department of Transportation.

39 (6) A weighmaster or motor carrier enforcement officer may accept security in the same manner
 40 as a police officer under ORS 810.440 and 810.450 and may take as security for the offenses, in ad-
 41 dition to other security permitted under this section, the sum fixed as the base fine for the offense.

42 (7) A weighmaster or motor carrier enforcement officer may arrest a person for the offense of
 43 failure to appear in a violation proceeding under ORS 153.992 if the violation is based upon a cita-
 44 tion for any offense described in subsection (1) or (3) of this section except those described in sub-
 45 section (1)(p) of this section.

1 (8)(a) **In order to enforce commercial motor vehicle requirements**, a weighmaster or motor
2 carrier enforcement officer may **stop and detain vehicles**:

3 (A) [*Exercise*] **Exercising** the same authority as a police officer under ORS 810.490 [*to enforce*
4 *vehicle requirements and detain vehicles*].

5 (B) **Using warning lights or other signal.**

6 (b) A person who fails to comply with the authority of a weighmaster or motor carrier
7 enforcement officer under this subsection is subject to penalty under ORS 818.400.

8 **SECTION 2.** ORS 818.400 is amended to read:

9 818.400. (1) A person commits the offense of failure to comply with commercial vehicle enforce-
10 ment requirements if the person is driving a vehicle or combination of vehicles and the person does
11 not comply with any of the following or if the person is the owner of a vehicle or combination of
12 vehicles and the person causes or permits the vehicle or combination not to comply with any of the
13 following:

14 (a) A vehicle or combination of vehicles must stop and submit to any enforcement of commercial
15 vehicle weight, size, load, conformation or equipment regulation when directed to do so by an
16 “OPEN” sign displayed at a permanently established truck scale.

17 (b) A vehicle or combination of vehicles must stop and submit to any enforcement of commercial
18 vehicle weight, size, load, conformation or equipment regulation when directed to do so by any
19 sign, **warning lights** or **other** signal displayed or given by a police officer, motor carrier enforce-
20 ment officer or weighmaster acting in accordance with authority granted under ORS 810.490.

21 (c) A vehicle or combination of vehicles must move into the right lane for purposes of a weight
22 or size check when instructed to do so by a sign indicating the presence of a weigh-in-motion scale.

23 (d) The directions of any police officer, motor carrier enforcement officer or weighmaster that
24 are given in accordance with authority granted under ORS 810.490 or 810.530 must be complied with.

25 (2) The requirement of subsection (1)(a) of this section does not apply to:

26 (a) An empty combination of a log truck and pole trailer if the pole trailer is bunked on the log
27 truck and there is no other load; or

28 (b) A vehicle or combination of vehicles if:

29 (A) The normal route of the vehicle or combination of vehicles requires turning off the highway
30 after passing the “OPEN” sign but before reaching the scale; and

31 (B) The vehicle or combination of vehicles is en route to a terminal or other legitimate business.

32 (3) Operation of any vehicle or combination of vehicles in violation of this section is prima facie
33 evidence that the owner of such vehicle or combination caused or permitted it to be so operated and
34 the owner shall be liable for any penalties imposed under this section.

35 (4) The offense described in this section, failure to comply with commercial vehicle enforcement
36 requirements, is a Class B misdemeanor. The penalty provided under this subsection is in addition
37 to any penalty provided for violation of any prohibition relating to vehicle weight, size, load, con-
38 formation or equipment.

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