

House Bill 3489

Sponsored by Representative ROBLAN; Representative CLEM

SUMMARY

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Requires Oregon Department of Administrative Services to contract for and provide life insurance and accidental death, dismemberment and disability insurance for volunteer firefighters.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to volunteer firefighters; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 243.015, 243.025,
3 243.035 and 243.055.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 243.015 is amended to read:

6 243.015. (1) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall enter into a contract with
7 an insurance company licensed to do business in this state to purchase insurance as described in
8 ORS 243.025 (1) for all police officers and firefighters, **except volunteer firefighters**, in the service
9 of public employers.

10 **(2) The department shall enter into a contract with an insurance company licensed to**
11 **do business in this state to purchase insurance as described in ORS 243.025 (2) for all vol-**
12 **unteer firefighters in the service of public employers.**

13 **SECTION 2.** ORS 243.025 is amended to read:

14 243.025. (1) When the Oregon Department of Administrative Services has awarded the contract
15 under ORS 243.015 (1), every police officer and firefighter, **except volunteer firefighters**, in the
16 service of a public employer shall be issued, pursuant to the contract provided for in ORS 243.015
17 (1), a certificate of insurance in the face amount of \$10,000, covering death caused by injury sus-
18 tained during working hours as a police officer or firefighter, **except as a volunteer firefighter**,
19 or death resulting from such an injury within 365 days. The [*insurance*] certificate **of insurance**
20 shall set forth the names of any beneficiaries whom the insured may designate.

21 **(2)(a) When the department has awarded the contract under ORS 243.015 (2), every vol-**
22 **unteer firefighter in the service of a public employer shall be issued, pursuant to the con-**
23 **tract provided for in ORS 243.015 (2):**

24 **(A) A certificate of insurance in the face amount of \$10,000, covering death caused by**
25 **injury sustained during working hours as a volunteer firefighter or death resulting from such**
26 **an injury within 365 days; and**

27 **(B) A certificate of insurance in the face amount of \$5,000 covering accidental death,**
28 **dismemberment and disability caused by injury at any time.**

29 **(b) The certificate of insurance shall set forth the names of any beneficiaries whom the**
30 **insured may designate.**

31 **SECTION 3.** ORS 243.035 is amended to read:

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.

1 243.035. (1) The premiums and administrative costs incurred by the Oregon Department of Ad-
 2 ministrative Services for the insurance provided for in ORS [243.005 to 243.045] **243.025 (1)** shall be
 3 paid by the affected public employers and shall not come from funds of the Public Employees Re-
 4 tirement System.

5 **(2) The premiums and administrative costs incurred by the department for the insurance**
 6 **provided for in ORS 243.025 (2) shall be paid by the department.**

7 [(2)] **(3)** Every public employer shall include in its budget amounts sufficient to pay the annual
 8 premiums accruing on the policies of insurance issued pursuant to ORS [243.005 to 243.045] **243.015**
 9 **(1) and 243.025 (1)**, and amounts sufficient to reimburse the [Oregon] department [of Administrative
 10 Services] for its administrative expenses incurred under ORS [243.005 to 243.045] **243.015 (1) and**
 11 **243.025 (1).**

12 **SECTION 4.** ORS 243.055 is amended to read:

13 243.055. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 243.005 to 243.045, if a public employer provides benefits equal
 14 to or better than the insurance required under ORS 243.025 (1), as determined by the Director of
 15 the Department of Consumer and Business Services, the public employer is exempt from the re-
 16 quirements of ORS [243.005 to 243.045] **243.035** for so long as [such] **the** benefits continue to be equal
 17 or better than the insurance required, as determined by the director [of the Department of Consumer
 18 and Business Services].

19 (2) Determinations pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall be made after reasonable no-
 20 tice and opportunity for hearing as provided in ORS chapter 183.

21 **SECTION 5. The amendments to ORS 243.015, 243.025, 243.035 and 243.055 by sections 1**
 22 **to 4 of this 2007 Act apply to contracts entered into on or after the effective date of this 2007**
 23 **Act.**