

# Senate Bill 222

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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**.

Removes requirement that weight receipt or temporary pass identifying motor carrier be carried in motor vehicle.

Allows Department of Transportation to enter into agreement with other jurisdictions for purposes of confirming registration and accepting proof of financial responsibility for interstate motor carriers.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to motor carriers; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 656.027, 823.012, 825.005,  
3 825.104, 825.160, 825.168, 825.450 and 825.470.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 825.450 is amended to read:

6 825.450. (1) Except as otherwise permitted under ORS 825.470, the Department of Transportation  
7 shall issue a receipt stating the combined weight of each self-propelled or motor-driven vehicle and  
8 any train or combination of vehicles to be used therewith.

9 (2) [*The receipt shall be carried with the motor vehicle at all times, and no person shall*] **A person**  
10 **may not** load any motor vehicle in excess of its combined weight permit rating thus determined  
11 except as variations may necessarily result in passenger loading. A fee of \$8 shall be paid to the  
12 department for each weight receipt issued.

13 (3) Receipts issued under this section shall be valid from the first day of any calendar quarter  
14 to the last day of the fourth consecutive calendar quarter. Each carrier may select the calendar  
15 quarter in which the period will begin except that, if necessary for administrative convenience, the  
16 department may require a carrier to adopt a starting date chosen by the department.

17 (4) All vehicles operating under the carrier's authority shall have the same four-quarter period  
18 of receipt validity. The department may allow a carrier to operate with expired receipts for up to  
19 one extra quarter if the renewal application has been submitted and the required fees have been  
20 paid on or before the last day of the period of validity of the receipt. The extension of time allowed  
21 by this subsection shall be granted only if the department determines that the extension is necessary  
22 for the administrative convenience of the department.

23 **SECTION 2.** ORS 825.470 is amended to read:

24 825.470. For single trip or short-time operation not exceeding 10 days of a vehicle subject to the  
25 provisions of this chapter, the Department of Transportation may issue a temporary pass identifying  
26 the motor vehicle. [*The pass must be carried in the motor vehicle for which it is issued.*] For this pass  
27 a fee of \$9 for each motor vehicle shall be paid.

28 **SECTION 3.** **Section 4 of this 2007 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 825.**

**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       **SECTION 4.** (1) The Department of Transportation may enter into an agreement with the  
 2 authorized representatives of any jurisdiction outside this state for the purposes of con-  
 3 firming registration and accepting proof of financial responsibility for interstate motor car-  
 4 riers based outside Oregon.

5       (2) A motor carrier registered in a jurisdiction that is a party to an agreement entered  
 6 into under this section is considered registered for interstate operations in Oregon for the  
 7 purpose of ORS 825.104.

8       (3) The department may adopt any rules the department deems necessary to effectuate  
 9 and administer the provisions of an agreement entered into under this section.

10       (4) An agreement may not provide for any benefit, exemption or privilege with respect  
 11 to any fees or taxes levied or assessed against the use of highways or use or ownership of  
 12 vehicles.

13       **SECTION 5.** ORS 825.104 is amended to read:

14       825.104. (1) [A] **An Oregon-based** for-hire or private carrier engaged or to engage in interstate  
 15 operations shall apply to the Department of Transportation for [*a permit*] **registration as an**  
 16 **interstate motor carrier**.

17       (2) The department shall [*issue a permit to*] **register** the carrier without a hearing and as a  
 18 matter of course if:

19       (a) The carrier files with the department a statement that its operations either are authorized  
 20 by the United States Department of Transportation or are exempt from such regulation; and

21       (b) The carrier furnishes to the department either evidence of coverage by public liability or  
 22 property damage insurance, as required by ORS 825.160 to 825.166, or evidence that it qualifies as  
 23 a self-insurer under ORS 825.168.

24       (3) [*No*] **An Oregon-based** for-hire or private carrier engaged or to engage in interstate oper-  
 25 ations [*shall*] **may not** perform any transportation service upon the public highways of this state  
 26 without first having applied for and secured [*a permit*] **registration** in compliance with subsection  
 27 (1) of this section.

28       **SECTION 6.** ORS 656.027 is amended to read:

29       656.027. All workers are subject to this chapter except those nonsubject workers described in  
 30 the following subsections:

31       (1) A worker employed as a domestic servant in or about a private home. For the purposes of  
 32 this subsection “domestic servant” means any worker engaged in household domestic service by  
 33 private employment contract, including, but not limited to, home health workers.

34       (2) A worker employed to do gardening, maintenance, repair, remodeling or similar work in or  
 35 about the private home of the person employing the worker.

36       (3)(a) A worker whose employment is casual and either:

37       (A) The employment is not in the course of the trade, business or profession of the employer;

38       or

39       (B) The employment is in the course of the trade, business or profession of a nonsubject em-  
 40 ployer.

41       (b) For the purpose of this subsection, “casual” refers only to employments where the work in  
 42 any 30-day period, without regard to the number of workers employed, involves a total labor cost  
 43 of less than \$500.

44       (4) A person for whom a rule of liability for injury or death arising out of and in the course of  
 45 employment is provided by the laws of the United States.

1 (5) A worker engaged in the transportation in interstate commerce of goods, persons or property  
2 for hire by rail, water, aircraft or motor vehicle, and whose employer has no fixed place of business  
3 in this state.

4 (6) Firefighter and police employees of any city having a population of more than 200,000 that  
5 provides a disability and retirement system by ordinance or charter.

6 (7)(a) Sole proprietors, except those described in paragraph (b) of this subsection. When labor  
7 or services are performed under contract, the sole proprietor must qualify as an independent con-  
8 tractor.

9 (b) Sole proprietors actively registered under ORS 671.525 or licensed under ORS 701.035. When  
10 labor or services are performed under contract for remuneration, notwithstanding ORS 656.005 (30),  
11 the sole proprietor must qualify as an independent contractor. Any sole proprietor registered under  
12 ORS 671.525 or licensed under ORS 701.035 and involved in activities subject thereto is conclusively  
13 presumed to be an independent contractor.

14 (8) Except as provided in subsection (23) of this section, partners who are not engaged in work  
15 performed in direct connection with the construction, alteration, repair, improvement, moving or  
16 demolition of an improvement on real property or appurtenances thereto. When labor or services  
17 are performed under contract, the partnership must qualify as an independent contractor.

18 (9) Except as provided in subsection (25) of this section, members, including members who are  
19 managers, of limited liability companies, regardless of the nature of the work performed. However,  
20 members, including members who are managers, of limited liability companies with more than one  
21 member, while engaged in work performed in direct connection with the construction, alteration,  
22 repair, improvement, moving or demolition of an improvement on real property or appurtenances  
23 thereto, are subject workers. When labor or services are performed under contract, the limited li-  
24 ability company must qualify as an independent contractor.

25 (10) Except as provided in subsection (24) of this section, corporate officers who are directors  
26 of the corporation and who have a substantial ownership interest in the corporation, regardless of  
27 the nature of the work performed by such officers, subject to the following limitations:

28 (a) If the activities of the corporation are conducted on land that receives farm use tax assess-  
29 ment pursuant to ORS chapter 308A, corporate officer includes all individuals identified as directors  
30 in the corporate bylaws, regardless of ownership interest, and who are members of the same family,  
31 whether related by blood, marriage or adoption.

32 (b) If the activities of the corporation involve the commercial harvest of timber and all officers  
33 of the corporation are members of the same family and are parents, daughters or sons, daughters-  
34 in-law or sons-in-law or grandchildren, then all such officers may elect to be nonsubject workers.  
35 For all other corporations involving the commercial harvest of timber, the maximum number of ex-  
36 empt corporate officers for the corporation shall be whichever is the greater of the following:

37 (A) Two corporate officers; or

38 (B) One corporate officer for each 10 corporate employees.

39 (c) When labor or services are performed under contract, the corporation must qualify as an  
40 independent contractor.

41 (11) A person performing services primarily for board and lodging received from any religious,  
42 charitable or relief organization.

43 (12) A newspaper carrier utilized in compliance with the provisions of ORS 656.070 and 656.075.

44 (13) A person who has been declared an amateur athlete under the rules of the United States  
45 Olympic Committee or the Canadian Olympic Committee and who receives no remuneration for

1 performance of services as an athlete other than board, room, rent, housing, lodging or other rea-  
2 sonable incidental subsistence allowance, or any amateur sports official who is certified by a re-  
3 cognized Oregon or national certifying authority, which requires or provides liability and accident  
4 insurance for such officials. A roster of recognized Oregon and national certifying authorities will  
5 be maintained by the Department of Consumer and Business Services, from lists of certifying or-  
6 ganizations submitted by the Oregon School Activities Association and the Oregon Park and Re-  
7 creation Society.

8 (14) Volunteer personnel participating in the ACTION programs, organized under the Domestic  
9 Volunteer Service Act of 1973, P.L. 93-113, known as the Foster Grandparent Program and the  
10 Senior Companion Program, whether or not the volunteers receive a stipend or nominal reimburse-  
11 ment for time and travel expenses.

12 (15) A person who has an ownership or leasehold interest in equipment and who furnishes,  
13 maintains and operates the equipment. As used in this subsection "equipment" means:

14 (a) A motor vehicle used in the transportation of logs, poles or piling.

15 (b) A motor vehicle used in the transportation of rocks, gravel, sand, dirt or asphalt concrete.

16 (c) A motor vehicle operated as a taxicab as defined in ORS 825.017.

17 (d) A motor vehicle used in the transportation of property by a for-hire motor carrier that is  
18 required under ORS 825.100 or 825.104 to possess a certificate or permit **or to be registered**.

19 (16) A person engaged in the transportation of the public for recreational down-river boating  
20 activities on the waters of this state pursuant to a federal permit when the person furnishes the  
21 equipment necessary for the activity. As used in this subsection, "recreational down-river boating  
22 activities" means those boating activities for the purpose of recreational fishing, swimming or  
23 sightseeing utilizing a float craft with oars or paddles as the primary source of power.

24 (17) A person who performs volunteer ski patrol activities who receives no wage other than  
25 noncash remuneration.

26 (18) A person 19 years of age or older who contracts with a newspaper publishing company or  
27 independent newspaper dealer or contractor to distribute newspapers to the general public and  
28 perform or undertake any necessary or attendant functions related thereto.

29 (19) A person performing foster parent or adult foster care duties pursuant to ORS chapter 411,  
30 418, 430 or 443.

31 (20) A person performing services on a volunteer basis for a nonprofit, religious, charitable or  
32 relief organization, whether or not such person receives meals or lodging or nominal reimbursements  
33 or vouchers for meals, lodging or expenses.

34 (21) A person performing services under a property tax work-off program established under ORS  
35 310.800.

36 (22) A person who performs service as a caddy at a golf course in an established program for  
37 the training and supervision of caddies under the direction of a person who is an employee of the  
38 golf course.

39 (23)(a) Partners who are actively registered under ORS 671.525 or licensed under ORS 701.035  
40 and who have a substantial ownership interest in a partnership. If all partners are members of the  
41 same family and are parents, spouses, sisters, brothers, daughters or sons, daughters-in-law or sons-  
42 in-law or grandchildren, all such partners may elect to be nonsubject workers. For all other part-  
43 nerships registered under ORS 671.510 to 671.710 or licensed under ORS chapter 701, the maximum  
44 number of exempt partners shall be whichever is the greater of the following:

45 (A) Two partners; or

1 (B) One partner for each 10 partnership employees.

2 (b) When labor or services are performed under contract for remuneration, notwithstanding ORS  
3 656.005 (30), the partnership qualifies as an independent contractor. Any partnership registered un-  
4 der ORS 671.525 or licensed under ORS 701.035 and involved in activities subject thereto is conclu-  
5 sively presumed to be an independent contractor.

6 (24)(a) Corporate officers who are directors of a corporation actively registered under ORS  
7 671.525 or licensed under ORS 701.035 and who have a substantial ownership interest in the corpo-  
8 ration, regardless of the nature of the work performed. If all officers of the corporation are members  
9 of the same family and are parents, spouses, sisters, brothers, daughters or sons, daughters-in-law  
10 or sons-in-law or grandchildren, all such officers may elect to be nonsubject workers. For all other  
11 corporations registered under ORS 671.510 to 671.710 or licensed under ORS chapter 701, the maxi-  
12 mum number of exempt corporate officers shall be whichever is the greater of the following:

13 (A) Two corporate officers; or

14 (B) One corporate officer for each 10 corporate employees.

15 (b) When labor or services are performed under contract for remuneration, notwithstanding ORS  
16 656.005 (30), the corporation qualifies as an independent contractor. Any corporation registered un-  
17 der ORS 671.525 or licensed under ORS 701.035 and involved in activities subject thereto is conclu-  
18 sively presumed to be an independent contractor.

19 (25)(a) Limited liability company members who are members of a company actively registered  
20 under ORS 671.525 or licensed under ORS 701.035 and who have a substantial ownership interest in  
21 the company, regardless of the nature of the work performed. If all members of the company are  
22 members of the same family and are parents, spouses, sisters, brothers, daughters or sons,  
23 daughters-in-law or sons-in-law or grandchildren, all such members may elect to be nonsubject  
24 workers. For all other companies registered under ORS 671.510 to 671.710 or licensed under ORS  
25 chapter 701, the maximum number of exempt company members shall be whichever is the greater  
26 of the following:

27 (A) Two company members; or

28 (B) One company member for each 10 company employees.

29 (b) When labor or services are performed under contract for remuneration, notwithstanding ORS  
30 656.005 (30), the company qualifies as an independent contractor. Any company registered under  
31 ORS 671.525 or licensed under ORS 701.035 and involved in activities subject thereto is conclusively  
32 presumed to be an independent contractor.

33 (26) A person serving as a referee or assistant referee in a youth or adult recreational soccer  
34 match whose services are retained on a match-by-match basis.

35 (27) A person performing language translator or interpreter services that are provided for others  
36 through an agent or broker.

37 **SECTION 7.** ORS 823.012 is amended to read:

38 823.012. (1) If the Director of Transportation determines that an emergency, as defined in ORS  
39 401.025, has occurred or is imminent, the director may suspend operation of one or more of the fol-  
40 lowing statutes involving motor carriers for the purpose of expediting the movement of persons or  
41 property:

42 (a) ORS 818.400, compliance with commercial vehicle enforcement requirements related to com-  
43 mercial vehicle weight, size, load, conformation or equipment.

44 (b) ORS 825.100, certificate or permit requirement for commercial transportation of persons or  
45 property.

1 (c) ORS 825.104, [*permit*] **registration** requirement for for-hire or private carrier engaged in  
2 interstate operations.

3 (d) ORS 825.160, requirement for person operating as motor carrier to have policy of public li-  
4 ability and property damage **insurance**.

5 (e) ORS 825.162, requirement for person operating as for-hire carrier of freight or express to  
6 have cargo insurance.

7 (f) ORS 825.250, requirement to stop and submit to an inspection of the driver, the cargo or the  
8 vehicle or combination of vehicles.

9 (g) ORS 825.252, safety regulations for for-hire and private carriers.

10 (h) ORS 825.258, rules for transportation of hazardous waste, hazardous material and PCB.

11 (i) ORS 825.450, weight receipts issued by Department of Transportation for motor vehicles  
12 subject to weight-mile tax.

13 (j) ORS 825.470, temporary pass for single trip or short-time operation of vehicle.

14 (k) ORS 825.474, assessment of tax for use of highways.

15 (L) ORS 826.031, registration of certain vehicles not already registered with state.

16 (2) A suspension under this section may occur prior to a declaration of a state of emergency  
17 under ORS 401.055, but may not exceed 72 hours unless a state of emergency is declared under ORS  
18 401.055. If a state of emergency is declared under ORS 401.055, the suspension shall last until the  
19 state of emergency is terminated as provided under ORS 401.105.

20 (3) The director may designate by rule a line of succession of deputy directors or other em-  
21 ployees of the department who may suspend operations of statutes under this section in the event  
22 the director is not available. Any suspension by a person designated by the director under this  
23 subsection has the same force and effect as if issued by the director, except that, if the director can  
24 be reached, the suspension must be affirmed by the director when the director is reached. If the  
25 director does not set aside a suspension within 24 hours of being reached, the suspension shall be  
26 considered affirmed by the director.

27 **SECTION 8.** ORS 825.005 is amended to read:

28 825.005. As used in this chapter:

29 (1) "Carrier" or "motor carrier" means for-hire carrier or private carrier.

30 (2) "Cartage carrier" means any person who undertakes to transport any class of property by  
31 motor vehicle for compensation when the transportation is performed wholly within an incorporated  
32 city or a commercial zone adjacent to an incorporated city.

33 (3) "Certificate" means an authority issued to a for-hire carrier under ORS 825.110.

34 (4) "Combined weight" means the weight of the motor vehicle plus the weight of the maximum  
35 load which the applicant has declared such vehicle will carry. Any declared combined weight is  
36 subject to audit and approval by the Department of Transportation. The combined weight of motor  
37 buses or bus trailers is the light weight of the vehicle plus the weight of the maximum seating ca-  
38 pacity including the driver's seat estimated at 170 pounds per seat, exclusive of emergency seats,  
39 except that transit-type motor vehicles may use 150 pounds per seat in determining combined weight.  
40 In cases where a bus has a seating capacity which is not arranged for separate or individual seats,  
41 18 lineal inches of such capacity shall be deemed the equivalent of a passenger seat.

42 (5) "Department" means the Department of Transportation.

43 (6) "Extreme miles" or "extreme mileage" means the total miles operated by a vehicle over the  
44 public highways, except the extra miles necessarily operated in traversing detours or temporary  
45 routes on account of road blockades in the state.

1 (7) "For-hire carrier" means:

2 (a) Any person who transports persons or property for hire or who publicly purports to be  
3 willing to transport persons or property for hire by motor vehicle; or

4 (b) Any person who leases, rents or otherwise provides a motor vehicle to the public and who  
5 in connection therewith in the regular course of business provides, procures or arranges for, di-  
6 rectly, indirectly or by course of dealing, a driver or operator therefor.

7 (8) "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle and any such vehicle in combination with  
8 any trailing units, used or physically capable of being used upon any public highway in this state  
9 in the transportation of persons or property, except vehicles operating wholly on fixed rails or  
10 tracks and electric trolley buses. "Motor vehicle" includes overdimension vehicles or vehicles per-  
11 mitted excessive weights pursuant to a special authorization issued by a city, county or the De-  
12 partment of Transportation.

13 (9) "Pack or load services" means services relating to the packing or loading of personal prop-  
14 erty that are performed:

15 (a) By a person that is in the business of performing such services;

16 (b) For compensation;

17 (c) For the purpose of moving the personal property; and

18 (d) By a person that does not directly or indirectly provide a motor vehicle for the movement  
19 of the property or act as an agent for a person that provides a motor vehicle for the movement of  
20 the property.

21 (10) "Permit" means an authority issued to a carrier under ORS 825.102, [825.104,] 825.106,  
22 825.108 or 825.127.

23 (11) "Private carrier" means any person who operates a motor vehicle over the public highways  
24 of this state for the purpose of transporting persons or property when the transportation is inci-  
25 dental to a primary business enterprise, other than transportation, in which such person is engaged.

26 (12) "Privilege taxes" means the weight-mile tax and fees prescribed in this chapter.

27 (13) "Property" includes, but is not limited to, permanent loads such as equipment, appliances,  
28 devices, or ballast that are attached to, carried on, or made a part of the vehicle and that are de-  
29 signed to serve some functional purpose.

30 (14) "Public highway" means every street, alley, road, highway and thoroughfare in this state  
31 used by the public or dedicated or appropriated to public use.

32 (15) "Safe for operation" means mechanical safety and compliance with rules regarding equip-  
33 ment and operation as are specified by law or by rule of the Department of Transportation.

34 (16) "Transit-type motor vehicle" means any passenger-carrying vehicle that does not have a  
35 separate space for transporting baggage or express.

36 (17) "Transporter" has the meaning given that term in ORS 466.005.

37 **SECTION 9.** ORS 825.160 is amended to read:

38 825.160. (1) *[Except as provided in ORS 825.168, no certificate or permit shall be issued to any*  
39 *person to]* **A person may not** operate as a motor carrier **on public highways of this state** until  
40 the person has in effect a policy of public liability and property damage **insurance** *[issued by an*  
41 *insurance company or reciprocal insurance exchange authorized to transact business within this state,*  
42 *and in accordance with the policies, forms and manuals on file with the Director of the Department*  
43 *of Consumer and Business Services].*

44 (2) Insurance required under this section shall be provided at minimum limits the Department  
45 of Transportation by rule may prescribe, and upon such terms, conditions and provisions as the de-

1 partment may determine to be necessary for the reasonable indemnification of the patrons of the  
2 applicant and of the public against damage and injury for which the applicant may be liable by  
3 reason of the operation of any motor vehicle. However, the insurance policy required of a carrier  
4 or persons engaged solely in interstate commerce need not provide for the protection of their pa-  
5 trons.

6 (3) In fixing the amount of the insurance policy the Department of Transportation shall give due  
7 consideration to the character and amount of traffic, the number of persons involved and the degree  
8 of danger which the proposed operation involves.

9 **SECTION 10.** ORS 825.168 is amended to read:

10 825.168. (1) Any for-hire carrier, engaged in interstate or interstate and intrastate operations  
11 within the State of Oregon, which is or becomes qualified as a self-insurer with the [*Interstate*  
12 *Commerce Commission of the*] United States **Department of Transportation** in accordance with  
13 laws of the United States applicable to self-insurance by motor carriers, is exempt, so long as such  
14 qualification remains effective, from the provisions of ORS 825.160 to 825.166.

15 (2) The Department of Transportation may require proof of the existence and continuation of  
16 [*such*] exempt status to be made by affidavit of the **Oregon-based** carrier in [*such*] a form and at  
17 [*such*] **the** times as the department may prescribe.

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