

Senate Bill 226

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SUMMARY

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Increases period of time person is ineligible to receive hardship permit if person refused to take breath or blood test and person previously had been charged with offense of driving while under influence of intoxicants.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to hardship permits; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 813.130 and 813.520.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 813.520 is amended to read:

5 813.520. In addition to any provisions of ORS 807.240 and 813.510 or 807.250, this section estab-
6 lishes limitations on the authority of the Department of Transportation to issue driving privileges
7 under ORS 807.240. The department may not reinstate any driving privileges or issue any hardship
8 permit under ORS 807.240 as provided under any of the following:

9 (1) For a period of 90 days after the beginning of the suspension if the suspension is for refusal
10 of a test under ORS 813.100 and the person is not subject to an increase in the time before a permit
11 may be issued for reasons described in ORS 813.430. This period of 90 days shall be reduced by the
12 time the department refused to issue a hardship permit under subsection (5) or (6) of this section if
13 the person's driving privileges were suspended based on the same occurrence.

14 (2) For a period of 30 days after the beginning of the suspension if the suspension is because a
15 breath or blood test under ORS 813.100 disclosed that the person had a level of alcohol in the per-
16 son's blood that constituted being under the influence of intoxicating liquor under ORS 813.300 and
17 the person is not subject to an increase in the time before a hardship permit may be issued for
18 reasons described in ORS 813.430. This period of 30 days shall be reduced by the time the depart-
19 ment refused to issue a hardship permit under subsection (5) or (6) of this section if the person's
20 driving privileges were suspended based on the same occurrence.

21 (3) For a period of one year after the beginning of the suspension if the suspension is because
22 a breath or blood test under ORS 813.100 disclosed that the person had a level of alcohol in the
23 person's blood that constituted being under the influence of intoxicating liquor under ORS 813.300
24 and the person is subject to an increase in the time before a hardship permit may be issued for
25 reasons described under ORS 813.430. This period of one year shall be reduced by the time the de-
26 partment refused to issue a hardship permit under subsection (5) or (6) of this section if the person's
27 driving privileges were suspended based on the same occurrence.

28 (4) For a period of [*one year*] **two years** after the beginning of the suspension if the suspension
29 is for refusal of a test under ORS 813.100 and the person is subject to an increase in the time before
30 a hardship permit may be issued for reasons described in ORS 813.430. This period of [*one year*] **two**

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 **years** shall be reduced by the time the department refused to issue a hardship permit under sub-
2 section (5) or (6) of this section if the person's driving privileges were suspended based on the same
3 occurrence.

4 (5) For a period of 90 days after the beginning of the suspension under ORS 813.400 if it is the
5 person's second conviction for driving while under the influence of intoxicants if the suspension
6 period is determined by ORS 809.428 (2)(b). This period of 90 days shall be reduced by the time the
7 department refused to issue a hardship permit under subsection (1), (2), (3) or (4) of this section if
8 the person's driving privileges were suspended based on the same occurrence.

9 (6) For a period of one year after the beginning of the suspension under ORS 813.400 for driving
10 while under the influence of intoxicants if the suspension period is determined by ORS 809.428 (2)(c).
11 This period of one year shall be reduced by the time the department refused to issue a hardship
12 permit under subsection (1), (2), (3) or (4) of this section if the person's driving privileges were sus-
13 pended based on the same occurrence.

14 (7) To any person who has a mental or physical condition or impairment that affects the person's
15 ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.

16 (8) If the suspension is based upon a conviction for a violation of ORS 813.010 or is imposed
17 under ORS 813.410 based upon ORS 813.100 to a person who has available public or private trans-
18 portation sufficient to fulfill the person's transportation needs while the person is suspended.

19 (9) For a period of 30 days following imposition of suspension, if the person, within the previous
20 year, has been convicted of a traffic crime and the suspension is based upon a conviction for vio-
21 lation of ORS 813.010 or is imposed under ORS 813.410 based upon ORS 813.100.

22 **SECTION 2.** ORS 813.130 is amended to read:

23 813.130. This section establishes the requirements for information about rights and consequences
24 for purposes of ORS 813.100 and 813.410. The following apply to the information about rights and
25 consequences:

26 (1) The information about rights and consequences shall be substantially in the form prepared
27 by the Department of Transportation. The department may establish any form it determines appro-
28 priate and convenient.

29 (2) The information about rights and consequences shall be substantially as follows:

30 (a) Driving under the influence of intoxicants is a crime in Oregon, and the person is subject
31 to criminal penalties if a test under ORS 813.100 shows that the person is under the influence of
32 intoxicants. If the person refuses a test or fails, evidence of the refusal or failure may also be offered
33 against the person.

34 (b) The person will fail a test under ORS 813.100 for purposes of criminal penalties if the test
35 discloses a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or more by weight. The person will fail a test for
36 purposes of the Motorist Implied Consent Law if the test discloses a blood alcohol content of:

37 (A) 0.08 percent or more by weight if the person was not driving a commercial motor vehicle;

38 (B) 0.04 percent or more by weight if the person was driving a commercial motor vehicle; or

39 (C) Any amount if the person was under 21 years of age.

40 (c) If the person refuses or fails a test under ORS 813.100, the person's driving privileges will
41 be suspended. The outcome of a criminal charge for driving under the influence of intoxicants will
42 not affect the suspension. The suspension will be substantially longer if the person refuses a test.

43 (d) If the person refuses a test or fails a breath test under ORS 813.100 and has an Oregon
44 driver license or permit, the license or permit will be taken immediately and, unless the person does
45 not currently have full valid driving privileges, a temporary driving permit will be issued to the

1 person.

2 (e) If the person refuses a test under ORS 813.100, the person will not be eligible for a hardship
3 permit for at least 90 days, and possibly for [*one year*] **two years**, depending on the person's driving
4 record. The person may possibly qualify for a hardship permit in 30 days if the person fails a test,
5 depending on the person's driving record.

6 (f) If the person refuses a breath test under ORS 813.100, the person is subject to a fine of at
7 least \$500 and not more than \$1,000.

8 (g) After taking a test under ORS 813.100, the person will have a reasonable opportunity, upon
9 request, for an additional chemical test for blood alcohol content to be performed at the person's
10 own expense by a qualified individual of the person's choosing.

11 (h) The person has a right to a hearing to challenge the validity of the suspension before the
12 suspension becomes effective. The person must make a written request to the department for such
13 a hearing. If the person wins at the hearing, the person's driving privileges will not be suspended.
14 If the person loses at the hearing, the suspension will remain in effect during any court review of
15 the hearing.

16 (i) The following times:

17 (A) If the person is issued a temporary driving permit under ORS 813.100, the number of hours
18 before the driving permit will be effective and the number of days the permit will be effective.

19 (B) The number of days within which a person must request a hearing under ORS 813.410.

20 (C) The number of days within which a hearing under ORS 813.410 will be held.

21 (3) If the person is driving a commercial motor vehicle, the information about rights and con-
22 sequences shall include, in addition to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, substantially
23 the following:

24 (a) If the person refuses a test under ORS 813.100 or submits to a breath or blood test and the
25 level of alcohol in the person's blood is 0.04 percent or more by weight, the person's commercial
26 driver license or right to apply for a commercial driver license will be suspended and no hardship
27 permit authorizing the person to drive a commercial motor vehicle will be issued. The suspension
28 will be substantially longer if the person refuses a test.

29 (b) The suspension of the person's commercial driver license or right to apply for a commercial
30 driver license will be for the person's lifetime if the person refuses a test under ORS 813.100 or
31 submits to a breath or blood test and the level of alcohol in the person's blood is 0.04 percent or
32 more by weight and:

33 (A) The person previously has been convicted of failure to perform the duties of a driver;

34 (B) The person previously has been convicted of a crime punishable as a felony and the person
35 was driving a motor vehicle at the time the offense was committed;

36 (C) The person previously has been convicted of driving a commercial motor vehicle while the
37 person's commercial driver license or right to apply for a commercial driver license was suspended
38 or revoked;

39 (D) The person previously has been convicted of any degree of murder, manslaughter or
40 criminally negligent homicide resulting from the operation of a commercial motor vehicle or assault
41 in the first degree resulting from the operation of a commercial motor vehicle;

42 (E) The person previously has been convicted of driving while under the influence of intoxicants;

43 (F) The person's commercial driver license previously has been suspended or revoked for refusal
44 to submit to, or failure of, a breath or blood test under ORS 813.100; or

45 (G) The person's right to apply for a commercial driver license previously has been suspended

1 or revoked for refusal to submit to, or failure of, a breath or blood test under ORS 813.100 resulting
2 from the operation of a commercial motor vehicle.

3 (4) Nothing in this section prohibits the department from providing additional information con-
4 cerning rights and consequences that the department considers convenient or appropriate.

5 **SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 813.130 and 813.520 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2007**
6 **Act apply to persons who refuse to take a test under ORS 813.100 on or after the effective**
7 **date of this 2007 Act.**

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