

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 641**

Ordered by the House May 14  
Including House Amendments dated May 14

Sponsored by Senators BATES, MONNES ANDERSON

**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.

Allows licensed physician assistant to give written certification for person to be considered person with disability under wildlife laws.

**Declares emergency, effective on passage.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to hunting; amending ORS 496.018; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 496.018 is amended to read:

5 496.018. In order to be considered a person with a disability under the wildlife laws, a person  
6 shall provide to the State Fish and Wildlife Commission either:

7 (1) Written certification from a licensed physician, [*or*] certified nurse practitioner **or licensed**  
8 **physician assistant** that states that the person:

9 (a) Is permanently unable to walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace, cane, crutch,  
10 prosthetic device, wheelchair, scooter or walker;

11 (b) Is restricted by lung disease to the extent that the person's forced expiratory volume for one  
12 second, when measured by a spirometer, is less than 35 percent predicted, or arterial oxygen tension  
13 is less than 55 mm/Hg on room air at rest;

14 (c) Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified  
15 in severity as Class III or Class IV, according to standards established by the American Heart As-  
16 sociation;

17 (d) Has a permanent, physical impairment that prevents the person from holding or shooting a  
18 firearm or bow or from holding a fishing rod in hand; or

19 (e) Has central visual acuity that permanently does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with  
20 corrective lenses, or the widest diameter of the visual field is no greater than 20 degrees; or

21 (2) Written proof that the last official certification of record by the United States Department  
22 of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States shows the person to  
23 be at least 65 percent disabled.

24 **SECTION 2.** **This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
25 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**  
26 **on its passage.**

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**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.