

Senate Bill 798

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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**.

Establishes State Police Patrol Division Fund. Requires biennial appropriation from General Fund of specified percentage of General Fund revenues. Appropriates money from General Fund for biennium beginning July 1, 2007.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to funding for the Department of State Police; appropriating money; and declaring an
3 emergency.

4 Whereas public safety is, and ought to be, the first priority of Oregon's citizens; and

5 Whereas funding has historically not been provided to maintain sufficient Patrol Division num-
6 bers to provide adequate public safety in Oregon; and

7 Whereas the Oregon State Police Patrol Division has been reduced by approximately 50 percent
8 over the last 25 years while Oregon's population has increased by approximately 38 percent; and

9 Whereas Oregon's methamphetamine addiction problem has created serious statewide personal
10 property and personal injury law enforcement problems; and

11 Whereas the Oregon State Police Patrol Division is our first line of defense for interdiction of
12 interstate trade in methamphetamine; and

13 Whereas current Patrol Division numbers are insufficient to provide 24-hour police service; and

14 Whereas current Patrol Division numbers are insufficient to provide safe back-up protection for
15 the division's own personnel; now, therefore,

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

17 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Police Patrol Division Fund is established in the State Treas-**
18 **ury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the State Police Patrol**
19 **Division Fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropri-**
20 **ated to the Department of State Police to fund patrol activities and to pay related adminis-**
21 **trative costs.**

22 **(2) For each biennium, the Legislative Assembly shall appropriate to the State Police**
23 **Patrol Division Fund from the General Fund an amount equal to one percent of the amount**
24 **of General Fund revenues for that biennium as predicted in the last revenue forecast given**
25 **to the Legislative Assembly prior to adjournment sine die of the regular session.**

26 **SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the State Police Patrol Division Fund, for the**
27 **biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the**
28 **purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2007 Act.**

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 3.** This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
2 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect
3 July 1, 2007.

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