

House Bill 2542

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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**.

Defines "medium-speed electric vehicle" for purposes of Oregon Vehicle Code.

Creates offense of unlawfully operating medium-speed electric vehicle on highway. Punishes by maximum fine of \$360.

Directs Department of Transportation to adopt safety standards for low-speed vehicles and medium-speed electric vehicles.

Sets registration fee for medium-speed electric vehicles.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to vehicles; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 803.420.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 4 of this 2009 Act are added to and made a part of the Oregon**
5 **Vehicle Code.**

6 **SECTION 2. "Medium-speed electric vehicle" means an electric motor vehicle with four**
7 **wheels that is equipped with a roll cage or a crushproof body design, can attain a maximum**
8 **speed of 35 miles per hour on a paved, level surface, is fully enclosed and has at least one**
9 **door for entry.**

10 **SECTION 3. (1) A person commits the offense of unlawfully operating a medium-speed**
11 **electric vehicle on a highway if the person operates a medium-speed electric vehicle on a**
12 **highway with a posted speed limit that is greater than 45 miles per hour.**

13 **(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a city or county may adopt an ordi-**
14 **nance allowing operation of medium-speed electric vehicles on city streets or county roads**
15 **that have speed limits or posted speeds of more than 45 miles per hour.**

16 **(3) The offense described in this section, unlawfully operating a medium-speed electric**
17 **vehicle on a highway, is a Class B traffic violation.**

18 **SECTION 4. (1) The Department of Transportation shall adopt, by rule, minimum safety**
19 **standards for low-speed vehicles and medium-speed electric vehicles. Standards adopted by**
20 **the department under this section must be consistent with, but may exceed, any vehicle**
21 **safety standards established under federal regulations.**

22 **(2) The department may not issue registration to a low-speed vehicle or medium-speed**
23 **electric vehicle if the department has reason to believe the vehicle does not meet the safety**
24 **standards adopted pursuant to this section.**

25 **SECTION 5. ORS 803.420 is amended to read:**

26 803.420. This section establishes registration fees for vehicles. If there is uncertainty as to the
27 classification of a vehicle for purposes of the payment of registration fees under the vehicle code,
28 the Department of Transportation may classify the vehicle to assure that registration fees for the

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 vehicle are the same as for vehicles the department determines to be comparable. The registration
 2 fees for the vehicle shall be those based on the classification determined by the department. Except
 3 as otherwise provided in this section, or unless the vehicle is registered quarterly, the fees described
 4 in this section are for an entire registration period for the vehicle as described under ORS 803.415.
 5 The department shall apportion any fee under this section to reflect the number of quarters regis-
 6 tered for a vehicle registered for a quarterly registration period under ORS 803.415. The fees are
 7 payable when a vehicle is registered and upon renewal of registration. Except as provided in ORS
 8 801.041 (3) and 801.042 (7), the fee shall be increased by any amount established by the governing
 9 body of a county or by the governing body of a district, as defined in ORS 801.237 under ORS
 10 801.041 or 801.042 as an additional registration fee for the vehicle. The fees for registration of ve-
 11 hicles are as follows:

12 (1) Vehicles not otherwise provided for in this section or ORS 821.320, \$27 for each year of the
 13 registration period.

14 (2) Mopeds, \$15 for each year of the registration period.

15 (3) Motorcycles, \$15 for each year of the registration period.

16 (4) Government-owned vehicles registered under ORS 805.040, \$3.50.

17 (5) State-owned vehicles registered under ORS 805.045, \$3.50 on registration or renewal.

18 (6) Undercover vehicles registered under ORS 805.060, \$3.50 on registration or renewal.

19 (7) Antique vehicles registered under ORS 805.010, \$54.

20 (8) Vehicles of special interest registered under ORS 805.020, \$81.

21 (9) Electric vehicles and hybrid vehicles that use electricity and another source of motive power,
 22 as follows:

23 (a) The registration fee for an electric or hybrid vehicle not otherwise described in this sub-
 24 section is \$27 for each year of the registration period.

25 (b) The registration fee for electric or hybrid vehicles that have two or three wheels is \$27. This
 26 paragraph does not apply to electric or hybrid mopeds. Electric or hybrid mopeds are subject to the
 27 same registration fee as otherwise provided for mopeds under this section.

28 (c) The registration fees for the following electric or hybrid vehicles are the same as for com-
 29 parable nonelectric vehicles described in this section plus 50 percent of such fee:

30 (A) Motor homes.

31 (B) Commercial buses.

32 (C) Vehicles registered as farm vehicles under ORS 805.300.

33 (D) Vehicles required to establish registration weight under ORS 803.430 or 826.013.

34 (10) Motor vehicles required to establish a registration weight under ORS 803.430 or 826.013,
 35 and commercial buses as provided in the following chart, based upon the weight submitted in the
 36 declaration of weight prepared under ORS 803.435 or 826.015:

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Weight in Pounds	Fee
8,000 or less	\$ 27
8,001 to 10,000	169
10,001 to 12,000	192
12,001 to 14,000	215
14,001 to 16,000	238
16,001 to 18,000	261

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1	18,001	to	20,000	291
2	20,001	to	22,000	314
3	22,001	to	24,000	345
4	24,001	to	26,000	375
5	26,001	to	28,000	184
6	28,001	to	30,000	192
7	30,001	to	32,000	207
8	32,001	to	34,000	215
9	34,001	to	36,000	230
10	36,001	to	38,000	238
11	38,001	to	40,000	253
12	40,001	to	42,000	261
13	42,001	to	44,000	276
14	44,001	to	46,000	284
15	46,001	to	48,000	291
16	48,001	to	50,000	307
17	50,001	to	52,000	322
18	52,001	to	54,000	330
19	54,001	to	56,000	337
20	56,001	to	58,000	352
21	58,001	to	60,000	368
22	60,001	to	62,000	383
23	62,001	to	64,000	398
24	64,001	to	66,000	406
25	66,001	to	68,000	421
26	68,001	to	70,000	429
27	70,001	to	72,000	444
28	72,001	to	74,000	452
29	74,001	to	76,000	467
30	76,001	to	78,000	475
31	78,001	to	80,000	490
32	80,001	to	82,000	498
33	82,001	to	84,000	513
34	84,001	to	86,000	521
35	86,001	to	88,000	536
36	88,001	to	90,000	544
37	90,001	to	92,000	559
38	92,001	to	94,000	567
39	94,001	to	96,000	582
40	96,001	to	98,000	590
41	98,001	to	100,000	598
42	100,001	to	102,000	613
43	102,001	to	104,000	621
44	104,001	to	105,500	636
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(11)(a) Motor vehicles with a registration weight of more than 8,000 pounds that are described in ORS 825.015, that are operated by a charitable organization as defined in ORS 825.017 (14), that are certified under ORS 822.205 or that are used exclusively to transport manufactured structures, as provided in the following chart:

Weight in Pounds		Fee
8,001 to	10,000	\$ 50
10,001 to	12,000	60
12,001 to	14,000	65
14,001 to	16,000	75
16,001 to	18,000	80
18,001 to	20,000	90
20,001 to	22,000	95
22,001 to	24,000	105
24,001 to	26,000	110
26,001 to	28,000	120
28,001 to	30,000	125
30,001 to	32,000	135
32,001 to	34,000	140
34,001 to	36,000	150
36,001 to	38,000	155
38,001 to	40,000	165
40,001 to	42,000	170
42,001 to	44,000	180
44,001 to	46,000	185
46,001 to	48,000	190
48,001 to	50,000	200
50,001 to	52,000	210
52,001 to	54,000	215
54,001 to	56,000	220
56,001 to	58,000	230
58,001 to	60,000	240
60,001 to	62,000	250
62,001 to	64,000	260
64,001 to	66,000	265
66,001 to	68,000	275
68,001 to	70,000	280
70,001 to	72,000	290
72,001 to	74,000	295
74,001 to	76,000	305
76,001 to	78,000	310
78,001 to	80,000	320
80,001 to	82,000	325

1	82,001	to	84,000	335
2	84,001	to	86,000	340
3	86,001	to	88,000	350
4	88,001	to	90,000	355
5	90,001	to	92,000	365
6	92,001	to	94,000	370
7	94,001	to	96,000	380
8	96,001	to	98,000	385
9	98,001	to	100,000	390
10	100,001	to	102,000	400
11	102,001	to	104,000	405
12	104,001	to	105,500	415

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15 (b) The owner of a vehicle described in paragraph (a) of this subsection must certify at the time
 16 of initial registration, in a manner determined by the department by rule, that the motor vehicle
 17 will be used exclusively to transport manufactured structures or exclusively as described in ORS
 18 822.210, 825.015 or 825.017 (14). Registration of a vehicle described in paragraph (a) of this sub-
 19 section is invalid if the vehicle is operated in any manner other than that described in the certif-
 20 ication under this paragraph.

21 (12) Trailers registered under permanent registration, \$10.

22 (13) Fixed load vehicles as follows:

23 (a) If a declaration of weight described under ORS 803.435 is submitted establishing the weight
 24 of the vehicle at 3,000 pounds or less, \$54.

25 (b) If no declaration of weight is submitted or if the weight of the vehicle is in excess of 3,000
 26 pounds, \$75.

27 (14) Trailers for hire that are equipped with pneumatic tires made of an elastic material and that
 28 are not travel trailers or trailers registered under permanent registration, \$27.

29 (15) Trailers registered as part of a fleet under an agreement reached pursuant to ORS 802.500,
 30 the same as the fee for vehicles of the same type registered under other provisions of the Oregon
 31 Vehicle Code.

32 (16) Travel trailers, campers and motor homes as follows, based on length as determined under
 33 ORS 803.425:

34 (a) For travel trailers or campers that are 6 to 10 feet in length, \$81.

35 (b) For travel trailers or campers over 10 feet in length, \$81 plus \$6.75 a foot for each foot of
 36 length over the first 10 feet.

37 (c) For motor homes that are 6 to 14 feet in length, \$54.

38 (d) For motor homes over 14 feet in length, \$126 plus \$7.50 a foot for each foot of length over
 39 the first 10 feet.

40 (17) Special use trailers as follows, based on length as determined under ORS 803.425:

41 (a) For lengths 6 to 10 feet, \$54.

42 (b) For special use trailers over 10 feet in length, \$54 plus \$3 a foot for each foot of length over
 43 the first 10 feet.

44 (18) Fees for vehicles with proportional registration under ORS 826.009, or proportioned fleet
 45 registration under ORS 826.011, are as provided for vehicles of the same type under this section

1 except that the fees shall be fixed on an apportioned basis as provided under the agreement estab-
 2 lished under ORS 826.007.

3 (19) For any vehicle that is registered under a quarterly registration period, a minimum of \$15
 4 for each quarter registered plus an additional fee of \$1.

5 (20) In addition to any other fees charged for registration of vehicles in fleets under ORS
 6 805.120, the department may charge the following fees:

7 (a) A \$2 service charge for each vehicle entered into a fleet.

8 (b) A \$1 service charge for each vehicle in the fleet at the time of renewal.

9 (21) The registration fee for vehicles with special registration for disabled veterans under ORS
 10 805.100 is a fee of \$15.

11 (22) Subject to subsection (19) of this section, the registration fee for motor vehicles registered
 12 as farm vehicles under ORS 805.300 is as follows based upon the registration weight given in the
 13 declaration of weight submitted under ORS 803.435:

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Weight in Pounds	Fee
17 8,000 or less	\$ 27
18 8,001 to 10,000	30
19 10,001 to 12,000	35
20 12,001 to 14,000	45
21 14,001 to 16,000	50
22 16,001 to 18,000	60
23 18,001 to 20,000	65
24 20,001 to 22,000	75
25 22,001 to 24,000	80
26 24,001 to 26,000	90
27 26,001 to 28,000	95
28 28,001 to 30,000	105
29 30,001 to 32,000	110
30 32,001 to 34,000	120
31 34,001 to 36,000	125
32 36,001 to 38,000	135
33 38,001 to 40,000	140
34 40,001 to 42,000	150
35 42,001 to 44,000	155
36 44,001 to 46,000	165
37 46,001 to 48,000	170
38 48,001 to 50,000	180
39 50,001 to 52,000	185
40 52,001 to 54,000	190
41 54,001 to 56,000	200
42 56,001 to 58,000	210
43 58,001 to 60,000	215
44 60,001 to 62,000	220
45 62,001 to 64,000	230

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2	66,001	to	68,000	245
3	68,001	to	70,000	250
4	70,001	to	72,000	260
5	72,001	to	74,000	265
6	74,001	to	76,000	275
7	76,001	to	78,000	280
8	78,001	to	80,000	290
9	80,001	to	82,000	295
10	82,001	to	84,000	305
11	84,001	to	86,000	310
12	86,001	to	88,000	320
13	88,001	to	90,000	325
14	90,001	to	92,000	335
15	92,001	to	94,000	340
16	94,001	to	96,000	350
17	96,001	to	98,000	355
18	98,001	to	100,000	365
19	100,001	to	102,000	370
20	102,001	to	104,000	380
21	104,001	to	105,500	385

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24 (23) The registration fee for school vehicles registered under ORS 805.050 is \$7.50.

25 (24) The registration fee for a low-speed vehicle is \$54.

26 (25) A rental or leasing company, as defined in ORS 221.275, that elects to initially register a
 27 vehicle for an annual or biennial registration period shall pay a fee of \$1 in addition to the vehicle
 28 registration fee provided under this section.

29 (26) Racing activity vehicles registered under ORS 805.035, \$81.

30 **(27) Medium-speed electric vehicles, \$54 for each year of the registration period.**

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