

# House Bill 2817

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (at the request of Oregon Moving and Storage Association)

## 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**.

Eliminates requirement that Department of Transportation notify every person who has certificate or pending application to operate as for-hire carrier and conduct hearing when person applies for issuance, transfer or extension of certificate to operate as for-hire carrier of persons or household goods.

Eliminates requirement that person providing pack or load services register with department or provide proof of insurance.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to for-hire carriers; creating new provisions; amending ORS 825.005, 825.017, 825.110,  
3 825.115, 825.117, 825.127, 825.135, 825.180, 825.247, 825.326, 825.352 and 825.950; and repealing  
4 ORS 825.245 and 825.246.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** ORS 825.005 is amended to read:

7 825.005. As used in this chapter:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (b) Any person who leases, rents or otherwise provides a motor vehicle to the public and who  
29 in connection therewith in the regular course of business provides, procures or arranges for, di-

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rectly, indirectly or by course of dealing, a driver or operator therefor.

**(8) “Household goods” means the personal property used or to be used in a dwelling but does not include property transported from a store or factory.**

[(8)] **(9) “Motor vehicle”** means any self-propelled vehicle and any such vehicle in combination with any trailing units, used or physically capable of being used upon any public highway in this state in the transportation of persons or property, except vehicles operating wholly on fixed rails or tracks and electric trolley buses. “Motor vehicle” includes overdimension vehicles or vehicles permitted excessive weights pursuant to a special authorization issued by a city, county or the Department of Transportation.

[(9) “Pack or load services” means services relating to the packing or loading of personal property that are performed:]

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

[(b) For compensation;]

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

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

**(10) “Permit”** means an authority issued to a carrier under ORS 825.102, 825.106, 825.108 or 825.127.

**(11) “Private carrier”** means any person who operates a motor vehicle over the public highways of this state for the purpose of transporting persons or property when the transportation is incidental to a primary business enterprise, other than transportation, in which such person is engaged.

**(12) “Privilege taxes”** means the weight-mile tax and fees prescribed in this chapter.

**(13) “Property”** includes, but is not limited to, permanent loads such as equipment, appliances, devices, or ballast that are attached to, carried on, or made a part of the vehicle and that are designed to serve some functional purpose.

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

[(15) “Safe for operation” means mechanical safety and compliance with rules regarding equipment and operation as are specified by law or by rule of the Department of Transportation.]

[(16)] **(15) “Transit-type motor vehicle”** means any passenger-carrying vehicle that does not have a separate space for transporting baggage or express.

[(17)] **(16) “Transporter”** has the meaning given that term in ORS 466.005.

**SECTION 2. Section 3 of this 2009 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 825.**

**SECTION 3. Any declared combined weight is subject to audit and approval by the Department of Transportation. The combined weight of motor buses or bus trailers is the light weight of the vehicle plus the weight of the maximum seating capacity including the driver’s seat estimated at 170 pounds per seat, exclusive of emergency seats, except that transit-type motor vehicles may use 150 pounds per seat in determining combined weight. In cases where a bus has a seating capacity that is not arranged for separate or individual seats, 18 lineal inches of such capacity is the equivalent of a passenger seat.**

**SECTION 4.** ORS 825.017 is amended to read:

825.017. Except as provided in ORS 825.026 and 825.030, this chapter does not apply to the persons or vehicles described in this section. The exemption under this section applies to the following persons and vehicles:

1 (1) Vehicles being used by, or under contract with, any school board, district or person respon-  
 2 sible for the administration of elementary or secondary school activities, and engaged exclusively  
 3 in transporting students or combinations of students and other persons to or from school, to or from  
 4 authorized school activities or other activities sponsored by the State Board of Higher Education,  
 5 or for purposes provided under ORS 332.427. This exemption shall not be affected by the charging  
 6 of a fee to cover the costs of the transportation.

7 (2) Vehicles being used in a taxicab operation if the vehicle:

8 (a) Is a passenger vehicle with a passenger seating capacity that does not exceed five;

9 (b) Carries passengers for hire where the destination and route traveled may be controlled by  
 10 a passenger and the fare is calculated on the basis of any combination of an initial fee, distance  
 11 traveled or waiting time; and

12 (c) Is transporting persons or property, or both, between points in Oregon.

13 (3) Vehicles being used for the transportation of property by private carrier by means of a single  
 14 vehicle or combination of vehicles with a combined weight that does not exceed 8,000 pounds.

15 (4) Vehicles being used in operating implements of husbandry.

16 (5) Vehicles being used as a hearse or ambulance.

17 (6) Vehicles being used over any private road or thoroughfare.

18 (7) Vehicles being used on any road, thoroughfare or property, other than a state highway,  
 19 county road or city street, for the removal of forest products as defined in ORS 321.005, or the  
 20 product of forest products converted to a form other than logs at or near the harvesting site, or  
 21 when used for the construction or maintenance of the road, thoroughfare or property, pursuant to  
 22 a written agreement or permit authorizing the use, construction or maintenance of the road,  
 23 thoroughfare or property, with:

24 (a) An agency of the United States;

25 (b) The State Board of Forestry;

26 (c) The State Forester; or

27 (d) A licensee of an agency named in this subsection.

28 (8) Vehicles being used on any county road for the removal of forest products as defined in ORS  
 29 321.005, or the products of forest products converted to a form other than logs at or near the har-  
 30 vesting site, if:

31 (a) The use is pursuant to a written agreement entered into with the State Board of Forestry,  
 32 the State Forester or an agency of the United States, authorizing the owner of the motor vehicle  
 33 to use the road and requiring the owner to pay for or to perform the construction or maintenance  
 34 of the county road, including any operator of a motor vehicle retained to transport logs, poles and  
 35 piling for the owners who are exempt under this section;

36 (b) The board, officer or agency that entered into the agreement or granted the permit, by con-  
 37 tract with the county court or board of county commissioners, has assumed the responsibility for the  
 38 construction or maintenance of the county road; and

39 (c) Copies of the agreements or permits required by this subsection are filed with the Director  
 40 of Transportation.

41 (9) Vehicles being used in the transportation of persons for hire if the operation:

42 (a) Is performed by a nonprofit entity;

43 (b) Is not in competition with a regular route full-service scheduled carrier of persons that is  
 44 subject to the provisions of this chapter or a service provided by a mass transit district formed un-  
 45 der ORS chapter 267;

1 (c) Is performed by use of vehicles operating in compliance with ORS 820.020 to 820.070; and

2 (d) Is approved by the Department of Transportation as complying with paragraphs (a) to (c) of  
3 this subsection.

4 (10) Vehicles being used in transporting persons with disabilities, with or without their super-  
5 visors or assistants, to or from rehabilitation facilities or child care services if the motor vehicle is  
6 a passenger motor vehicle with a seating capacity of not more than 12 passengers. The exemption  
7 provided by this subsection applies only when the motor vehicle is operated by or under contract  
8 with any person responsible for the administration of rehabilitation facilities as defined in ORS  
9 344.710 to 344.730 or child care services provided by a facility licensed under ORS 657A.030 and  
10 657A.250 to 657A.450.

11 (11) Vehicles owned or operated by the United States or by any governmental jurisdiction within  
12 the United States except when owned or operated as a carrier of property for hire.

13 (12) Vehicles owned or operated by a mass transit district created under ORS chapter 267.

14 (13) Vehicles owned or operated by, or under contract with, a person responsible for the con-  
15 struction or reconstruction of a highway under contract with the Department of Transportation or  
16 with an agency of the United States when operated within the immediate construction project as  
17 described in the governmental agency contract during the construction period.

18 (14) Vehicles owned or operated by, or under contract with, a charitable organization when ex-  
19 clusively engaged in performing transportation, either one way or round trip, necessary to the op-  
20 eration of the charitable organization. As used in this subsection, "charitable organization" means  
21 an organization that has no capital stock and no provision for making dividends or profits, but de-  
22 rives its funds principally from public and private charity and holds them in trust for the promotion  
23 of the welfare of others and not for profit. Any organization claiming an exemption under this sub-  
24 section shall file an affidavit with the department stating that it is organized and operated in ac-  
25 cordance with the requirements of this subsection.

26 (15) Vehicles with a maximum speed that does not exceed 35 miles per hour that are designed  
27 for off-road use and that are operated on the public highways in any one calendar year a number  
28 of miles that does not exceed 15 percent of the total number of miles the vehicle is operated for that  
29 calendar year.

30 (16) Passenger vehicles with a passenger seating capacity that does not exceed five when used  
31 in the transportation of new telephone books.

32 (17) A vehicle that is used in a limousine service operation in which the destination and route  
33 traveled may be controlled by the passenger and the fare is calculated on the basis of any combi-  
34 nation of initial fee, distance traveled and waiting time if the vehicle:

35 (a) Is a passenger vehicle with a passenger seating capacity that does not exceed eight;

36 (b) Carries passengers for hire between points in Oregon; and

37 (c) Operates on an irregular route basis.

38 (18) Fire trucks and rescue vehicles that are designated as emergency vehicles by the Depart-  
39 ment of Transportation under ORS 801.260, while involved in emergency and related operations.

40 **(19) A person who provides services related to the packing or movement of household**  
41 **goods if the person does not:**

42 **(a) Provide a motor vehicle for the movement of the household goods; and**

43 **(b) Act as an agent for any person who does provide a motor vehicle for the movement**  
44 **of household goods.**

45 **SECTION 5.** ORS 825.110 is amended to read:

1 825.110. [(1) When a person files with the Department of Transportation an application for a cer-  
 2 tificate to operate as a for-hire regular route full-service scheduled carrier of persons as described in  
 3 ORS 825.234 or as a for-hire carrier of household goods, for the extension of an existing certificate,  
 4 or for the transfer of a certificate, the department shall serve notice of the application upon every person  
 5 who has an application filed and pending before the department to serve the territory proposed to be  
 6 served by the applicant, or who holds a certificate to serve that territory. If any person desires to  
 7 protest the issuance, extension or transfer of the certificate, the person may file notice thereof with the  
 8 department within 15 days from the date of service of the notice of application. The department there-  
 9 upon shall fix a time and place for a hearing upon the application, and shall serve notice of the hearing  
 10 upon the applicant and any person who has filed a protest. For the purpose of being properly and fully  
 11 informed, the department may hold a hearing on an application although no protest is filed.]

12 [(2) If no person protests within the time provided in subsection (1) of this section, the department  
 13 may order the issuance, transfer or extension of the certificate without a hearing, if the applicant shows  
 14 compliance with subsection (4)(a), (b) and (d) to (f) of this section.]

15 [(3) If all protests to the application are withdrawn prior to the closing of the record, the depart-  
 16 ment may order the issuance or transfer of the certificate if the applicant shows compliance with sub-  
 17 subsection (4)(a), (b) and (d) to (f) of this section.]

18 **(1) When a person files with the Department of Transportation an application for a cer-**  
 19 **tificate to operate as a for-hire regular route full-service scheduled carrier of persons as**  
 20 **described in ORS 825.234 or as a for-hire carrier of household goods, for the extension of an**  
 21 **existing certificate or for the transfer of a certificate, the department shall issue, transfer**  
 22 **or extend a certificate if the applicant shows compliance with subsection (2) of this section.**

23 [(4)] **(2)** [If the application for issuance or transfer of a certificate is the subject of a hearing,] The  
 24 department shall issue the certificate if the applicant has complied with this chapter and the rules  
 25 of the department, and if the department finds from the record and the evidence submitted at the  
 26 hearing, **if the application is the subject of a hearing**, that:

27 (a) The applicant is fit, willing and able [*properly*] to perform the service proposed;

28 (b) The applicant has certified that the vehicles listed on the application comply with all Oregon  
 29 laws and rules covering vehicle safety and operations and will be so maintained;

30 (c) The service proposed, to the extent authorized, is or will be [*required by the present or future*  
 31 *public convenience and necessity or in case of proceedings under ORS 825.129 if the department finds*  
 32 *the assignment or other transfer is*] in the public interest;

33 (d) The service proposed will not be attended with substantial damage to the highways or danger  
 34 to other highway users or to the public;

35 (e) The rates, schedules or contracts proposed by the applicant, if an intrastate operator, are  
 36 approved by the department; and

37 (f) The applicant can and will furnish and file the insurance, bond or substitute security or  
 38 qualify as self-insurer as provided in this chapter.

39 [(5)] **(3)** [If the application for issuance or transfer of a certificate is the subject of a hearing,  
 40 and] If the department does not find that all the conditions provided in subsection [(4)] **(2)** of this  
 41 section are satisfied, the department may deny the application or may [*order that*] **defer** issuance  
 42 of the certificate [*be deferred*] pending compliance by the applicant with those conditions provided  
 43 in subsection [(4)] **(2)** of this section [*specified in the order*].

44 [(6) If the applicant fails to appear at the time and place fixed for the hearing, the application may  
 45 be denied.]

1        [(7)(a)] **(4)(a)** Pending determination of application for transfer of a certificate, the  
 2 department[, *without hearing,*] may grant approval of the temporary operation of the certificate by  
 3 the prospective transferee, or, if the transferor’s service to the public may be substantially impaired,  
 4 may authorize temporary management of the transferor’s motor carrier operations by the prospec-  
 5 tive transferee.

6        (b) Service performed under [*any*] temporary authority granted under this section is subject to  
 7 all provisions of this chapter and the rules of the department.

8        (c) Service performed under [*any*] temporary authority granted under this section creates no  
 9 presumption that transfer of the certificate is [*required by the public convenience and necessity or*  
 10 *is*] in the public interest.

11        (d) Evidence of operation under [*a*] temporary authority as provided in this section is not ad-  
 12 missible to show the extent of utilization of the certificate to be transferred.

13        **SECTION 6.** ORS 825.115 is amended to read:

14        825.115. (1) The Department of Transportation may grant temporary authority for a for-hire  
 15 carrier to provide transportation of persons or household goods where it is shown that [*a need exists*  
 16 *for*] such service **is in the public interest**. Such temporary authority may be authorized only if the  
 17 department receives a request for service from a user of the proposed transportation service, and  
 18 if the department concludes, after investigation, that the request [*represents a true need*] **is in the**  
 19 **public interest**.

20        (2) [*The department shall provide for protest and hearing under ORS 825.110 within 90 days after*  
 21 *temporary authority is issued under this section.*] The department shall cancel immediately any tem-  
 22 porary authority granted under this section if the department determines [*at hearing*] that the  
 23 **temporary authority issued** does not comply with requirements for grant of authority under ORS  
 24 825.110.

25        (3) The department [*shall*] **may** not grant temporary authority under this section for an initial  
 26 period of more than six months.

27        (4) The department may renew temporary authority granted under this section one time for a  
 28 period of not more than six months.

29        (5) A person who is granted temporary authority under this section may apply for permanent  
 30 authority to provide the transportation after the expiration of the temporary authority by making  
 31 application in the manner provided for application for permanent authority under this chapter.

32        (6) A grant of temporary authority under this section does not establish any right to a grant  
 33 of permanent authority under this chapter, but a carrier may use evidence from operation under  
 34 temporary authority under this section to establish [*a need for transportation services and to*  
 35 *establish*] an ability to provide [*those*] **transportation services**.

36        **SECTION 7.** ORS 825.117 is amended to read:

37        825.117. (1) If any condition or emergency arises requiring relief in cases of general epidemic,  
 38 pestilence or other calamitous visitation in the state or any community therein, wherein the public  
 39 or community interest or the transportation of any persons or household goods requires, in the  
 40 opinion of the Department of Transportation, the issuance of a certificate for emergency transpor-  
 41 tation [*service*] **services**, the department may issue [*an emergency*] **a certificate for emergency**  
 42 **transportation services**, [*therefor, without hearing or order,*] the term of which shall be limited to  
 43 a reasonable time to be determined by the department under the circumstances.

44        (2) The department may issue [*an emergency*] **a certificate** [*without hearing or order*] for **emer-**  
 45 **gency** transportation services donated for the benefit of a charitable organization, if the services

1 are transportation of persons or household goods and the services are not of a type ordinarily re-  
 2 quired in the operation of the organization. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a  
 3 certificate issued pursuant to this subsection shall be issued without charge to the applicant. As  
 4 used in this subsection “charitable organization” means any person organized and existing for reli-  
 5 gious or medical purposes or any political subdivision of this state.

6 (3) The emergency authority issued under this section *[will]* **does** not convey any right to per-  
 7 manent authority *[or be]* **and is not** evidence of a need for permanent authority.

8 **SECTION 8.** ORS 825.127 is amended to read:

9 825.127. *[Hearing and order are not required for the]* **The Department of Transportation may**  
 10 **grant** issuance of a permit to a for-hire carrier engaged in performing local cartage of household  
 11 goods within areas designated by the department *[of Transportation]* pursuant to ORS 825.240.

12 **SECTION 9.** ORS 825.135 is amended to read:

13 825.135. (1) **As used in this section, “applicant” includes, but is not limited to, any person**  
 14 **having a substantial interest or control, directly or indirectly, in or over the operations**  
 15 **conducted or to be conducted under the carrier’s authority.**

16 *[(1)]* (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, *[an applicant shall not be granted]* **the**  
 17 **Department of Transportation may not grant to an applicant** a certificate, permit, transfer of  
 18 any operating authority, extension of any operating authority or variance permit under ORS chapter  
 19 818 if the department *[of Transportation]* has reasonable grounds to believe, based on information  
 20 contained in department files and records, or based on evidence presented *[either during hearing*  
 21 *held under the provisions of ORS 825.110 or]* during hearing with respect to an application filed un-  
 22 der ORS 825.102, that any of the following apply:

23 (a) The applicant is not capable of conducting the transportation service contemplated, in com-  
 24 pliance with the law and rules of the department.

25 (b) The applicant is or has been a repeated and intentional violator of the provisions of this  
 26 chapter, of ORS chapter 818 or of the rules of the department. This paragraph does not apply to  
 27 violations for which an applicant has been penalized under subsection *[(3)]* (4) of this section.

28 (c) The information contained in the application pertaining to ownership, possession or control  
 29 of the equipment or operation to be conducted is false.

30 (3) **The department may establish rules that require an applicant to complete a criminal**  
 31 **background check.**

32 *[(2) As used in this section “applicant” includes, but is not necessarily limited to, any person hav-*  
 33 *ing a substantial interest or control, directly or indirectly, in or over the operations conducted or to*  
 34 *be conducted under the carrier’s authority.]*

35 *[(3)]* (4) A person whose application has been denied under subsection *[(1)]* (2) of this section  
 36 *[shall]* **is not [be]** eligible to renew the application or to operate or participate directly or indirectly  
 37 in the proposed operation for a period of time ordered by the department. The period of time ordered  
 38 by the department under this subsection shall in no event be less than a period of six months from  
 39 the date application has been denied and shall continue until the applicant has complied with any  
 40 other penalties ordered by the department under this or other provisions of this chapter. An appli-  
 41 cant may renew an application without prejudice by past violations after the penalty period under  
 42 this subsection.

43 *[(4)]* (5) Upon request, any person whose application has been denied under subsection *[(1)]* (2)  
 44 of this section shall be granted a hearing. This subsection does not require a separate or additional  
 45 hearing for applicants if the issues are addressed as part of any hearing on the application. After

1 the hearing, the department shall grant or deny the application in conformity with the findings.

2 [(5)] (6) Subsection [(1)] (2) of this section shall be strictly construed for purposes described in  
3 this subsection and shall control over any other purposes or policy considerations under the laws  
4 relating to motor carriers. The department shall exercise the authority granted under subsection  
5 [(1)] (2) of this section to assure that persons described in subsection [(1)(b)] (2)(b) of this section:

6 (a) Achieve an awareness of and respect for the provisions of this chapter, ORS chapter 818 and  
7 rules of the department.

8 (b) Do not legitimize activities that violate this chapter, ORS chapter 818 or the rules of the  
9 department by applying for and receiving any operating authority to continue previously unlawful  
10 activities.

11 [(6)] (7) If the department determines that a carrier issued authority under this chapter is not  
12 providing requested transportation services that are within the authority of the carrier, the depart-  
13 ment shall limit the authority of the carrier to service that the carrier is actually providing unless  
14 the carrier provides full transportation services permitted under the carrier's authority.

15 **SECTION 10.** ORS 825.180 is amended to read:

16 825.180. (1) In addition to the other fees prescribed in this chapter:

17 (a) A person applying for a certificate under ORS 825.110 shall pay an application fee of \$300.

18 (b) A person applying for a permit under ORS 825.127 shall pay a fee of \$50.

19 (c) A person applying for a permit under ORS 825.102 shall pay an application fee of \$300.

20 (d) A person applying for a change in a permit shall pay a fee of \$50.

21 (e) A person applying for transfer of a certificate shall pay a fee of \$300.

22 [(f) A person registering under ORS 825.245 for the first time shall pay an initial application fee  
23 of \$200.]

24 [(g)] (f) A person making an application under any provision of this chapter not specified in this  
25 subsection shall pay a fee of \$150 if the matter is set for a hearing.

26 (2) The Department of Transportation may refund the fees collected under this section if the  
27 applicant parties or their duly authorized representatives make written request therefor, if:

28 (a) Request for withdrawal of the application was received by the department no later than five  
29 days before the hearing date or if no hearing is required, such request must have been received  
30 prior to issuance of authority; and

31 (b) The department finds that:

32 (A) Applicant is not eligible to file application;

33 (B) Certificate authority is not needed for the service intended;

34 (C) Applicant's death or serious illness precludes conducting the operations for which applica-  
35 tion was made; or

36 (D) Transferor withdraws consent for transfer of certificate.

37 [(3) When the department fixes a time and place for a hearing as required by ORS 825.110 (1), if  
38 any person who protested fails to appear at the hearing and failed to withdraw the protest at least five  
39 days before the date of the hearing, the department may require such person to pay a sum equal to the  
40 application fee required by this section.]

41 **SECTION 11.** ORS 825.247 is amended to read:

42 825.247. (1) The Department of Transportation may impose an annual fee in an amount deter-  
43 mined under subsection (2) of this section on each for-hire carrier of household goods to defray the  
44 costs to the department of regulating persons [performing pack or load services] **providing intra-**  
45 **state transportation of household goods without a certificate.** The department shall establish



1 the due date of the fee by rule and shall give notice to each for-hire carrier of household goods at  
 2 least 15 days prior to the due date.

3 (2) The fee imposed under this section on each carrier may not exceed [0.1] \_\_\_\_\_ percent of  
 4 the carrier's gross operating revenue derived from transportation of household goods within this  
 5 state in the prior calendar year, except that the fee may not be less than \$100. A for-hire carrier  
 6 of household goods in its first year of operation shall pay a fee of \$100.

7 (3) The fee imposed under this section is in addition to any other fee prescribed in this chapter  
 8 for for-hire carriers of household goods.

9 (4) A for-hire carrier of household goods shall submit with the fee required by this section a  
 10 statement verified by the carrier showing the gross operating revenues of the carrier derived from  
 11 transportation of household goods within this state in the prior calendar year. The department shall  
 12 prescribe the form for the statement and the information that must be included and may audit the  
 13 forms at any time. The department may refund any overpayment of the fee in the same manner as  
 14 the department refunds other moneys collected from motor carriers.

15 (5) A for-hire carrier of household goods that fails to pay the fee required by this section by the  
 16 due date shall **be subject to suspension under ORS 825.139.** [*pay a penalty of two percent of the*  
 17 *amount of the fee for each month or fraction of a month that the fee is overdue. The penalty is in ad-*  
 18 *dition to the amount of the fee. If the department determines that action is necessary to collect unpaid*  
 19 *fees or penalties, the department may bring such action in a court of competent jurisdiction and is en-*  
 20 *titled to recover all costs of and disbursements for the action.*]

21 **SECTION 12.** ORS 825.326 is amended to read:

22 825.326. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, all fees, taxes, charges and other  
 23 sums collected by the Department of Transportation under this chapter shall be paid into the State  
 24 Treasury and shall be placed to the credit of an account, separate and distinct from the General  
 25 Fund, to be known as the Motor Carrier Account. Interest earned by the account shall be credited  
 26 to the account.

27 (2) Notwithstanding ORS 823.991, all fees collected under ORS [825.180 (1)(f), 825.245 and]  
 28 825.247[,] **and** all penalties collected under ORS 825.950 for [*violation of ORS 825.245 and all penal-*  
 29 *ties for*] transporting household goods without a certificate shall be paid into the State Treasury and  
 30 shall be placed to the credit of an account, separate and distinct from the General Fund, to be  
 31 known as the Consumer Protection Household Moves Account. Interest earned by the account shall  
 32 be credited to the account. Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the department  
 33 for purposes specified in subsection (5) of this section.

34 (3) The department may purchase the necessary supplies and equipment and provide for all  
 35 necessary and incidental expenses incurred by the department in administering and enforcing this  
 36 chapter.

37 (4) All claims, duly approved by the department, that have been incurred in pursuance of law,  
 38 shall be paid by warrants drawn in the manner provided by law, payable out of the Motor Carrier  
 39 Account or the Consumer Protection Household Moves Account.

40 (5) Moneys in the Consumer Protection Household Moves Account shall be used by the depart-  
 41 ment exclusively for administration and enforcement of provisions of this chapter relating to persons  
 42 that provide [*pack or load services*] **transportation of household goods without a certificate.**

43 **SECTION 13.** ORS 825.352 is amended to read:

44 825.352. A carrier that transports household goods shall include the carrier's certificate number  
 45 in all newsprint classified advertising, newsprint display advertising, **Internet advertising** and

1 telephone directory advertising prepared by or at the direction or request of the carrier.

2 **SECTION 14.** ORS 825.950 is amended to read:

3 825.950. (1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, in addition to  
 4 all other penalties provided by law, every person who violates or who procures, aids or abets in the  
 5 violation of any provision of this chapter, ORS chapter 818 or 826 or any order, rule or decision of  
 6 the Department of Transportation shall incur a civil penalty of not more than \$100 for every such  
 7 violation.

8 (b) In addition to all other penalties provided by law, every person who violates or who pro-  
 9 cures, aids or abets in the violation of ORS 825.100 [*or 825.245*] **by transporting household goods**  
 10 **without a certificate** shall incur a civil penalty of not more than [*\$500*] \$\_\_\_\_\_ for every such  
 11 violation.

12 (2) Each violation described in this section is a separate offense and in case of a continuing  
 13 violation every day's continuance is a separate violation. Every act of commission or omission which  
 14 procures, aids or abets in the violation is a violation under this section and subject to the civil  
 15 penalty provided in this section.

16 (3) Civil penalties under this section shall be imposed in the manner provided in ORS 183.745.

17 (4) The Department of Transportation may reduce any civil penalty provided for in this section  
 18 on such terms as the department considers proper if:

19 (a) The defendant admits the violations alleged in the notice and makes timely request for re-  
 20 duction of the penalty; or

21 (b) The defendant submits to the department a written request for reduction of the penalty  
 22 within 15 days from the date the penalty order is served.

23 (5) If the amount of such penalty is not paid to the department, the Attorney General, at the  
 24 request of the department, shall bring an action in the name of the State of Oregon in the Circuit  
 25 Court of Marion County to recover such penalty. The action shall not be commenced until after the  
 26 time has expired for an appeal from the findings, conclusions and order of the department. In all  
 27 such actions the procedure and rules of evidence shall be the same as an ordinary civil action ex-  
 28 cept as otherwise provided in this chapter.

29 (6) Any motor carrier of persons or of household goods found knowingly to have assessed  
 30 charges for transportation service less than published in its tariffs or written contracts on file with  
 31 the department may be directed to collect the undercharges from the persons liable therefor and to  
 32 remit such undercharges to the department in addition to any monetary penalties imposed against  
 33 the carrier for charging less than the tariff or contract prescribes.

34 (7) Any motor carrier of persons or of household goods found to have assessed charges for  
 35 transportation service more than the rates which have been legally filed with and prescribed by the  
 36 department shall refund the overcharges to the persons from whom collected. If the carrier is unable  
 37 to do so, the carrier may be required to remit such overcharges to the department in addition to  
 38 any monetary penalties imposed against the carrier for charging more than the applicable tariff or  
 39 contract prescribes.

40 **SECTION 15.** ORS 825.245 and 825.246 are repealed.

41 **SECTION 16.** The amendments to ORS 825.110 by section 5 of this 2009 Act apply to ap-  
 42 plications submitted on or after the effective date of this 2009 Act.