

House Bill 3351

Sponsored by Representative GARRARD (at the request of Karen Burg)

SUMMARY

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Permits person who is serving on active duty and has served as military officer for certain number of days to qualify for veterans' recognition registration plate.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to veterans' recognition registration plates; amending ORS 805.105.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 805.105 is amended to read:

5 805.105. (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish a veterans' recognition registra-
6 tion plate program to issue registration plates called "veterans' recognition registration plates"
7 upon request to an owner of any motor vehicle registered under ORS 803.420 (1) or (9)(a) if the
8 owner of the motor vehicle qualifies for the plates. Rules adopted under this section shall include,
9 but need not be limited to, rules that:

10 (a) Describe general qualifications to be met by any veterans' group in order to be eligible for
11 a veterans' recognition registration plate issued under this section.

12 (b) Specify circumstances under which the department may cease to issue veterans' recognition
13 registration plates.

14 (c) Specify what constitutes proof of veteran status for issuance of a veterans' recognition reg-
15 istration plate, if such proof is required by a veterans' group or by the Director of Veterans'
16 Affairs, **except that a person qualifies for veteran status if the person provides proof, as de-**
17 **termined by the Department of Transportation, that the person is serving on active duty and**
18 **has served at least 178 consecutive days as an officer in the Armed Forces of the United**
19 **States or the Oregon National Guard.**

20 (d) Specify what constitutes proof that a person is a surviving family member of a person who
21 was killed in action during an armed conflict while serving in the Armed Forces of the United
22 States. The department may only issue a veteran's recognition registration plate displaying a gold
23 star decal and the words "Gold Star Family" to a person who is a parent, spouse or dependent of
24 a person who was killed in action during an armed conflict while serving in the Armed Forces of
25 the United States.

26 (2)(a) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, upon issuance of a veterans' recognition
27 registration plate under this section and upon renewal of registration for a vehicle that has plates
28 issued under this section, the department shall collect a surcharge of \$2.50 per plate for each year
29 of the registration period for the vehicle as described under ORS 803.415.

30 (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, net proceeds of the sur-
31 charge collected by the department for the veterans' recognition registration plate shall be deposited

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 in the trust fund established under ORS 406.050 for paying the expenses of operating the Oregon
2 Veterans' Home.

3 (c) If the department issues a veterans' recognition registration plate that names, describes or
4 represents a veterans' group, that veterans' group may designate an account into which the net
5 proceeds of the surcharge collected by the department under this section are to be deposited. The
6 department shall keep accurate records of the number of plates issued under this paragraph for each
7 veterans' group and, after payment of administrative expenses of the department, shall deposit
8 moneys collected under this subsection into the specified account.

9 (d) Deposits under this subsection shall be made quarterly.

10 (3)(a) In consultation with the Department of Transportation, the Director of Veterans' Affairs
11 shall design the veterans' recognition registration plate.

12 (b) If the department issues a veterans' recognition registration plate to recognize a veterans'
13 group, the department shall, in consultation with the requesting veterans' group, add words or a
14 military-related decal to the veterans' recognition registration plate that names, describes or re-
15 presents the veterans' group.

16 (c) The department shall add a gold star decal and the words "Gold Star Family" to a veterans'
17 recognition registration plate background to recognize surviving family members of persons killed
18 in action during an armed conflict while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

19 (d) Except as otherwise required by the design, veterans' recognition registration plates must
20 comply with the requirements of ORS 803.535.

21 (4) The department shall determine how many sets of veterans' recognition registration plates
22 will be manufactured. If the department does not sell or issue renewal for 500 sets of veterans' re-
23 cognition registration plates in any one year, the department shall cease production of veterans'
24 recognition registration plates. For the purposes of this section, veterans' recognition registration
25 plates that name, describe or represent a veterans' group are included in the total number of vet-
26 erans' recognition registration plates issued.

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