

House Bill 2702

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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**.

Prohibits court from denying petition for driving while under influence of intoxicants diversion agreement because applicant is person who may serve in active military service.

Permits court to extend period of diversion agreement for person serving in active military service.

Permits person serving in active military service to appear at show cause hearing by telephone or other approved communication device and to stay hearing under specified circumstances.

Permits court to allow person serving in active military service to complete treatment program required as condition of driving while under influence diversion agreement in another jurisdiction.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to driving while under the influence of intoxicants diversion agreement; creating new pro-
3 visions; amending ORS 813.220, 813.225 and 813.255; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 813.220 is amended to read:

6 813.220. After the time for requesting a hearing under ORS 813.210 has expired with no request
7 for a hearing, or after a hearing requested under ORS 813.210, the court shall determine whether
8 to allow or deny a petition for a driving while under the influence of intoxicants diversion agree-
9 ment. In making a determination under this section, the court:

10 (1) Shall consider whether the diversion will be of benefit to the defendant and the community.

11 (2) May take into consideration whether there was an early recognition by the defendant during
12 the proceeding that a course of diagnosis and treatment of problem drinking, alcoholism or drug
13 dependency would be beneficial.

14 (3) May take into consideration whether there is a probability that the defendant will cooperate
15 with the diagnostic assessment and treatment agencies.

16 (4) May take into consideration whether the defendant will observe the restrictions contained
17 in the diversion agreement.

18 (5) May take into consideration whether the offense was committed in a motor vehicle and
19 whether there was a passenger in the motor vehicle who was under 18 years of age and at least
20 three years younger than the defendant.

21 (6) Shall deny the petition for a driving while under the influence of intoxicants diversion
22 agreement if the defendant failed to appear at an arraignment on the present offense without good
23 cause.

24 (7) Shall deny the petition for a driving while under the influence of intoxicants diversion
25 agreement if, after the date the defendant filed the petition, the defendant was charged with or
26 convicted of:

27 (a) An offense of driving while under the influence of intoxicants in violation of:

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 (A) ORS 813.010; or

2 (B) The statutory counterpart to ORS 813.010 in another jurisdiction;

3 (b) A driving under the influence of intoxicants offense in another jurisdiction that involved the
4 impaired driving of a vehicle due to the use of intoxicating liquor, a controlled substance, an
5 inhalant or any combination thereof; or

6 (c) A driving offense in another jurisdiction that involved operating a vehicle while having a
7 blood alcohol content above that jurisdiction's permissible blood alcohol content.

8 (8) Shall deny the petition for a driving while under the influence of intoxicants diversion
9 agreement if the defendant participated in a driving while under the influence of intoxicants diver-
10 sion program or in any similar alcohol or drug rehabilitation program, other than a program entered
11 into as a result of the charge for the present offense, in this state or in another jurisdiction after
12 the date the defendant filed the petition.

13 (9) Shall deny the petition for a driving while under the influence of intoxicants diversion
14 agreement if the defendant was charged with or convicted of an offense of aggravated vehicular
15 homicide or of murder, manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide or assault that resulted from the
16 operation of a motor vehicle in this state or in another jurisdiction after the date the defendant filed
17 the petition.

18 (10) Shall deny the petition for a driving while under the influence of intoxicants diversion
19 agreement if the defendant has been convicted of a felony offense described in ORS 813.010 (5)(a).

20 (11) For the purposes of subsection (7) of this section, may not consider a conviction for a
21 driving offense in another jurisdiction based solely on a person under 21 years of age having a blood
22 alcohol content that is lower than the permissible blood alcohol content in that jurisdiction for a
23 person 21 years of age or older as a prior conviction.

24 **(12) May not deny the petition for a driving while under the influence of intoxicants di-**
25 **version agreement solely on the basis that the defendant is a member of the Armed Forces**
26 **of the United States, the reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United States or**
27 **the National Guard and has been called or demonstrates that the defendant will be called to**
28 **active duty, and the military service will impair the defendant's ability to complete the di-**
29 **version program.**

30 **SECTION 2.** ORS 813.225 is amended to read:

31 813.225. *[(1) Within 30 days prior to the end of the period of a driving while under the influence*
32 *of intoxicants diversion agreement described in ORS 813.230, a defendant may apply by motion to the*
33 *court in which the diversion agreement was entered for an order extending the diversion period.]*

34 **(1) A defendant may apply by motion to the court in which a driving while under the in-**
35 **fluence of intoxicants diversion agreement described in ORS 813.230 was entered for an order**
36 **extending the diversion period:**

37 **(a) Within 30 days prior to the end of the diversion period; or**

38 **(b) If the defendant is serving on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces of the**
39 **United States, or is a member of the reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United**
40 **States or the National Guard, at any time prior to the end of the diversion period.**

41 (2) Petition forms for an application for an extension under this section shall be available to a
42 defendant at the court.

43 (3) The form of the petition for an extension under this section shall be determined by the Su-
44 preme Court under ORS 1.525. The petition forms made available to a defendant by any city or state
45 court shall conform to the requirements of the Supreme Court.

1 (4) The court may grant a petition for an extension filed under this section if the court finds that
 2 the defendant made a good faith effort to complete the conditions of the diversion agreement and
 3 that the defendant can complete the conditions of the diversion agreement within the requested ex-
 4 tended diversion period.

5 (5) An extension granted under this section may be for no more than 180 days **or for another**
 6 **time period the court allows under subsection (7) of this section.**

7 (6) **Except as provided in subsection (7) of this section,** a court may grant a defendant only
 8 one extension of a diversion period under this section.

9 (7) **The court may extend the diversion period as necessary to allow the defendant suffi-**
 10 **cient time to complete the conditions of the diversion agreement if the defendant:**

11 (a) **Is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, the reserve components of**
 12 **the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard;**

13 (b) **Is on active duty or has received orders that the defendant will be called to active**
 14 **duty; and**

15 (c) **Demonstrates that the military service will impair the defendant's ability to complete**
 16 **the conditions of the diversion agreement.**

17 [(7)] (8) If the court grants the petition for an extension under this section, the following apply:

18 (a) If the defendant fully complies with the conditions of the diversion agreement within the
 19 extended diversion period, the court may dismiss the charge with prejudice under ORS 813.250.

20 (b) If the court finds that the defendant failed to comply with the diversion agreement within
 21 the extended diversion period, the court shall enter the guilty plea or no contest plea filed as part
 22 of the petition for a diversion agreement, shall enter a judgment of conviction and shall sentence
 23 the defendant.

24 [(8)] (9) If the court denies the petition for an extension under this section, the court shall enter
 25 the guilty plea or no contest plea filed as part of the petition for a diversion agreement, shall enter
 26 a judgment of conviction and shall sentence the defendant.

27 **SECTION 3.** ORS 813.255 is amended to read:

28 813.255. (1) At any time before the court dismisses with prejudice the charge of driving while
 29 under the influence of intoxicants, the court on its own motion or on the motion of the district at-
 30 torney or city attorney may issue an order requiring defendant to appear and show cause why the
 31 court should not terminate the diversion agreement. The order to show cause shall state the reasons
 32 for the proposed termination and shall set an appearance date.

33 (2) The order to show cause shall be served on the defendant and on the defendant's attorney,
 34 if any. Service may be made by first class mail, postage paid, addressed to the defendant at the
 35 mailing address shown on the diversion petition and agreement or at any other address that the
 36 defendant provides in writing to the court.

37 (3) **Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section,** the court shall terminate the diver-
 38 sion agreement and enter the guilty plea or no contest plea that was filed as part of the petition for
 39 the diversion agreement if:

40 (a) At the hearing on the order to show cause, the court finds by a preponderance of the evi-
 41 dence that any of the reasons for termination described in this section exist; or

42 (b) The defendant fails to appear at the hearing on the order to show cause.

43 (4) **If a defendant is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, the reserve**
 44 **components of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard and is on active**
 45 **duty, the court shall:**

1 **(a) Allow the defendant to appear at the hearing by telephone or other communication**
2 **device approved by the court, if the defendant's military service permits such an appearance;**
3 **or**

4 **(b) Stay the termination proceeding if the defendant's military service prohibits the**
5 **defendant's appearance by telephone or other communication device and prohibits the de-**
6 **fendant from aiding and assisting the attorney who would appear on the defendant's behalf.**

7 [(4)] **(5)** If the court terminates the diversion agreement and enters the guilty plea or no contest
8 plea, the court may take into account at time of sentencing any partial fulfillment by the defendant
9 of the terms of the diversion agreement.

10 [(5)] **(6)** The court shall terminate a diversion agreement under this section for any of the fol-
11 lowing reasons:

12 (a) The defendant fails to fulfill the terms of the diversion agreement.

13 (b) The defendant does not qualify for the diversion agreement under the criteria in ORS
14 813.215.

15 **SECTION 4. Section 5 of this 2011 Act is added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle**
16 **Code.**

17 **SECTION 5. In lieu of completing a treatment program in this state as a part of com-**
18 **pleting the conditions of a driving while under the influence of intoxicants diversion agree-**
19 **ment in this state, the court may allow a defendant who is a member of the Armed Forces**
20 **of the United States, the reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United States or**
21 **the National Guard and who is serving on active duty to participate in a comparable treat-**
22 **ment program conducted by or authorized by a government entity in another jurisdiction.**

23 **SECTION 6. Section 5 of this 2011 Act and the amendments to ORS 813.220, 813.225 and**
24 **813.255 by sections 1 to 3 of this 2011 Act apply to petitions for driving while under the in-**
25 **fluence of intoxicants diversion agreements filed before, on or after the effective date of this**
26 **2011 Act.**

27 **SECTION 7. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
28 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect**
29 **on its passage.**

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