

House Bill 3442

Sponsored by Representative SHEEHAN

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**.

Requires Department of Human Services or Oregon Health Authority to implement biometric fingerprint identification system for medical assistance recipients. Requires hospitals to confirm biometric fingerprint identification of patient that presents for nonemergency care and offers medical assistance as payment for services.

Applies to individuals who apply for or are recertified for medical assistance and to hospital services provided on or after date system is operational.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to medical assistance; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2011 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 414.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) A recipient of medical assistance shall provide biometric fingerprint data**
6 **to the Oregon Health Authority or the Department of Human Services in a manner pre-**
7 **scribed by rule.**

8 **(2) Prior to providing nonemergency health services, a hospital shall confirm the**
9 **biometric fingerprint identification of any patient who offers medical assistance as payment**
10 **for the services.**

11 **(3) Biometric fingerprint data collected under this section is confidential and may not be**
12 **disclosed for any purpose other than confirmation of the identification of a medical assist-**
13 **ance recipient who is seeking health services at a hospital.**

14 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2011 Act applies to individuals who apply for or are recer-**
15 **tified for medical assistance, and to hospital services provided, on or after the operative date**
16 **of section 2 of this 2011 Act.**

17 **SECTION 4. (1) The Department of Human Services or the Oregon Health Authority shall**
18 **develop and implement a biometric fingerprint identification system necessary to carry out**
19 **the provisions of section 2 of this 2011 Act.**

20 **(2) Section 2 of this 2011 Act becomes operative on the date that the biometric fingerprint**
21 **identification system described in subsection (1) of this section is operational.**

22 **SECTION 5. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
23 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect**
24 **on its passage.**

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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.