

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 241

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Including Senate Amendments dated March 9

Sponsored by Senators VERGER, ATKINSON; Senators BOQUIST, MONNES ANDERSON (Presession filed.)

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.

Requires state agencies to ask if customer or client is veteran and provide information from Department of Veterans' Affairs and reintegration team within Oregon Military Department to veterans.

Creates process by which establishments that provide food to indigent or needy persons disseminate information on how to contact Department of Veterans' Affairs or reintegration team within Oregon Military Department.

Repeals sunset on provisions requiring state agencies to provide information to veterans.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to information on veterans' benefits; creating new provisions; amending section 3, chapter
3 851, Oregon Laws 2009; and repealing section 6, chapter 851, Oregon Laws 2009.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 3, chapter 851, Oregon Laws 2009, is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 3.** (1) As used in this section, "agency" has the meaning given that term in ORS 183.310.

7 (2) In order to assist veterans in claiming federal benefits [*and to assist agencies and county*
8 *governments in claiming federal reimbursement for providing assistance and services to veterans*], the
9 Department of Veterans' Affairs **and the Oregon Military Department** shall provide agencies [*and*
10 *county governments*] with [*printed*] materials to inform individuals how to contact the Department
11 **of Veterans' Affairs and the reintegration team within the Oregon Military Department** to
12 request information about veterans' benefits and services.

13 (3) An agency [*or county government*] shall:

14 (a) Make available in offices that are accessible to the public the information provided under
15 subsection (2) of this section; and

16 (b) When appropriate, feasible and consistent with the agency's [*or county government's*] mission,
17 make reasonable efforts to:

18 **(A) Ask a customer or client who comes into contact with the agency if the customer**
19 **or client is a veteran; and**

20 **(B) Provide the information provided under subsection (2) of this section to [*customers or clients***
21 **during face-to-face contacts] a customer or client who states that the customer or client is a**
22 **veteran.**

23 (4) An agency [*or county government*] may cooperate with elected officials, local governments,
24 school districts and community colleges to implement other measures to direct customers or clients
25 to the [*department*] **Department of Veterans' Affairs or the reintegration team within 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 **Oregon Military Department** to obtain information about veterans' benefits and services.

2 (5) On or before October 1 of each even-numbered year, agency directors shall report to the
3 appropriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly on the effectiveness of measures under-
4 taken to implement the provisions of this section.

5 (6) This section does not require an agency [*or county government*] to respond to inquiries from
6 customers or clients about veterans' benefits or services.

7 **SECTION 2. Section 6, chapter 851, Oregon Laws 2009, is repealed.**

8 **SECTION 3. (1) The Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Oregon Military Depart-**
9 **ment shall make available to establishments operated to provide food to indigent or needy**
10 **persons information on how to contact the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the reinte-**
11 **gration team within the Oregon Military Department to request information about veterans'**
12 **benefits and services.**

13 (2) An establishment operated to provide food to indigent or needy persons that receives
14 public funds shall:

15 (a) Make available to indigent or needy persons served the information provided under
16 subsection (1) of this section; and

17 (b) When appropriate, feasible and consistent with the establishment's mission, make
18 reasonable efforts to:

19 (A) Ask a person who is provided food if the person is a veteran; and

20 (B) Provide the information provided under subsection (1) of this section to a person who
21 is provided food and states that the person is a veteran.

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