

House Bill 2195

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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**.

Provides that physician or health care provider may at any time report to Department of Transportation that person's cognitive or functional impairment affects person's ability to safely operate motor vehicle, without regard to whether report is required by department. Provides civil immunity for report made in good faith.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to impaired drivers; amending ORS 807.710.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 807.710 is amended to read:

5 807.710. (1) For the purposes of this section:

6 (a) "Physician" means a person who holds a degree of Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of
7 Osteopathy and is licensed under ORS chapter 677 and a person who holds a degree of Doctor of
8 Naturopathic Medicine and is licensed under ORS chapter 685.

9 (b) "Health care provider" means a person licensed, certified or otherwise authorized or per-
10 mitted by the laws of this state to administer health care.

11 (2) In consultation with medical experts and experts on cognitive or functional impairments, the
12 Department of Transportation shall adopt rules requiring reporting and:

13 (a) Designating physicians and health care providers required to report to the department a
14 person whose cognitive or functional impairment affects that person's ability to safely operate a
15 motor vehicle. *[If a designated physician or health care provider makes a report to the department in
16 good faith, that person shall be immune from civil liability that might otherwise result from making the
17 report. If a designated physician or health care provider does not make a report, that person shall be
18 immune from civil liability that might otherwise result from not making the report.]*

19 (b) Designating the cognitive or functional impairments that are likely to affect a person's abil-
20 ity to safely operate a motor vehicle.

21 (3) Determinations regarding a person's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle may not be
22 based solely on the diagnosis of a medical condition or cognitive or functional impairment, but must
23 be based on the actual effect of that condition or impairment on the person's ability to safely oper-
24 ate a motor vehicle.

25 (4) Reports required by the department under this section shall be upon forms prescribed or
26 provided by the department. Each report shall include the person's name, address, date of birth, sex
27 and a description of how the person's current medical status affects the person's ability to safely
28 operate a motor vehicle. The department shall consider this information in determining the person's
29 eligibility for a driver license or driver permit.

30 **(5) A designated physician or health care provider may at any time report to the de-**

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 **partment a person whose cognitive or functional impairment affects that person's ability to**
2 **safely operate a motor vehicle, without regard to whether that report is required by rules**
3 **of the department adopted under subsection (2) of this section. If the report is made in good**
4 **faith, the physician or health care provider is immune from civil liability that might other-**
5 **wise result from making the report. A designated physician or health care provider is im-**
6 **mune from civil liability for failure to make a report under this section, without regard to**
7 **whether that report is required by rules of the department adopted under subsection (2) of**
8 **this section.**

9 ~~[(5)]~~ **(6)** Except as provided in ORS 802.240, *[the reports required by the department]* **reports**
10 **made** under this section are confidential and shall be used by the department only to determine the
11 qualifications of persons to operate motor vehicles upon the highways.

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