

House Bill 2297

Sponsored by Representative READ (Pre-session 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 **as introduced**.

Directs Department of Transportation to establish professional sports team license plate program for issuance of special registration plate.

Imposes surcharge per year of registration. Directs that moneys from surcharge on registration plate be transferred to Oregon Tourism Commission.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Transportation for purpose of initiating professional sports team registration plate program.

Repeals limitation on number of special registration plates department may issue at one time.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to special registration plates; creating new provisions; amending section 2, chapter 823,
3 Oregon Laws 2009; repealing ORS 805.202; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM REGISTRATION PLATE PROGRAM

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8 **SECTION 1.** Sections 2 and 3 of this 2013 Act are added to and made a part of the Oregon
9 Vehicle Code.

10 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish a professional sports
11 team registration plate program to issue special registration plates to promote sports
12 tourism in this state. The special registration plates shall be issued upon request to owners
13 of motor vehicles registered under ORS 803.420 (1). In addition, the department may adopt
14 rules for issuance of professional sports team registration plates for vehicles not registered
15 under ORS 803.420 (1).

16 (2) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, for each professional sports team
17 registration plate issued under subsection (1) of this section, the department shall collect a
18 surcharge of \$_____ per year of registration payable when the plate is issued and upon each
19 subsequent renewal of registration of a vehicle bearing the plate. The department shall dis-
20 tribute the surcharge as provided in section 3 of this 2013 Act.

21 (3) Notwithstanding ORS 803.530, professional sports team registration plates may be
22 transferred from vehicle to vehicle if the department stops issuing the plates, as long as the
23 plates are not too old, damaged, mutilated or otherwise rendered illegible to be useful for
24 purposes of identification.

25 (4) Professional sports team registration plates shall include the name and logo of a
26 professional sports team that plays home games in this state. The department shall design
27 each plate in consultation with the professional sports team and may enter into agreements
28 for the use of the team's logo with the professional sports team or the league in which 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 team plays.

2 (5) Except as otherwise required by the design chosen, professional sports team regis-
3 tration plates shall comply with the requirements of ORS 803.535.

4 (6) As used in this section, "professional sports team" means a sports team that is a
5 member of the National Basketball Association or Major League Soccer.

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7 **FUNDING FOR SPORTS TOURISM**

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9 **SECTION 3.** (1) Moneys from the surcharge imposed by section 2 of this 2013 Act shall
10 be transferred into the account of the Oregon Tourism Commission established under ORS
11 284.131 after deduction of the cost of administration of the professional sports team regis-
12 tration plate program, including but not limited to the costs of collecting the professional
13 sports team registration plate surcharge and transferring professional sports team regis-
14 tration plates that are above the normal costs of issuing, renewing and transferring regis-
15 tration plates in the normal course of the business of the Department of Transportation.

16 (2) Moneys deposited under subsection (1) of this section are continuously appropriated
17 to the Oregon Tourism Commission for the purpose of promoting sports tourism in this
18 state.

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20 **APPROPRIATION**

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22 **SECTION 4.** (1) There is appropriated to the Department of Transportation, for the
23 biennium beginning July 1, 2013, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the
24 purpose of initiating the professional sports team registration plate program established
25 under section 2 of this 2013 Act, including but not limited to the professional sports team
26 registration plate design, computer programming and production setup. Any portion of the
27 appropriation not used for initiating the professional sports team registration plate program
28 shall be transferred to the account described in subsection (2) of this section.

29 (2) Notwithstanding section 3 of this 2013 Act, after deduction of the cost of adminis-
30 tration of the professional sports team registration plate program, as described in section 3
31 of this 2013 Act, the department shall transfer the moneys from the surcharge imposed by
32 section 2 of this 2013 Act to an account in the General Fund until sufficient funds have ac-
33 cumulated for the purpose described in subsection (3) of this section.

34 (3) When the department determines that moneys in sufficient amount are available in
35 the account described in subsection (2) of this section, but no later than June 30, 2015, the
36 department shall reimburse the General Fund, without interest, in an amount equal to the
37 amount appropriated from the General Fund under subsection (1) of this section. The moneys
38 used to reimburse the General Fund under this subsection may not be considered a budget
39 item on which a limitation is otherwise fixed by law, but shall be in addition to any specific
40 biennial appropriation or amount authorized to be expended from continuously appropriated
41 moneys for any biennial period.

42 (4) Any moneys remaining in the account described in subsection (2) of this section after
43 the reimbursement required under subsection (3) of this section shall be transferred to the
44 account of the Oregon Tourism Commission established under ORS 284.131 as provided in
45 section 3 of this 2013 Act.

CONFORMING AMENDMENTS

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SECTION 5. ORS 805.202 is repealed.

SECTION 6. Section 2, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009, as amended by section 8, chapter 709, Oregon Laws 2011, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish a Pacific Wonderland registration plate program to issue special registration plates called "Pacific Wonderland registration plates" upon request to owners of motor vehicles registered under the provisions of ORS 803.420 (1). In addition, the department may adopt rules for issuance of Pacific Wonderland registration plates for vehicles not registered under the provisions of ORS 803.420 (1).

(2) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, for each set of Pacific Wonderland registration plates issued under subsection (1) of this section, the department shall collect a surcharge of \$100 payable when the plates are issued. The department shall transfer the moneys from the surcharge as provided in section 3, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009.

(3) Notwithstanding ORS 803.530, Pacific Wonderland registration plates may be transferred from vehicle to vehicle if the department stops issuing the plates, as long as the plates are not so old, damaged, mutilated or otherwise rendered illegible as to be not useful for purposes of identification.

(4) The department shall limit the total number of Pacific Wonderland registration plates to 40,000 sets of plates.

[(5) Notwithstanding ORS 805.202, until the department has issued 40,000 sets of plates under this section, the department may issue five kinds of special registration plates at any one time.]

CAPTIONS

SECTION 7. The unit captions used in this 2013 Act are provided only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the enactment of this 2013 Act.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

SECTION 8. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.
