

Enrolled
House Bill 2914

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG; Representatives GORSEK, KRIEGER, MCKEOWN, THATCHER

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to the finding of property; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 98.005 and 98.015.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 98.005 is amended to read:

98.005. (1) If any person finds money or goods valued at [~~\$100~~] **\$250** or more, and if the owner of the money or goods is unknown, such person, within 10 days after the date of the finding, shall give notice of the finding in writing to the county clerk of the county in which the money or goods was found. Within 20 days after the date of the finding, the finder of the money or goods shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county a notice of the finding once each week for two consecutive weeks. Each such notice shall state the general description of the money or goods found, the name and address of the finder and final date before which such goods may be claimed.

(2) If no person appears and establishes ownership of the money or goods prior to the expiration of three months after the date of the notice to the county clerk under subsection (1) of this section, the finder shall be the owner of the money or goods.

SECTION 2. ORS 98.015 is amended to read:

98.015. If any person who finds money or goods valued at [~~\$100~~] **\$250** or more fails to comply with ORS 98.005, the person shall be liable, upon conviction for violation of ORS 164.065, to the county for the money or goods or the full value of the money or goods. The county treasurer shall hold the money or goods or their value for owner thereof and shall publish notice of the finding of the money or goods in the manner provided in ORS 98.005. If the owner has not reclaimed such money or goods within three months after the date of the first publication of notice by the county treasurer, the owner shall forfeit the rights of the owner to the value of such money or goods and the value of such money or goods shall be placed in the general fund of the county to be used for the payment of the general operating expenses of the county.

SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 98.005 and 98.015 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2013 Act apply to money or goods found on or after the effective date of this 2013 Act.

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