

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2986**

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Sponsored by Representative DEMBROW

**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.

*[Directs Department of Transportation to work with Department of Corrections, after consultation with Judicial Department, to assist individuals in obtaining driver license after release from Department of Corrections institution.]*

**Permits court, after suspension of driving privileges for failure to pay fine, to reinstate person's driving privileges if person is enrolled in preapprenticeship program or is registered as apprentice. Directs court to reissue suspension if person fails to complete program or begin making payments within six months after completing program.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to driving privileges; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 807.250, 809.210, 809.415  
3 and 809.416.

4 Whereas it is important that ex-offenders acquire the skills necessary for gainful employment  
5 that allows them to become productive members of society; and

6 Whereas a successful route to building skills and obtaining gainful employment is through ap-  
7 prenticeship programs; and

8 Whereas many apprenticeship programs require students to have a valid driver license; and

9 Whereas some ex-offenders have lost their driving privileges and may not have their driving  
10 privileges reinstated until the ex-offender has paid significant outstanding fines; and

11 Whereas ex-offenders are unable to pay their financial obligations when they are unemployed;  
12 and

13 Whereas ex-offenders are willing to do the hard work that is needed to be successful in an ap-  
14 prenticeship program and secure gainful employment; and

15 Whereas it is in this state's interests to allow ex-offenders the opportunity to reinstate their  
16 driving privileges contingent upon their enrollment in an apprenticeship program and to begin re-  
17 paying their fines; now, therefore,

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

19 **SECTION 1.** ORS 809.210 is amended to read:

20 809.210. (1) A court may do any of the following if the defendant is convicted of any traffic of-  
21 fense and fails or refuses to pay a fine imposed by the [*judge*] **court** or to comply with any condition  
22 upon which payment of the fine or any part of it was suspended:

23 (a) Issue **a notice of suspension** to the Department of Transportation **that directs the de-**  
24 **partment** to implement procedures under ORS 809.416.

25 (b) Order a defendant's driving privileges restricted.

**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 (2) The authority granted in this section is in addition to or instead of any other method au-  
2 thorized by law for enforcing a court order.

3 (3) If a court places restrictions on driving privileges under this section:

4 (a) The [judge] **court** shall immediately advise the department of the restrictions.

5 (b) Upon removal of such restriction, the court shall notify the department that the restriction  
6 is ended.

7 (c) The restriction shall remain in effect until ended by the court.

8 (d) The department shall take action as provided under ORS 807.120 on restrictions imposed  
9 under this section.

10 (e) The restrictions may include any restriction, condition or requirement.

11 (f) Violation of the restriction is punishable as provided under ORS 807.010.

12 (4) If [a judge] **the court** issues a notice of suspension that directs the department to im-  
13 plement procedures under ORS 809.416 as provided under this section:

14 (a) The [judge] **court** shall immediately send to the department notice upon payment of the fine  
15 as ordered.

16 (b) The department shall take action on the suspension as provided under ORS 809.416.

17 **(5)(a) At any time after the court issues a notice of suspension under this section, the**  
18 **person whose driving privileges have been suspended may seek reinstatement with the court**  
19 **if the person is enrolled in a preapprenticeship program, as defined in ORS 660.010, or is a**  
20 **registered apprentice under ORS 660.020. The court shall reinstate the person's driving**  
21 **privileges if the person provides the court with a form that includes verification from the**  
22 **Bureau of Labor and Industries that the person is enrolled in a preapprenticeship program**  
23 **or is a registered apprentice.**

24 **(b) The bureau shall develop the form prescribed in paragraph (a) of this subsection. The**  
25 **form must include:**

26 **(A) The name of the person who is enrolled in a preapprenticeship program or registered**  
27 **as an apprentice;**

28 **(B) A statement from the person's program, certifying that the person is enrolled in the**  
29 **preapprenticeship program or is a registered apprentice;**

30 **(C) The date on which the person is scheduled to complete the program;**

31 **(D) For a person who is enrolled in a preapprenticeship program, a statement that the**  
32 **program will notify the bureau of the registration of the person as an apprentice under ORS**  
33 **660.020 after completion of the person's preapprenticeship program or notify the bureau of**  
34 **the person's failure to register; and**

35 **(E) A statement that the program will notify the court if the person fails to complete the**  
36 **program or fails to register as an apprentice under ORS 660.020 after completion of a pre-**  
37 **apprenticeship program.**

38 **(c) Upon the request of a person whose driving privileges have been suspended under this**  
39 **section, the bureau shall seek to verify that the person is enrolled in a preapprenticeship**  
40 **program or is registered as an apprentice. If the bureau verifies that the person is enrolled**  
41 **in a preapprenticeship program or is registered as an apprentice, the bureau shall include**  
42 **the verification on the form described in this subsection.**

43 **(d) If the court receives a notice from the program that the person has failed to complete**  
44 **the program, or failed to register as an apprentice under ORS 660.020 after completion of a**  
45 **preapprenticeship program, the court shall reissue the notice of suspension and immediately**

1 **notify the department of the reissuance. The reissuance does not extend the original period**  
2 **of suspension.**

3 **(6) A person whose driving privileges are reinstated under subsection (5) of this section**  
4 **shall establish a payment schedule with the court and begin making payments within six**  
5 **months after completing a preapprenticeship program and apprenticeship program, as de-**  
6 **defined in ORS 660.010, or six months after completing an apprenticeship program if the person**  
7 **was never enrolled in a preapprenticeship program. The court shall reissue the notice of**  
8 **suspension and immediately notify the department if the person does not establish a payment**  
9 **schedule within the time required under this subsection. The reissuance does not extend the**  
10 **original period of suspension.**

11 [(5)] (7) A court [shall] **may** not issue a notice of suspension under this section that directs  
12 the department to implement procedures under ORS 809.416 for failure to pay a fine relating to  
13 any parking offense, pedestrian offense or bicycling offense.

14 **(8) A notification by a court to the department under this section shall be in a form**  
15 **prescribed by the department.**

16 **SECTION 2.** ORS 809.416 is amended to read:

17 809.416. This section establishes circumstances that will make a person subject to suspension  
18 under ORS 809.415 (4) and what a person is required to do to make the person no longer subject to  
19 suspension. The following apply as described:

20 (1) A person is subject to suspension under ORS 809.415 (4) if the Department of Transportation  
21 receives notice from a court to apply this section under ORS 809.220. A person who is subject under  
22 this subsection remains subject until the person presents the department with notice issued by the  
23 court showing that the person is no longer subject to this section or until 10 years have elapsed,  
24 whichever is earlier. This subsection shall not subject a person to ORS 809.415 (4) for any pedestrian  
25 offense, bicycling offense or parking offense. Upon receipt of notice from a court, the department  
26 shall send a letter by first class mail advising the person that the suspension will commence 60 days  
27 from the date of the letter unless the person presents the department with the notice required by  
28 this subsection.

29 (2) A person is subject to suspension under ORS 809.415 (4) if the department receives a notice  
30 of suspension from a court under ORS 809.210 **indicating** that a person has failed **or refused** to  
31 pay a fine [or obey an order of the court]. A person who is subject under this subsection remains  
32 subject until:

33 (a) The person presents the department with a notice of reinstatement issued by the court  
34 showing that the person:

35 (A) Has paid the fine; or [or obeyed the order of the court]

36 (B) **Has enrolled in a preapprenticeship program, as defined in ORS 660.010, or is a reg-**  
37 **istered apprentice under ORS 660.020; or**

38 (b) [Until 10] **Ten** years have elapsed, whichever is earlier.

39 (3) [This subsection shall] **Subsection (2) of this section does** not subject a person to ORS  
40 809.415 (4) for failure to pay a fine relating to any pedestrian offense, bicycling offense or parking  
41 offense. Upon receipt of a notice of suspension from a court, the department shall send a letter by  
42 first class mail advising the person that the suspension will commence 60 days from the date of the  
43 letter unless the person presents the department with the notice of reinstatement required by this  
44 subsection.

45 (4) **A person is subject to suspension under ORS 809.415 (4) if the department receives a**

1 **notice of suspension from a court under ORS 809.210 that a person has failed to obey an or-**  
2 **der of the court. A person who is subject under this subsection remains subject until the**  
3 **person presents the department with a notice of reinstatement issued by the court showing**  
4 **that the person has obeyed the order of the court or until 10 years have elapsed, whichever**  
5 **is earlier. Upon receipt of a notice of suspension from a court, the department shall send a**  
6 **letter by first class mail advising the person that the suspension will commence 60 days from**  
7 **the date of the letter unless the person presents the department with the notice of rein-**  
8 **statement required by this subsection.**

9 [(3)] (5) A person is subject to suspension under ORS 809.415 (4) if the person pays the depart-  
10 ment any fee or tax with a bank check and the check is returned to the department as uncollectible  
11 or the person tenders payment with a credit or debit card and the issuer of the card does not pay  
12 the department. A person who is subject under this subsection remains subject until the department  
13 receives the money for the fee or tax and any fee charged by the department under ORS 802.170 or  
14 until five years have elapsed, whichever is earlier.

15 **SECTION 3.** ORS 807.250 is amended to read:

16 807.250. (1) In addition to any requirements under ORS 807.240 and any applicable conditions  
17 under ORS 813.500 and 813.520, the Department of Transportation may not issue a hardship permit  
18 under ORS 807.240 to a person whose suspension of driving privileges is based upon a conviction  
19 of any of the following unless the person submits to the department a recommendation from the  
20 judge before whom the person was convicted:

21 (a) ORS 811.140.

22 (b) ORS 811.540.

23 (c) Driving while under the influence of intoxicants. If a person's driving privileges are sus-  
24 pended for a conviction for driving while under the influence of intoxicants and the person is de-  
25 termined under ORS 813.500 to have a problem condition involving alcohol, inhalants or controlled  
26 substances as described in ORS 813.040, the judge must:

27 (A) Make the recommendation with reference to the best interest of the public as well as of the  
28 defendant and the recommendation must be in writing.

29 (B) Recommend times, places, routes and days minimally necessary for the person to seek or  
30 retain employment, to attend any alcohol or drug treatment or rehabilitation program or to receive  
31 necessary medical treatment for the person or a member of the person's immediate family.

32 (2) The department may not issue a hardship permit to a person whose suspension of driving  
33 privileges is based on a conviction described in ORS 809.265.

34 (3) The department may not issue a hardship permit to a person whose driver license or driver  
35 permit is suspended pursuant to ORS 25.750 to 25.783.

36 (4) The department may not issue a hardship permit to a person whose driving privileges are  
37 suspended pursuant to ORS 809.280 (4) or 809.416 (1) [or (2)], (2) or (4).

38 **SECTION 4.** ORS 809.415 is amended to read:

39 809.415. (1)(a) The Department of Transportation shall suspend the driving privileges of a person  
40 who has a judgment of the type described under ORS 806.040 rendered against the person if the  
41 person does not settle the judgment in the manner described under ORS 809.470 within 60 days after  
42 its entry.

43 (b) A suspension under this subsection shall continue until the person does one of the following:

44 (A) Settles the judgment in the manner described in ORS 809.470.

45 (B) Has an insurer that has been found by the department to be obligated to pay the judgment,

1 provided that there has been no final adjudication by a court that the insurer has no such obli-  
2 gation.

3 (C) Gives evidence to the department that a period of seven years has elapsed since the entry  
4 of the judgment.

5 (D) Receives from the court that rendered the judgment an order permitting the payment of the  
6 judgment in installments.

7 (c) A person is entitled to administrative review under ORS 809.440 of a suspension under this  
8 subsection.

9 (2)(a) The department shall suspend the driving privileges of a person who falsely certifies the  
10 existence of a motor vehicle liability insurance policy or the existence of some other means of sat-  
11 isfying financial responsibility requirements or of a person who, after certifying the existence of a  
12 motor vehicle liability insurance policy or other means of satisfying the requirements, allows the  
13 policy to lapse or be canceled or otherwise fails to remain in compliance with financial responsi-  
14 bility requirements.

15 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, the department may suspend under this  
16 subsection only if proof of compliance with financial responsibility requirements as of the date of  
17 the letter of verification from the department under ORS 806.150 is not submitted within 30 days  
18 after the date of the mailing of the department's demand under ORS 806.160.

19 (c) A suspension under this subsection shall continue until the person complies with future re-  
20 sponsibility filings.

21 (3)(a) The department shall suspend the driving privileges of a person who fails to comply with  
22 future responsibility filings whenever required under the vehicle code or fails to provide new proof  
23 for future responsibility filings when requested by the department.

24 (b) A suspension under this subsection shall continue until the person complies with future re-  
25 sponsibility filings.

26 (c) A person whose initial obligation to make future responsibility filings is not based upon a  
27 conviction or other action by a court is entitled to a hearing under ORS 809.440 prior to a suspen-  
28 sion under this subsection. A person whose obligation to make future responsibility filings is based  
29 upon a conviction or other action by a court is entitled to administrative review under ORS 809.440  
30 of a suspension under this subsection. A person whose suspension under this subsection is based on  
31 lapses in filing after the initial filing has been made is entitled to administrative review under ORS  
32 809.440.

33 (4)(a) The department shall suspend driving privileges when provided under ORS 809.416. The  
34 suspension shall continue until the earlier of the following:

35 (A) The person establishes to the satisfaction of the department that the person has performed  
36 all acts necessary under ORS 809.416 to make the person not subject to suspension.

37 (B) Ten years from the date the suspension is imposed if the suspension is imposed for a reason  
38 described in ORS 809.416 (1) [or (2)], (2) or (4) or five years from the date the suspension is imposed  
39 if the suspension is imposed for the reason described in ORS 809.416 [(3)] (5).

40 (b) A person is entitled to administrative review under ORS 809.440 of a suspension under this  
41 subsection.

42 (5) Upon determination by the department that a person has committed an act that constitutes  
43 an offense described in ORS 809.310, the department may suspend any driving privileges or any  
44 identification card of the person determined to have committed the act. A suspension under this  
45 subsection shall continue for a period of one year.

1           (6) Upon determination by the department that a person has submitted false information to the  
2 department for the purpose of establishing or maintaining qualification to operate a commercial  
3 motor vehicle or hold a commercial driver license, the department may suspend the commercial  
4 driver license or the person's right to apply for a commercial driver license. A suspension under this  
5 subsection shall continue for a period of one year.

6           **SECTION 5. The amendments to ORS 809.210 and 809.416 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2013**  
7 **Act apply to offenses occurring before, on or after the effective date of this 2013 Act.**

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