

Senate Bill 235

Sponsored by Senator HASS, Representative READ (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Directs Department of Transportation to issue Share the Road registration plates or Pacific Wonderland registration plates that recognize honorary consuls.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to vehicle registration plates; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 805.117.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 805.117 is amended to read:

5 805.117. (1) As used in this section, "honorary consul" means a resident of Oregon who has been
6 duly appointed by a foreign country as an honorary consular officer to the United States, pursuant
7 to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.

8 (2) Upon application by an honorary consul who qualifies under this section, the Department
9 of Transportation shall issue consular corps registration plates for use on the motor vehicle of the
10 honorary consul.

11 (3) Registration plates issued under this section may be displayed on the vehicle of the honorary
12 consul in lieu of regular registration plates issued under the vehicle code.

13 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) The following apply to registration plates issued under this section:

14 (a) The plates shall be considered customized plates for purposes of the fee in ORS 805.250.

15 (b) The plates shall be assigned to a specific vehicle.

16 (c) The plates may not be transferable from vehicle to vehicle, except as provided by the de-
17 partment by rule.

18 (d) The plates shall be valid for the term in which the person is acting in the official capacity
19 of honorary consul for a foreign consulate. If the term of honorary consul continues into a new
20 registration period, the department may provide for validation of the plates for the subsequent term
21 by means of a sticker or by any other means the department determines convenient.

22 (e) The person to whom the plates are issued may retain the plates after the official term of
23 honorary consul is over, but the plates may not be valid if displayed on any vehicle when the term
24 of honorary consul has ended and the person is no longer appointed as an honorary consul.

25 (5)(a) **In lieu of the consular corps registration plates issued under this section, upon**
26 **request of an honorary consul, the department shall issue Share the Road registration plates**
27 **as described in ORS 805.205, or Pacific Wonderland registration plates, as described in sec-**
28 **tion 2, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009, that contain words or other marking that recognizes**
29 **the person's status as an honorary consul.**

30 (b) **Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, the requirements of this sec-**
31 **tion apply to an honorary consul issued Share the Road registration plates or Pacific**

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 **Wonderland registration plates under this section.**

2 (c) **In addition to the fee described under subsection (4)(a) of this section, an honorary**
3 **consul issued:**

4 (A) **Share the Road registration plates shall pay the fee described in ORS 805.205.**

5 (B) **Pacific Wonderland registration plates shall pay the fee described in section 2, chap-**
6 **ter 823, Oregon Laws 2009.**

7 [(4)] (6) **To qualify for consular corps registration plates, the person must provide the depart-**
8 **ment with proof that the person is appointed by a government as an honorary consul and is acting**
9 **in that capacity.**

10 [(5)] (7) **The department shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.**

11 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 805.117 by section 1 of this 2013 Act apply to reg-**
12 **istration plates issued on or after the effective date of this 2013 Act.**

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