

Senate Bill 759

Sponsored by Senator DINGFELDER

SUMMARY

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Requires applicant for driver license renewal to be tested on knowledge of traffic laws concerning safe operation of vehicles around bicycles and pedestrians.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to driver license renewals; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 807.150.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 807.150 is amended to read:

807.150. (1) When a license expires or is about to expire, the Department of Transportation shall renew the license under this section if the holder of the license qualifies for renewal of the license under this section and:

(a) Applies for renewal within one year of the expiration of a similar license under ORS 807.130;

or

(b) Applies for issuance of a license within six months after the applicant is discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States and was licensed by this state at the time of the applicant's entry into the Armed Forces.

(2) To qualify for renewal of a license under this section, a person must:

(a) Meet all of the requirements under ORS 807.040 for the class of license sought to be renewed, except that the department may waive the examination under ORS 807.070 of a person applying for renewal of a license unless the department has reason to believe that the applicant is not qualified to hold the license or unless the applicant for renewal has not previously been examined[.]; and

(b) Pass a test by correctly answering 15 questions to demonstrate the person's understanding of traffic laws that relate to the safe operation of a vehicle around pedestrians and bicyclists. The person may retake the test as many times as is necessary to pass. A waiting period between the tests may not be required. The test may not cover any subject that is not addressed in the instructional publications of the department that are provided to applicants for licenses and driver permits. This paragraph does not apply to the renewal of identification cards under ORS 807.400 (9).

(3) To receive a renewal under this section, the license renewal fee and the Student Driver Training Fund eligibility fee under ORS 807.370 must be paid.

(4) If a person who applies for a renewal under this section is not qualified to renew the class of license sought to be renewed, the department may issue the person any lower class of license for which the person qualifies in lieu of renewing the person's license for the class of license held by the person.

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 (5) A license that is renewed under this section may be used on or after the date of issuance.
2 If the department issues a license renewal to a person under this section before the expiration of
3 the license being renewed, the older license is invalid. A license that becomes invalid under this
4 subsection shall be destroyed by the person to whom it was issued.

5 (6) If the address of the applicant has changed since the last time a license was issued to or
6 renewed for the applicant, the department shall require proof to verify the address of an applicant
7 for renewal of a license in addition to anything else the department may require of the applicant.

8 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 807.150 by section 1 of this 2013 Act apply to ap-**
9 **plications for renewal of a license on or after the effective date of this 2013 Act.**

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