

## SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 762

By COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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- 1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “ORS” insert “305.727 and”.
- 2 After line 3, insert:
- 3 “Whereas the rate of suicide among veterans is unacceptable; and
- 4 “Whereas many veterans are unaware of available benefits and services, placing an unaccepta-
- 5 ble economic burden on the veteran, the community and the state; and
- 6 “Whereas the best method to address suicide prevention and the lack of knowledge about
- 7 veterans’ services is through an engaged community; now, therefore,”.
- 8 In line 22, after “resources” insert “, including the media,”.
- 9 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 5 and insert:
- 10 **“SECTION 3. (1) The Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs Veterans Suicide Pre-**
- 11 **vention and Outreach Program is created in the Department of Veterans’ Affairs. The pur-**
- 12 **poses of the program are to publicize veterans’ benefits, provide outreach regarding suicide**
- 13 **prevention for veterans in this state and implement the provisions of section 1 of this 2013**
- 14 **Act.**
- 15 **“(2) The department shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section.**
- 16 **“SECTION 4. (1) The Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs Veterans Suicide Pre-**
- 17 **vention and Outreach Program Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and dis-**
- 18 **tinguish from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs**
- 19 **Veterans Suicide Prevention and Outreach Program Fund shall be credited to the fund. The**
- 20 **fund shall consist of:**
- 21 **“(a) Moneys appropriated to the fund by the Legislative Assembly.**
- 22 **“(b) Amounts credited to the fund under ORS 305.690 to 305.753.**
- 23 **“(c) Amounts credited to the fund under section 6 of this 2013 Act.**
- 24 **“(d) Gifts, grants and donations, in money or otherwise, for use as described in sub-**
- 25 **section (2) of this section.**
- 26 **“(e) Interest earned by the fund.**
- 27 **“(2) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Veterans’**
- 28 **Affairs for the purposes of implementing the provisions of sections 1 and 3 of this 2013 Act.**
- 29 **“SECTION 5. (1) Individual taxpayers who file an Oregon income tax return and who will**
- 30 **receive a tax refund from the Department of Revenue may designate that a contribution of**
- 31 **all or a portion of the refund be made to the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs Vet-**
- 32 **erans Suicide Prevention and Outreach Program by marking the appropriate box printed on**
- 33 **the return as provided in ORS 305.690 to 305.753.**
- 34 **“(2) Moneys contributed to the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs Veterans Suicide**
- 35 **Prevention and Outreach Program in accordance with ORS 305.690 to 305.753 shall be depos-**

1 ited in the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Veterans Suicide Prevention and Out-  
2 reach Program Fund.

3 **"SECTION 6. (1) A person that applies for the renewal of vehicle registration online may**  
4 **make a contribution of \$1 or more to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Veterans**  
5 **Suicide Prevention and Outreach Program at the time the online application for renewal of**  
6 **vehicle registration is made.**

7 **"(2) The vehicle registration renewal website and online application form must state that**  
8 **the owner has the option of making a contribution to the Oregon Department of Veterans'**  
9 **Affairs Veterans Suicide Prevention and Outreach Program.**

10 **"(3) Moneys contributed to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Veterans Suicide**  
11 **Prevention and Outreach Program in accordance with this section shall be deposited in the**  
12 **Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Veterans Suicide Prevention and Outreach Program**  
13 **Fund.**

14 **"SECTION 7.** ORS 305.727 is amended to read:

15 **"305.727. (1) In addition to the opportunity to be listed on the Oregon individual tax return**  
16 **forms under ORS 305.725, an entity on the eligibility roster may apply to the commission for listing**  
17 **in the Department of Revenue instructions for tax return checkoff contribution as provided in this**  
18 **section.**

19 **"(2) In order to qualify for instruction listing, the entity must apply to the commission in the**  
20 **manner in which an entity applies for listing on the individual tax forms under ORS 305.725.**

21 **"(3) In order to qualify for instruction listing, the entity must meet the qualifications described**  
22 **in ORS 305.720, collect 10,000 or more signatures from electors of this state attesting that the**  
23 **electors support the entity qualifying for instruction listing and be:**

24 **"(a) The Oregon Veterans' Home, the Nongame Wildlife Fund, the Alzheimer's Disease Research**  
25 **Fund, the Oregon Military Emergency Financial Assistance Fund, the Oregon Department of**  
26 **Veterans' Affairs Veterans Suicide Prevention and Outreach Program Fund or the subaccount**  
27 **described in ORS 316.493 for contributions dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect;**

28 **"(b) A nonprofit organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code with**  
29 **a gross income of at least \$1 million for the year prior to application; or**

30 **"(c) The central office for a group of affiliated nonprofit organizations with a collective gross**  
31 **income of at least \$1 million in the year prior to the year of application.**

32 **"(4) The commission shall review applications and approve those that meet the qualifications**  
33 **of ORS 305.720 and this section. An entity that is approved by the commission shall thereafter**  
34 **qualify for instruction listing for six years and thereafter must reapply under this section for con-**  
35 **tinued listing in additional six-year periods, except that an entity that reapplies does not need to**  
36 **collect 10,000 or more signatures.**

37 **"(5) The commission shall certify those entities that are on the eligibility roster and that the**  
38 **commission has approved in the interim since the last preceding certification to the Department of**  
39 **Revenue for listing in the instructions to the forms described in ORS 305.710.**

40 **"(6) The department shall include in the instructions to the forms described in ORS 305.710 a**  
41 **list of entities that have been certified by the commission under this section as of the date the in-**  
42 **structions for the forms must be prepared.**

43 **"(7) The department shall cause two lines to be included on the Oregon individual tax return**  
44 **forms following the listing of the entities described in ORS 305.715 (2). These lines may be used by**  
45 **a taxpayer to designate one or two entities that have qualified for instruction listing under this**

1 section as the recipient of a checkoff contribution by the taxpayer.

2 “(8) Amounts contributed by charitable checkoff to an instruction-listed entity shall be subject  
3 to and distributed as provided in ORS 305.747.”.

4 In line 6, delete “4” and insert “8”.

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