

Enrolled House Bill 2230

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to communication between state agencies regarding members of uniformed services; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) **As used in this section:**

(a) **“Uniformed service” means the Armed Forces of the United States, the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard when the member is engaged in active duty for training, inactive duty for training or full-time National Guard duty, the commissioned corps of the United States Public Health Service and any other category of persons designated by the President of the United States in time of war or national emergency.**

(b) **“Written information” means information that is in written form and includes but is not limited to information obtained by electronic means, such as electronic mail, facsimile or other form of electronic communication.**

(2)(a) **Subject to subsection (3) of this section, the Director of the Oregon Health Authority shall notify the Director of Veterans’ Affairs at least once each month regarding receipt of written information from a member or veteran of a uniformed service in connection with an application for health care coverage.**

(b) **The notification required under this subsection is limited to notifying the Director of Veterans’ Affairs of the name and residence address or mailing address of the member or veteran.**

(c) **The authorization of a member or veteran as required by subsection (3) of this section may be contained in the written information at the time it is received by the Oregon Health Authority or separately at another time, but the authorization must specifically authorize the notification to be made under this section.**

(3) **The Director of the Oregon Health Authority shall notify the Director of Veterans’ Affairs as required by subsection (2) of this section only if authorized to do so in writing by the member or veteran of a uniformed service.**

(4) **The Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section, including but not limited to the method of notification required under subsection (2) of this section.**

SECTION 2. **Section 1 of this 2015 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2016.**

SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect July 1, 2015.

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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