

House Bill 2237

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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 **as introduced**.

Requires transportation network company to maintain insurance policy to cover private passenger motor vehicle when vehicle's registered owner or designated operator actively participates as driver with transportation network company.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to insurance coverage for motor vehicles used in connection with transportation network
3 company; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 742.585 and 742.595.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 742.585 is amended to read:

6 742.585. As used in ORS 742.585 to 742.600:

7 (1) **“Company insurance policy” means a motor vehicle liability insurance policy that a**
8 **transportation network company obtains and that:**

9 (a) **Includes all coverage necessary to comply with the financial or future responsibility**
10 **requirements of ORS chapter 806;**

11 (b) **Includes the personal injury protection coverage required under ORS 742.518 to**
12 **742.542;**

13 (c) **Includes the uninsured motorist coverage required under ORS 742.500 to 742.506;**

14 (d) **Includes comprehensive property damage coverage for the vehicle;**

15 (e) **Includes collision property damage coverage for the vehicle; and**

16 (f) **Does not include any other optional coverage that the owner of the vehicle selects and**
17 **includes in the owner's insurance policy.**

18 [(1)] (2) **“Owner's insurance policy” means a private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance**
19 **policy that includes:**

20 (a) **All coverage necessary to comply with the financial or future responsibility requirements of**
21 **ORS chapter 806;**

22 (b) **The personal injury protection coverage required under ORS 742.518 to 742.542;**

23 (c) **The uninsured motorist coverage required under ORS 742.500 to 742.506; and**

24 (d) **Any optional coverage selected by the owner.**

25 [(2)] (3) **“Personal vehicle sharing” means the use of a private passenger motor vehicle by per-**
26 **sons other than the vehicle's registered owner in connection with a personal vehicle sharing pro-**
27 **gram.**

28 [(3)] (4) **“Personal vehicle sharing program” means a legal entity **that is** qualified to do business**
29 **in this state **and that is** engaged in the business of facilitating the sharing of private passenger**
30 **motor vehicles for noncommercial use by individuals within this state.**

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 [(4)] (5) “Private passenger motor vehicle” means a four-wheel passenger or station wagon type
 2 motor vehicle insured under a motor vehicle liability insurance policy [covering] **that covers** a sin-
 3 gle individual or individuals [residing] **that reside** in the same household as the named insured.

4 [(5)] (6) “Program insurance policy” means a motor vehicle liability insurance policy that [is
 5 obtained by] the personal vehicle sharing program **obtains** and that:

6 (a) Includes all coverage needed to comply with the financial or future responsibility require-
 7 ments of ORS chapter 806;

8 (b) Includes the personal injury protection coverage required under ORS 742.518 to 742.542;

9 (c) Includes the uninsured motorist coverage required under ORS 742.500 to 742.506;

10 (d) Includes comprehensive property damage coverage for the vehicle;

11 (e) Includes collision property damage coverage for the vehicle; and

12 (f) Does not include any other optional coverage [selected by] **that** the owner of the vehicle
 13 **selects** and [included] **includes** in the owner’s insurance policy.

14 (7)(a) “Transportation network company” means a legal entity that is qualified to do
 15 **business in this state and that is engaged in the business of providing for-hire transportation**
 16 **by means of mobile application software through which passengers may request transporta-**
 17 **tion from drivers who control or operate private passenger motor vehicles to provide the**
 18 **transportation that passengers request.**

19 (b) “Transportation network company” does not include a legal entity that is qualified to
 20 **do business in this state and:**

21 (A) That provides taxicab services;

22 (B) That is engaged in the business of providing transportation along fixed routes or at
 23 **regular intervals; or**

24 (C) That is engaged in the business of providing for-hire transportation using motor ve-
 25 **hicles that the entity owns, operates or otherwise controls.**

26 SECTION 2. Section 3 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 742.585 to
 27 **742.600.**

28 SECTION 3. (1) A transportation network company shall purchase a company insurance
 29 **policy that covers each private passenger motor vehicle that the vehicle’s registered owner**
 30 **or designated operator uses while actively participating as a driver with the transportation**
 31 **network company. The limits for any coverage included in the company insurance policy that**
 32 **is also included in the owner’s insurance policy must be equal to or greater than the cover-**
 33 **age limits provided in the owner’s insurance policy. The transportation network company**
 34 **shall require the vehicle owner to report the vehicle owner’s motor vehicle liability insurance**
 35 **coverage to the transportation network company before engaging the vehicle owner as a**
 36 **driver with the transportation network company. The transportation network company may**
 37 **not provide motor vehicle liability coverage that is less than three times the limits specified**
 38 **in ORS 806.070.**

39 (2) For each private passenger motor vehicle that the company insurance policy described
 40 **in subsection (1) of this section covers, the transportation network company shall:**

41 (a) Provide the private passenger motor vehicle’s registered owner with a proof of com-
 42 **pliance with the insurance requirements of this section and the financial or future respon-**
 43 **sibility requirements of ORS chapter 806, a copy of which the vehicle owner must maintain**
 44 **in the vehicle at all times when the vehicle owner or designated operator controls or oper-**
 45 **ates the vehicle while actively participating as a driver with the transportation network**

1 company.

2 (b) Collect, maintain and make available at the transportation network company's ex-
 3 pense to the private passenger motor vehicle's registered owner, to the insurer that issues
 4 the primary motor vehicle liability policy for the vehicle's registered owner and to any gov-
 5 ernment agency as required by law:

6 (A) Verifiable electronic records that identify the date and time, initial and final locations
 7 of the vehicle and miles that an operator drives during each trip in which a person other
 8 than the vehicle's registered owner controls or operates the vehicle while actively partic-
 9 ipating as a driver with the transportation network company; and

10 (B) Any information concerning damages or injuries that arise out of the vehicle owner's
 11 or designated operator's active participation as a driver with the transportation network
 12 company.

13 (3) For each private passenger motor vehicle that a vehicle owner or designated operator
 14 controls or operates while actively participating as a driver with the transportation network
 15 company, the transportation network company shall:

16 (a) Ensure that the vehicle is a private passenger motor vehicle.

17 (b) Provide a disclosure that explains the requirements of this section to the vehicle's
 18 registered owner and any person that controls or operates the vehicle while actively partic-
 19 ipating as a driver with the transportation network company. The transportation network
 20 company shall obtain a signature or other affirmative acknowledgement from the vehicle's
 21 registered owner or designated operator before engaging the vehicle's registered owner or
 22 designated operator as a driver with the transportation network company.

23 **SECTION 4.** ORS 742.595 is amended to read:

24 742.595. (1) Notwithstanding any provision in the owner's insurance policy and notwithstanding
 25 ORS chapters 742, 806, 822 and 825 and ORS 30.010 to 30.100, 30.135, 30.480 and 30.485, in the event
 26 of any loss or injury that occurs at any time when [*the vehicle is under the operation and control*
 27 *of*] a person[,] other than the vehicle's registered owner[, *pursuant to*] **operates or controls the**
 28 **vehicle while participating in** a personal vehicle sharing program, [*or*] **when the vehicle** is oth-
 29 erwise under the control of a personal vehicle sharing program[,] **or when the vehicle owner or**
 30 **a designated operator controls or operates the vehicle while actively participating as a driver**
 31 **with a transportation network company**, the program **or company** shall assume all liability of
 32 the vehicle owner and [*shall be considered*] **is** the vehicle owner for all purposes.

33 (2) [*Nothing in*] Subsection (1) of this section **does not limit**:

34 (a) [*Limits*] The liability of a personal vehicle sharing program **or transportation network**
 35 **company** for any acts or omissions by the program **or company** that result in injury to any persons
 36 as a result of the use or operation of the program **or company**; or

37 (b) [*Limits*] The ability of the personal vehicle sharing program **or transportation network**
 38 **company** to, by contract, seek indemnification from the vehicle's registered owner for any claims
 39 [*paid by*] the personal vehicle sharing program **or transportation network company** **pays** for any
 40 loss or injury resulting from **the vehicle owner's** fraud or material misrepresentation in [*the main-*
 41 *tenance of*] **maintaining** the vehicle [*by the vehicle's registered owner*].

42 (3) A personal vehicle sharing program [*continues to be*] **is** liable under subsection (1) of this
 43 section until:

44 (a) The vehicle is returned to a location [*designated by*] **that** the program **designates**; and

45 (b)(A) The expiration of the time period established for the vehicle occurs;

1 (B) The intent to terminate the vehicle’s personal vehicle sharing use is verifiably communicated
 2 to the program; or

3 (C) The vehicle’s registered owner takes possession and control of the vehicle.

4 **(4) A transportation network company is liable under subsection (1) of this section for**
 5 **as long as the vehicle owner or designated operator actively participates as a driver with the**
 6 **transportation network company.**

7 [(4)(a)] **(5)(a)** A personal vehicle sharing program **or transportation network company** shall
 8 assume liability for a claim in which a dispute exists as to who [*was in control of*] **controlled** a
 9 private passenger motor vehicle when the loss [*giving*] **that gave** rise to the claim occurred.

10 (b) The insurer of the vehicle shall indemnify the **personal vehicle sharing program or**
 11 **transportation network company** to the extent of the insurer’s obligation under the owner’s in-
 12 surance policy, if [*it is determined that*] the vehicle’s registered owner [*was in control of*] **controlled**
 13 the vehicle at the time of the loss.

14 [(5)] **(6)** If a private passenger motor vehicle’s registered owner is named as a defendant in a
 15 civil action for any loss or injury that occurs at any time when [*the vehicle is under the operation*
 16 *and control of*] a person[,] other than the vehicle’s registered owner[, *pursuant to*] **controls or op-**
 17 **erates the vehicle while participating in** a personal vehicle sharing program, [*or*] **at a time when**
 18 **the vehicle** is otherwise under the control of a personal vehicle sharing program[,] **or at a time**
 19 **when the vehicle’s registered owner or a designated operator controls or operates the vehicle**
 20 **while actively participating as a driver with a transportation network company,** the program
 21 **or company** [*shall have*] **has** the duty to defend and indemnify the vehicle’s registered owner.

22 [(6)] **(7)** Notwithstanding any provision in the owner’s insurance policy, while [*the vehicle is un-*
 23 *der the operation and control of*] a person[,] other than the vehicle’s registered owner[, *pursuant to*]
 24 **controls or operates the vehicle while participating in** a personal vehicle sharing program, [*or*]
 25 **the vehicle** is otherwise under the control of a personal vehicle sharing program **or the vehicle’s**
 26 **registered owner or a designated operator controls or operates the vehicle while actively**
 27 **participating as a driver with a transportation network company:**

28 (a) The insurer of the vehicle on file with the Department of Transportation may exclude any
 29 and all coverage afforded under the insurer’s policy; and

30 (b) A primary or excess insurer of the owners, operators or maintainers of the vehicle may no-
 31 tify an insured that the insurer [*has no*] **does not have a** duty to defend or indemnify any person
 32 or organization for liability for any loss that occurs [*during use of the vehicle pursuant to*] **when a**
 33 **person other than the vehicle’s registered owner controls or operates the vehicle while par-**
 34 **ticipating in** a personal vehicle sharing program, **the vehicle is otherwise under the control of**
 35 **a personal vehicle sharing program or the vehicle’s registered owner or a designated opera-**
 36 **tor controls or operates the vehicle while actively participating as a driver with a transpor-**
 37 **tation network company.**

38 [(7)] **(8)** An owner’s insurance policy for a private passenger motor vehicle may not be canceled,
 39 voided, terminated, rescinded or nonrenewed solely on the basis that the vehicle has been made
 40 available for personal vehicle sharing pursuant to a personal vehicle sharing program **or that the**
 41 **vehicle’s registered owner has made the vehicle available for the vehicle owner or a desig-**
 42 **nated operator to use to actively participate as a driver with a transportation network**
 43 **company** that is in compliance with the provisions of ORS 742.585 to 742.600.

44 **SECTION 5. The amendments to ORS 742.585 and 742.595 by sections 1 and 4 of this 2015**
 45 **Act apply to policies entered into, renewed or modified on or after the effective date of this**

1 **2015 Act.**

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