

House Bill 2641

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG; Senator COURTNEY (Presession filed.)

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**.

Establishes requirements for awarding animal as prize. Creates crime of unlawfully awarding an animal as a prize. Punishes by maximum of 6 months' imprisonment, \$2,500 fine, or both.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to awarding animals as prizes.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 167.310 to**
5 **167.351.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) Prior to awarding an animal as a prize in a contest, drawing,**
7 **sweepstakes, lottery or other similar event, a person shall:**

8 (a) **Ensure that the animal is provided with at least minimum care prior to the contest,**
9 **drawing, sweepstakes, lottery or other event;**

10 (b) **Ensure that the animal is not chased, kicked or otherwise subjected to offensive**
11 **physical contact prior to or during the contest, drawing, sweepstakes, lottery or other event;**

12 (c) **Enter into a written agreement with every potential recipient of the animal that in-**
13 **cludes:**

14 (A) **A signed statement by the potential recipient or, if the potential recipient is under**
15 **18 years of age, the potential recipient's parent or a legal guardian residing with the potential**
16 **recipient, affirming that the potential recipient is aware that the potential recipient could**
17 **become legally responsible for providing minimum care for an animal;**

18 (B) **A policy allowing the potential recipient to, without consequence, return the animal**
19 **to the person for a period of up to six months after the contest, drawing, sweepstakes, lot-**
20 **tery or other event; and**

21 (C) **Valid current contact information for the person; and**

22 (d) **Provide an animal care instruction sheet, specific to the species of animal awarded**
23 **as a prize, to every potential recipient of the animal.**

24 (2) **A person commits the crime of unlawfully awarding an animal as a prize if the person**
25 **knowingly transfers an animal to another person as a prize in a contest, drawing,**
26 **sweepstakes, lottery or other similar event in violation of subsection (1) of this section.**

27 (3) **Unlawfully awarding an animal as a prize is a Class B misdemeanor.**
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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.