

# Senate Bill 127

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL (Pre-session 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**.

Adds Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association to list of entities eligible for individual income tax return checkoff contribution.

Applies to individual income tax returns for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association; creating new provisions; amending ORS  
3 305.727; and prescribing an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 305.727 is amended to read:

6 305.727. (1) In addition to the opportunity to be listed on the Oregon individual tax return forms  
7 under ORS 305.725, an entity on the eligibility roster may apply to the commission for listing in the  
8 Department of Revenue instructions for tax return checkoff contribution as provided in this section.

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

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

14 (a) The Oregon Veterans' Home, the Nongame Wildlife Fund, the Alzheimer's Disease Research  
15 Fund, the Oregon Military Emergency Financial Assistance Fund, the Oregon Department of  
16 Veterans' Affairs Veterans Suicide Prevention and Outreach Program Fund, **the Oregon Volunteer  
17 Firefighters Association** or the subaccount described in ORS 316.493 for contributions dedicated  
18 to the prevention of child abuse and neglect;

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

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

23 (4) The commission shall review applications and approve those that meet the qualifications of  
24 ORS 305.720 and this section. An entity that is approved by the commission shall thereafter qualify  
25 for instruction listing for six years and thereafter must reapply under this section for continued  
26 listing in additional six-year periods, except that an entity that reapplies does not need to collect  
27 10,000 or more signatures.

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

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

4 (7) The department shall cause two lines to be included on the Oregon individual tax return  
5 forms following the listing of the entities described in ORS 305.715 (2). These lines may be used by  
6 a taxpayer to designate one **entity** or two entities that have qualified for instruction listing under  
7 this section as the [*recipient*] **recipients** of [*a*] checkoff [*contribution*] **contributions** by the taxpayer.

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

10 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 305.727 by section 1 of this 2015 Act apply to indi-**  
11 **vidual income tax returns for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015.**

12 **SECTION 3. This 2015 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2015**  
13 **regular session of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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