

# Senate Bill 710

Sponsored by Senator GELSER

## 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 state health plans, health insurers, health care providers or health care clearinghouses to provide, upon request, one copy of individually identifiable health information free of charge to individual, or to specified representative, when individual is requesting Social Security disability benefits or contesting denial of Social Security disability benefits.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to health records requested to obtain Social Security benefits; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 192.553 to 192.581.**

**SECTION 2. A covered entity shall upon request provide one copy of individually identifiable health information free of charge to the individual, or the individual's authorized representative or personal representative, in the case of an individual applying for Social Security disability benefits or appealing the denial of Social Security disability benefits. At the election of the individual or representative, the individually identifiable health information shall be provided in paper or electronic format.**

**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 on its passage.**

**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.