

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2402

Ordered by the House April 18
Including House Amendments dated April 18

Sponsored by Representative LIVELY; Representatives ALONSO LEON, BARNHART, HAYDEN, KENY-GUYER, NATHANSON, NOSSE (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.

Directs [*Center for Health Statistics*] **Oregon Health Authority** to establish **grant** program [*allowing*] **through which** individual who is homeless [*to*] **may** obtain certified copy of individual's record of live birth[,] **at reduced cost or free of charge.**

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Health Authority for program expenses.

[*Becomes operative January 1, 2018.*]

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to individuals who are homeless; creating new provisions; amending ORS 432.435; and pre-
3 scribing an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2017 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**
6 **chapter 432.**

7 **SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish a grant program for the**
8 **purpose of allowing an individual who is homeless to obtain a certified copy of the individual's**
9 **record of live birth at a reduced rate or free of charge.**

10 **(2) In administering the program, the authority:**

11 **(a) Shall award grants to state, regional and local agencies and organizations listed in**
12 **ORS 458.528 for the purpose specified in subsection (1) of this section;**

13 **(b) Shall develop criteria for receiving a grant under this section and processes for ap-**
14 **plying for a grant under this section;**

15 **(c) May require recipients of a grant to report to the authority on the use of grant funds;**
16 **and**

17 **(d) Shall adopt by rule a definition for the term "individual who is homeless" that gives**
18 **the term the same meaning as provided in 42 U.S.C. 11302 for the terms "homeless,"**
19 **"homeless individual" and "homeless person."**

20 **SECTION 3. (1) There is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the**
21 **General Fund, the Birth Certificates for Homeless Persons Fund. Interest earned by the**
22 **Birth Certificates for Homeless Persons Fund shall be credited to the fund. All moneys in**
23 **the Birth Certificates for Homeless Persons Fund are continuously appropriated to the**
24 **Oregon Health Authority for purposes of section 2 of this 2017 Act.**

25 **(2) The Birth Certificates for Homeless Persons Fund shall consist of all moneys credited**

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 **to the fund, including moneys appropriated or transferred to the fund by the Legislative**
2 **Assembly.**

3 **SECTION 4.** ORS 432.435 is amended to read:

4 432.435. (1) Except as provided in ORS 432.445 and subsection (2) of this section, [*and subject to*
5 *the review of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services,*] the Oregon Health Authority shall
6 establish [*all*] fees for **the** services provided under this chapter. [*The fees and charges established*
7 *under this section shall be authorized by the Legislative Assembly for the authority's budget, as the*
8 *budget may be modified by the Emergency Board.*]

9 (2) The State Registrar of the Center for Health Statistics shall search the system of vital sta-
10 tistics and issue certified copies or other documents, as appropriate, without charge if the search
11 or issuance is:

12 (a) Requested in connection with a pending application for benefits from the United States De-
13 partment of Veterans Affairs, if proof of the application is first submitted; or

14 (b) In response to an administrative error as determined by the state registrar.

15 (3) Fees collected under this section [*shall*] **must** be deposited in the Oregon Health Authority
16 Fund and are continuously appropriated to the Center for Health Statistics for the purpose of ad-
17 ministering this chapter.

18 **SECTION 5.** **There is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium be-**
19 **ginning July 1, 2017, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$50,000 for deposit into the Birth**
20 **Certificates for Homeless Persons Fund established in section 3 of this 2017 Act.**

21 **SECTION 6.** **The Oregon Health Authority shall begin issuing grants under section 2 of**
22 **this 2017 Act on or before July 1, 2018.**

23 **SECTION 7.** **This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017**
24 **regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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