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**House Bill 2347**

Sponsored by Representative POWER (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to exemptions to safety belt requirements; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 811.215.

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

**SECTION 1.** ORS 811.215, as amended by section 37, chapter 93, Oregon Laws 2018, is amended to read:

811.215. ORS 811.210 does not apply to:

(1) Privately owned commercial vehicles that are being used for the transportation of persons for compensation or profit. The exemption in this subsection does not apply to any of the following:

(a) Motor carriers, as defined in ORS 825.005, when operating in interstate commerce.

(b) Vehicles designed and used for the transportation of 15 or fewer persons, including the driver, except that the operator of a vehicle described in this paragraph is not required to:

(A) Be properly secured with a safety belt or safety harness as required by ORS 811.210 if the operator is a taxicab operator; or

(B) Ensure that a passenger is properly secured with a child safety system as described in ORS 811.210 (2)(a), (b) or (c).

(2) Any vehicle not required to be equipped with safety belts or safety harnesses at the time the vehicle was manufactured, unless safety belts or safety harnesses have been installed in the vehicle.

(3) Any vehicle exempted by ORS 815.080 from requirements to be equipped upon sale with safety belts or safety harnesses.

(4) Any person for whom a certificate is issued by the Department of Transportation under ORS 811.220.

(5) Any person who is a passenger in a vehicle if all seating positions in the vehicle are occupied by other persons.

(6) Any person who is being transported while in the custody of a police officer or any law enforcement agency.

(7) Any person who is **driving a vehicle while on a newspaper or mail route for the purpose of and while actually engaged in** delivering newspapers or mail in the regular course of work.

(8) Any person who is riding in an ambulance for the purpose of administering medical aid to another person in the ambulance, if being secured by a safety belt or safety harness would substantially inhibit the administration of medical aid.

(9) Any person who is reading utility meters in the regular course of work.

(10) Any person who is employed to operate a vehicle owned by a mass transit district while the vehicle is being used for the transportation of passengers in the public transportation system of the district.

(11) Any person who is collecting solid waste or recyclable materials in the regular course of work.

(12) Any person who is employed to operate a vehicle owned by a tribal government public transportation system while the vehicle is being used for the transportation of passengers in the public transportation system of the tribal government.

**SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 811.215 by section 1 of this 2019 Act apply to conduct occurring on or after the effective date of this 2019 Act.**

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