

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2347

Ordered by the Senate May 20
Including Senate Amendments dated May 20

Sponsored by Representative POWER (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.

Clarifies that current safety belt exemption for delivering newspapers or mail applies to person driving route to deliver newspapers or mail.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to exemptions to safety belt requirements; creating new provisions; and amending ORS
3 811.215.

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

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

7 811.215. ORS 811.210 does not apply to:

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

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

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

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

15 (B) Ensure that a passenger is properly secured with a child safety system as described in ORS
16 811.210 (2)(a), (b) or (c).

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

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

21 (4) Any person for whom a certificate is issued by the Department of Transportation under ORS
22 811.220.

23 (5) Any person who is a passenger in a vehicle if all seating positions in the vehicle are occu-
24 pied by other persons.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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