

House Bill 3097

Sponsored by Representative SCHOUTEN (at the request of Darin Campbell for Working Dogs Oregon)

SUMMARY

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Modifies requirements for carrying dog on external part of vehicle.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to carrying dogs on the external part of a vehicle; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 811.200.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 811.200 is amended to read:

811.200. (1) A person commits the offense of carrying a dog on the external part of a vehicle if the person carries a dog upon the hood, fender, running board, **truck bed** or other external part of any automobile or truck that is upon a highway unless the dog is *[protected by framework, carrier or other device sufficient to keep it from falling from the vehicle.]* **in an enclosed space or, if the space is not enclosed, the dog is otherwise protected in a manner that will prevent the dog from being thrown, falling or jumping from the vehicle, including but not limited to the following:**

(a) **Securing the dog in a truck bed with walls that are at least 46 inches in height;**

(b) **Cross tethering the dog to the vehicle; or**

(c) **Placing the dog in a container or cage that is secured to the vehicle.**

(2) **Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a person does not commit the offense of carrying a dog on the external part of a vehicle if the person:**

(a) **Transports a dog that is experiencing a medical emergency; or**

(b) **Transports a working dog.**

(3) **As used in this section, “working dog” means a dog:**

(a) **Used in the aid of the herding or guarding of livestock; or**

(b) **Professionally trained for, and actively used for:**

(A) **Law enforcement; or**

(B) **Search and rescue purposes.**

~~[(2)]~~ (4) The offense described in this section, carrying a dog on the external part of a vehicle, is a Class D traffic violation.

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 811.200 by section 1 of this 2019 Act apply to conduct occurring on or after the effective date of this 2019 Act.

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.