

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 3413**

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Including House Amendments dated April 12

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**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.

*[Changes name of office of]* **Authorizes** Long Term Care Ombudsman to *[office of Long Term Care Ombudsmen. Adds three ombudsmen to office]* **hire up to 10 deputy ombudsmen.**  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to long term care ombudsmen; amending ORS 441.403; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 441.403 is amended to read:

5 441.403. (1) The office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman is established. The Long Term Care  
6 Ombudsman shall function separately and independently from any other state agency. The Governor  
7 shall appoint the Long Term Care Ombudsman for a four-year term from a list of three nominees  
8 nominated by the Residential Ombudsman and Public Guardianship Advisory Board established un-  
9 der ORS 441.416. The appointment of the Long Term Care Ombudsman is subject to Senate confir-  
10 mation under ORS 171.562 and 171.565. A vacancy shall be filled within 60 days in the same manner  
11 as an appointment is made.

12 (2) The Long Term Care Ombudsman may be removed for just cause, upon recommendation to  
13 the Governor by the Residential Ombudsman and Public Guardianship Advisory Board.

14 (3) The Long Term Care Ombudsman shall have background and experience in the following  
15 areas:

- 16 (a) The fields of aging, mental health or developmental disabilities;  
17 (b) Physical or behavioral health care;  
18 (c) Working with community programs;  
19 (d) Strong understanding of long term care issues, both regulatory and policy;  
20 (e) Working with health care providers;  
21 (f) Working with and involvement in volunteer programs; and  
22 (g) Administrative and managerial experience.

23 **(4) The Long Term Care Ombudsman may hire up to 10 deputy ombudsmen as necessary**  
24 **to perform the duties of the ombudsman.**

25 **SECTION 2. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
26 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**  
27 **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.

