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**SUMMARY**

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Provides exemption, **under certain circumstances**, to natural gas utility vehicles[,] when inspecting or repairing natural gas leak, **and to electric utility vehicles when responding to emergency** [*under certain circumstances*], from offense of illegal stopping, standing or parking.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to exemptions to offense of illegal stopping, standing or parking; creating new provisions;  
3 and amending ORS 811.550 and 811.560.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 811.560 is amended to read:

6 811.560. This section provides exemptions from ORS 811.550 and 811.555. The following ex-  
7 emptions are applicable as provided under ORS 811.550:

8 (1) When applicable, this subsection exempts school buses or worker transport buses stopped on  
9 a roadway to load or unload workers or children, providing that the flashing school bus safety lights  
10 on the bus are operating.

11 (2) When applicable, this subsection exempts vehicles stopped, standing or parked momentarily  
12 to pick up or discharge a passenger.

13 (3) When applicable, this subsection exempts vehicles stopped, standing or parked momentarily  
14 for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading property or passengers.

15 (4) When applicable, this subsection exempts vehicles owned or operated by the state, a county  
16 or city when stopping, standing or parking is necessary to perform maintenance or repair work on  
17 the roadway.

18 (5) When applicable, this subsection exempts vehicles from the prohibitions and penalties when  
19 the driver's disregard of the prohibitions is necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic.

20 (6) When applicable, this subsection exempts vehicles acting in compliance with law or at the  
21 direction of a police officer or a traffic control device.

22 (7) When applicable, this subsection exempts the driver of a vehicle that is disabled in such  
23 manner and to such extent that the driver cannot avoid stopping or temporarily leaving the disabled  
24 vehicle in a prohibited position.

25 (8) When applicable, this subsection exempts vehicles owned or operated by the State Depart-  
26 ment of Fish and Wildlife when stopping, standing or parking is necessary to enable employees to

**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 release fish.

2 (9) When applicable, this subsection exempts vehicles momentarily stopped to allow oncoming  
3 traffic to pass before making a right-hand or left-hand turn or momentarily stopped in preparation  
4 for or while negotiating an exit from the road.

5 (10) When applicable, this subsection exempts commercial vehicles that are stopped, standing  
6 or parked when stopping, standing or parking is necessary to engage in any activity associated with  
7 the collection of solid waste, recyclable material or yard debris, as those terms are defined in ORS  
8 459.005.

9 **(11) When applicable, this subsection exempts vehicles owned or operated by a natural  
10 gas utility when stopping, standing or parking to investigate or repair a natural gas leak if:**

11 **(a) Immediate investigation is necessary; and**

12 **(b) The natural gas utility vehicle displays a sign denoting emergency responder status  
13 to investigate or respond to an emergency.**

14 **(12)(a) When applicable, this subsection exempts vehicles owned or operated by an elec-  
15 tric utility when stopping, standing or parking is necessary to respond to an emergency if  
16 the vehicle is identified as an electric utility vehicle and:**

17 **(A) There is also an emergency vehicle at the location; or**

18 **(B) The electric utility is investigating a downed or arcing utility line.**

19 **(b) As used in this subsection, “electric utility” means an electric company or  
20 consumer-owned utility that is engaged in the business of distributing electricity to retail  
21 electricity consumers in this state.**

22 **SECTION 2.** ORS 811.550 is amended to read:

23 811.550. This section establishes places where stopping, standing and parking a vehicle are  
24 prohibited for purposes of the penalties under ORS 811.555. Except as provided under an exemption  
25 in ORS 811.560, a person is in violation of ORS 811.555 if a person parks, stops or leaves standing  
26 a vehicle in any of the following places:

27 (1) Upon a roadway outside a business district or residence district, whether attended or unat-  
28 tended, when it is practicable to stop, park or leave the vehicle standing off the roadway. Ex-  
29 emptions under ORS 811.560 (1), (7), [and] (9), **(11) and (12)** are applicable to this subsection.

30 (2) On a shoulder, whether attended or unattended, unless a clear and unobstructed width of the  
31 roadway opposite the standing vehicle is left for the passage of other vehicles and the standing ve-  
32 hicle is visible from a distance of 200 feet in each direction upon the roadway or the person, at least  
33 200 feet in each direction upon the roadway, warns approaching motorists of the standing vehicle  
34 by use of flaggers, flags, signs or other signals. Exemptions under ORS 811.560 (9), **(11) and (12)** are  
35 applicable to this subsection.

36 (3) On the roadway side of a vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a highway. Ex-  
37 emptions under ORS 811.560 (7), **(11) and (12)** are applicable to this subsection.

38 (4) On a sidewalk. Exemptions under ORS 811.560 (4) to (7), **(11) and (12)** are applicable to this  
39 subsection.

40 (5) Within an intersection. Exemptions under ORS 811.560 (4) to (7), **(11) and (12)** are applicable  
41 to this subsection.

42 (6) On a crosswalk. Exemptions under ORS 811.560 (4) to (7), **(11) and (12)** are applicable to this  
43 subsection.

44 (7) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of points on the curb imme-  
45 diately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless a different length is indicated by signs and

1 markings. For purposes of this subsection the safety zone must be an area or space officially set  
2 apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and which is protected or is so marked  
3 or indicated by adequate signs as to be plainly visible at all times while set apart as a safety zone.  
4 Exemptions under ORS 811.560 (4) to (7), **(11) and (12)** are applicable to this subsection.

5 (8) Alongside or opposite a street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing or parking  
6 would obstruct traffic. Exemptions under ORS 811.560 (4) to (7), **(11) and (12)** are applicable to this  
7 subsection.

8 (9) Upon a bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway. Exemptions under ORS 811.560  
9 (4) to (8), **(11) and (12)** are applicable to this subsection.

10 (10) Within a highway tunnel. Exemptions under ORS 811.560 (4) to (7), **(11) and (12)** are appli-  
11 cable to this subsection.

12 (11) On any railroad or rail fixed guideway public transportation system tracks or within seven  
13 and one-half feet of the nearest rail at a time when the parking of vehicles would conflict with op-  
14 erations or repair of the tracks. Exemptions under ORS 811.560 (4) to (7), **(11) and (12)** are appli-  
15 cable to this subsection.

16 (12) On a throughway. Exemptions under ORS 811.560 (4) to (7), **(11) and (12)** are applicable to  
17 this subsection.

18 (13) In the area between roadways of a divided highway, including crossovers. Exemptions under  
19 ORS 811.560 (4) to (7), **(11) and (12)** are applicable to this subsection.

20 (14) At any place where traffic control devices prohibit stopping. Exemptions under ORS 811.560  
21 (4) to (7), **(11) and (12)** are applicable to this subsection.

22 (15) In front of a public or private driveway. Exemptions under ORS 811.560 (2), [*and*] (4) to  
23 (7), **(11) and (12)** are applicable to this subsection.

24 (16) Within 10 feet of a fire hydrant. Exemptions under ORS 811.560 (2), [*and*] (4) to (7), **(11) and**  
25 **(12)** are applicable to this subsection.

26 (17) Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection. Exemptions under ORS 811.560 (2), [*and*]  
27 (4) to (7), **(11) and (12)** are applicable to this subsection.

28 (18) Within 50 feet upon the approach to an official flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign or traffic  
29 control device located at the side of the roadway if the standing or parking of a vehicle will obstruct  
30 the view of any traffic control device located at the side of the roadway. Exemptions under ORS  
31 811.560 (2), [*and*] (4) to (7), **(11) and (12)** are applicable to this subsection.

32 (19) Within 15 feet of the driveway entrance to a fire station and on the side of a street opposite  
33 the entrance to a fire station, within 75 feet of the entrance. Exemptions under ORS 811.560 (2),  
34 [*and*] (4) to (7), **(11) and (12)** are applicable to this subsection.

35 (20) At any place where traffic control devices prohibit standing. Exemptions under ORS 811.560  
36 (2), [*and*] (4) to (7), **(11) and (12)** are applicable to this subsection.

37 (21) Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad or rail fixed guideway public transportation  
38 system crossing. Exemptions under ORS 811.560 (3) to (7), **(11) and (12)** are applicable to this sub-  
39 section.

40 (22) At any place where traffic control devices prohibit parking. Exemptions under ORS 811.560  
41 (3) to (7), **(11) and (12)** are applicable to this subsection.

42 (23) On a bicycle lane. Exemptions under ORS 811.560 are applicable to this subsection.

43 (24) On a bicycle path. Exemptions under ORS 811.560 are applicable to this subsection.

44 **SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 811.550 and 811.560 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2019**  
45 **Act apply to conduct occurring on or after the effective date of this 2019 Act.**

