

House Bill 2498

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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 **as introduced**.

Provides that registered owner may request that registration card issued for vehicle include that owner, or person operating vehicle, may be deaf or hard of hearing.

Prohibits Department of Transportation from adding restriction on driver license or driver permit if reason for restriction is because person is deaf or hard of hearing.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to vehicles; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 803.370 and 803.500.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 803.370 is amended to read:

5 803.370. This section establishes requirements for an application for vehicle registration in this
6 state. If an applicant fails to comply with requirements under this section, the Department of
7 Transportation may refuse to register or reregister a vehicle until the applicant complies with the
8 requirements. An application shall contain all of the following:

9 (1) The true name and, except as provided for corrections officers in ORS 802.253, eligible em-
10 ployees in ORS 802.250 or Address Confidentiality Program participants in ORS 192.846, the actual
11 residence or business address of the owner. The department may provide by rule for acceptance of
12 something other than an actual residence or business address if the department determines that the
13 applicant does not have an actual address.

14 (2) A description of the vehicle, including the name of the make and the vehicle identification
15 number.

16 (3) An odometer disclosure in a form determined by the department by rule pursuant to ORS
17 803.120, if a disclosure is otherwise required.

18 (4) Any other information required by the department.

19 (5) If the application is for registration or reregistration of a vehicle that is subject to the fed-
20 eral heavy vehicle use tax, proof that the federal use tax has been paid. The department shall adopt
21 rules to determine proof that will be acceptable for purposes of this subsection.

22 (6) A statement:

23 (a) That the applicant is domiciled in this state as described in ORS 803.355 if the applicant is
24 required by ORS 803.360 to be domiciled in this state in order to register a vehicle in the state; and

25 (b) That so long as the vehicle remains registered to the applicant in this state, the applicant
26 will remain domiciled in this state if required to do so in order to register the vehicle.

27 (7) A statement:

28 (a) That the vehicle qualifies under ORS 803.360 (2) for registration in this state, if the owner
29 is not domiciled in this state and is not required by ORS 803.200, or any other provision of law, to
30 register the vehicle in this state; and

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 (b) That so long as the vehicle remains registered to the applicant under the provisions of ORS
2 803.360 (2), the owner and the vehicle will meet the qualifications of this subsection.

3 (8) A statement upon initial registration that the applicant is in compliance with financial re-
4 sponsibility requirements for the vehicle and will remain in compliance until the vehicle is trans-
5 ferred. Exemptions from this subsection are established in ORS 806.020.

6 (9) If the application is for registration or renewal of registration of a motor vehicle by a motor
7 carrier, the information on drug and alcohol testing programs required by ORS 825.410.

8 **(10) An option to include information on the registration card that the registered owner,
9 or a person who may operate the vehicle, is deaf or hard of hearing.**

10 **SECTION 2.** ORS 803.500 is amended to read:

11 803.500. The Department of Transportation shall furnish for each vehicle and camper registered
12 by the department, a registration card that shows all of the following information:

13 (1) The name of the registered owner.

14 (2) The make.

15 (3) The year model.

16 (4) The vehicle identification number as denoted by the title issued for the vehicle or camper.

17 (5) The mileage of the vehicle as reported to the department at the time the most recent title
18 transfer was reported to the department, or the mileage reported to the department at the time the
19 vehicle was initially titled in Oregon, whichever occurred last.

20 (6) The word "totaled" if the vehicle has been reported to the department as a totaled vehicle
21 under the provisions of ORS 819.012 or 819.014, unless the reason for the report was theft and the
22 vehicle has been recovered.

23 **(7) Upon request of the registered owner, the fact that the registered owner, or a person
24 who may operate the vehicle, is deaf or hard of hearing.**

25 [(7)] (8) Any other information required by the department.

26 [(8)] (9) Notwithstanding subsection [(7)] (8) of this section, after receiving the registration card
27 from the department, the registered owner may black out or otherwise obscure the residence ad-
28 dress, business address, mailing address or vehicle address shown on the registration card. No other
29 information on the registration card may be blacked out or otherwise obscured.

30 **SECTION 3.** Section 4 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle
31 Code.

32 **SECTION 4.** Notwithstanding ORS 807.120, the Department of Transportation may not
33 add a restriction on a driver license or driver permit of a person if the reason for the re-
34 striction is that the person is deaf or hard of hearing.

35 **SECTION 5.** Section 4 of this 2021 Act applies to driver licenses or driver permits issued,
36 renewed or replaced on or after the effective date of this 2021 Act.

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