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SUMMARY

Digest: The Act makes all people who apply to be a notary public take a course before taking the required test. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.6).

Requires an applicant for a commission as a notary public to complete a course of study offered by the Secretary of State before taking the required examination, even if the applicant already holds a commission in Oregon.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to notaries public; creating new provisions; and amending ORS
3 194.325.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 194.325 is amended to read:

6 194.325. (1) An applicant for a commission as a notary public must pass
7 an examination administered by the Secretary of State or an entity approved
8 by the secretary. The examination must be based on the course of study de-
9 scribed in subsection (3) of this section.

10 (2) Before taking the examination required under subsection (1) of this
11 section, an applicant for a commission as a notary public [*who does not hold*
12 *a commission in this state*] must complete a course of study offered by the
13 Secretary of State or an entity approved by the secretary.

14 (3) The Secretary of State or an entity approved by the secretary shall
15 offer regularly a course of study to applicants [*who do not hold commissions*
16 *as notaries public in this state*] **for a commission as a notary public.** The
17 course must cover the laws, rules, procedures and ethics relevant to notarial
18 acts.

19 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 194.325 by section 1 of this

1 **2024 Act apply to applicants who take the notary public examination**
2 **on or after the effective date of this 2024 Act.**

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