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SUMMARY

Digest: This Act limits the size of replacement homes on forest or farm land. (Flesch Readability Score: 76.5).

Establishes maximum size of replacement dwellings on lands zoned for forest or farm use.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to replacement dwellings; amending ORS 215.291.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 215.291 is amended to read:

5 215.291. (1) A lawfully established dwelling may be altered, restored or

6 replaced under ORS 215.213 (1)(q), 215.283 (1)(p) or 215.755 (1) if the county

7 determines that the dwelling to be altered, restored or replaced:

8 (a) Has, or formerly had:

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9 (A) Intact exterior walls and roof structure;

10 (B) Indoor plumbing consisting of a kitchen sink, toilet and bathing fa-

11 cilities connected to a sanitary waste disposal system;

12 (C) Interior wiring for interior lights; and

13 (D) A heating system; and

14 (b)(A) Unless the value of the dwelling was eliminated as a result of de-

15 struction or demolition, was assessed as a dwelling for purposes of ad16 valorem taxation since the later of:

17 (i) Five years before the date of the application; or

(ii) The date that the dwelling was erected upon or fixed to the land andbecame subject to property tax assessment; or

20 (B) If the value of the dwelling was eliminated as a result of destruction

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or demolition, was assessed as a dwelling for purposes of ad valorem taxation
 prior to the destruction or demolition and since the later of:

3 (i) Five years before the date of the destruction or demolition; or

4 (ii) The date that the dwelling was erected upon or fixed to the land and 5 became subject to property tax assessment.

6 (2) For replacement of a lawfully established dwelling under this section:

(a) The dwelling to be replaced must be removed, demolished or converted
to an allowable nonresidential use within three months after the date the
replacement dwelling is certified for occupancy pursuant to ORS 455.055.

10 (b) The replacement dwelling:

11 (A) May be sited on any part of the same lot or parcel.

(B) Must comply with applicable siting standards. However, the standards
may not be applied in a manner that prohibits the siting of the replacement
dwelling.

15 (C) Will not:

(i) Exceed the floor area of the dwelling being replaced by more
 than 10 percent; or

18 (ii) Have a floor area greater than 2,500 square feet.

[(C)] (D) Must comply with the construction provisions of section R327
of the Oregon Residential Specialty Code, if:

(i) The dwelling is in an area identified as extreme or high wildfire risk
on the statewide map of wildfire risk described in ORS 477.490; or

23 (ii) No statewide map of wildfire risk has been adopted.

(c) As a condition of approval, if the dwelling to be replaced is located 24on a portion of the lot or parcel that is not zoned for exclusive farm use, the 25applicant shall execute and cause to be recorded in the deed records of the 26county in which the property is located a deed restriction prohibiting the 27siting of another dwelling on that portion of the lot or parcel. The re-28striction imposed is irrevocable unless the county planning director, or the 29 director's designee, places a statement of release in the deed records of the 30 county to the effect that the provisions of this section and either ORS 31

215.213 or 215.283 regarding replacement dwellings have changed to allow the
 lawful siting of another dwelling.

3 (3) The county planning director, or the director's designee, shall main-4 tain a record of the lots and parcels that do not qualify for the siting of a 5 new dwelling under subsection (2) of this section, including a copy of the 6 deed restrictions filed under subsection (2)(c) of this section.

7 (4) If an applicant is granted a deferred replacement permit under this8 section:

9 (a) The deferred replacement permit:

10 (A) Does not expire but the permit becomes void unless the dwelling to 11 be replaced is removed or demolished within three months after the deferred 12 replacement permit is issued; and

(B) May not be transferred, by sale or otherwise, except by the applicantto the spouse or a child of the applicant.

(b) The replacement dwelling must comply with applicable building codes,
plumbing codes, sanitation codes and other requirements relating to health
and safety or to siting at the time of construction.

(5) An application under this section must be filed within three years
following the date that the dwelling last possessed all the features listed
under subsection (1)(a) of this section.

(6) Construction of a replacement dwelling approved under this section
must commence no later than four years after the approval of the application
under this section becomes final.

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