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## SUMMARY

Digest: The Act says that some agencies have to base approval or denial of permits on the rules in force when the application is done. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.6).

Requires certain agencies to base approval or denial of an application for a new permit on the rules and standards that are applicable at the time that the agency determines the application is complete.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to permits; and prescribing an effective date.

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

**SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2026 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 183.**

**SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, “permit” has the meaning given that term in ORS 183.700.**

**(2) This section applies to the following agencies:**

**(a) The Department of Environmental Quality.**

**(b) The Department of Transportation.**

**(c) The Department of State Lands.**

**(d) The State Department of Energy.**

**(e) The State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.**

**(3)(a) In considering an application for a permit, an agency listed in subsection (2) of this section may require the submission of plans, specifications and corrections and revisions thereto and other reasonable information that it considers necessary to determine that the application is complete and that the applicant is eligible for the per-**

1 **mit. Except when otherwise required by state statute or federal law,**  
2 **an agency listed in subsection (2) of this section shall base approval**  
3 **or denial of an application for a new permit on the rules and standards**  
4 **that are applicable at the time that the agency determines the appli-**  
5 **cation is complete.**

6 **(b) This section does not limit an agency's authority to incorporate**  
7 **newly applicable requirements when considering an application for**  
8 **renewal of a permit, or when changes in operations by the applicant**  
9 **after receiving a permit require the application of new requirements.**

10 **(c) This section does not prohibit an agency from offering an ap-**  
11 **plicant the opportunity to comply with new rules and standards for a**  
12 **permit application after the application is complete.**

13 **SECTION 3. This 2026 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date**  
14 **on which the 2026 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative As-**  
15 **sembly adjourns sine die.**

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