

# House Bill 2534

Sponsored by Representative BOSHART DAVIS (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act makes changes to the crime of riot. (Flesch Readability Score: 94.3).  
Modifies the crime of riot.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to motor vehicles; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 166.015.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 166.015 is amended to read:

5 166.015. (1) A person commits the crime of riot if while participating with five or more other  
6 persons the person engages in tumultuous and violent conduct and thereby intentionally or  
7 recklessly creates a grave risk of causing public alarm.

8 **(2) As used in this section, "tumultuous and violent conduct" includes using a motor**  
9 **vehicle or a person's body to impede traffic, create a traffic hazard or block the normal and**  
10 **reasonable movement of traffic.**

11 **(3) "Tumultuous and violent conduct" does not include the following:**

12 **(a) Proceeding in a manner needed for safe operation of the motor vehicle, including but**  
13 **not limited to:**

14 **(A) Momentarily stopping to allow oncoming traffic to pass before making a right-hand**  
15 **or left-hand turn.**

16 **(B) Momentarily stopping in preparation of, or moving at an extremely slow pace while,**  
17 **negotiating an exit from the road.**

18 **(b) Proceeding as part of a funeral procession under the direction of a funeral escort**  
19 **vehicle or a funeral lead vehicle.**

20 **(c) Proceeding as authorized under ORS 814.070 (3) and (4).**

21 **(d) Proceeding with the approval of and under the conditions imposed by the road au-**  
22 **thority, as defined in ORS 801.445.**

23 ~~[(2)]~~ (4) Riot is a Class C felony.

24 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 166.015 by section 1 of this 2025 Act apply to con-  
25 **duct occurring on or after the effective date of this 2025 Act.**

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**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.