

House Bill 3626

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SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act defines what a "powered micromobility device" is. It also combines the laws for kids under 16, making it clear that they must wear helmets when riding bikes, e-bikes, e-scooters and some other vehicles. Kids who are 12 and older can use e-scooters and certain e-bikes. ODOT must tell the public about these new laws. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.7).

Defines "powered micromobility device" for the vehicle code.

Consolidates and makes uniform standards for wearing protective headgear for children under 16 years of age when riding or using a bicycle, electric assisted bicycle, motor assisted scooter, powered micromobility device and certain nonmotorized vehicles.

Provides that a person 12 years of age or older can use a motor assisted scooter or Class 1 or Class 2 electric assisted bicycle.

Directs the Department of Transportation to undertake a public information campaign to inform the public about the changes to the law.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to vehicles; creating new provisions; amending ORS 153.633, 153.645, 153.650, 153.660, 803.030, 803.305, 806.020, 807.020, 811.050, 811.440, 814.485, 814.486, 814.488, 814.489, 814.512, 815.052, 815.280 and 815.281; and repealing ORS 814.487, 814.534 and 814.600.

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

POWERED MICROMOBILITY DEVICES AND MOTOR ASSISTED SCOOTERS

SECTION 1. Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this 2025 Act are added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle Code.

SECTION 2. Definition of "powered micromobility device." (1) "Powered micromobility device" means a vehicle that:

- (a) Is designed to transport a person;
 - (b) Has a propulsion system;
 - (c) Has a maximum speed of 30 miles per hour; and
 - (d) Has an unloaded weight of less than 100 pounds.
- (2) A "powered micromobility device" does not include:

- (a) Devices exclusively powered by human power; or
- (b) The following devices or vehicles:
 - (A) Electric assisted bicycles;
 - (B) Electric personal assistive mobility devices;
 - (C) Motor assisted scooters; or
 - (D) Motorized wheelchairs.

SECTION 3. Application of vehicle laws to powered micromobility devices. (1) A powered micromobility device is not a motor vehicle for purposes of the Oregon Vehicle Code, except

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 when specifically provided by statute.

2 (2) A person operating a powered micromobility device on a bicycle lane, bicycle path or
3 any part of a highway is subject to any provisions applicable to and has the same rights and
4 duties as the driver of a bicycle when operating on a bicycle lane, bicycle path or any part
5 of a highway, except when otherwise specifically provided by statute.

6 (3) Subject to the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this section, for purposes of the
7 vehicle code:

8 (a) A powered micromobility device is a vehicle; and

9 (b) When the term "vehicle" is used the term shall be deemed to be applicable to powered
10 micromobility devices, except those provisions that by their very nature can have no appli-
11 cation to the devices.

12 (4) The provisions of the vehicle code relating to the operation of a powered micromo-
13 bility device do not relieve an operator or motorist from the duty to exercise due care.

14 **SECTION 4. Local government and state agency regulation of the operation of powered**
15 **micromobility devices.** Local governments and state agencies having jurisdiction over public
16 highways, sidewalks, alleys, bridges, trails, recreational roads and other ways of public pas-
17 sage may regulate by ordinance or rule and by traffic control device the time, place and
18 manner of the operation of powered micromobility devices, including prohibiting their use
19 entirely.

20 **SECTION 5.** ORS 803.030 is amended to read:

21 803.030. This section establishes exemptions from the requirements under ORS 803.025 to obtain
22 title issued by this state. The exemptions are subject to ORS 803.040. The exemptions are in addition
23 to any exemptions under ORS 801.026. Vehicles exempted by this section from the requirements to
24 be titled by this state are not prohibited from being titled by this state if titling is permitted under
25 ORS 803.035. The exemptions are partial or complete as provided in the following:

26 (1) Title from this state is not required for a vehicle unless the vehicle is operated on a highway
27 in this state.

28 (2) Title from this state is not required unless a vehicle is operated under a registration number
29 of this state.

30 (3) Snowmobiles and Class I, Class III and Class IV all-terrain vehicles are not subject to the
31 requirements under ORS 803.025. The requirements and procedures for titling snowmobiles are as
32 provided under ORS 821.060 and 821.070.

33 (4) Road rollers, farm tractors and traction engines are exempt from the requirements for title.

34 (5) Trolleys are exempt from the requirements for title.

35 (6) Bicycles are exempt from the requirements for title.

36 (7) United States Government owned and operated motor vehicles and trailers are exempt from
37 the requirements for title.

38 (8) Implements of husbandry, well drilling machinery, emergency fire apparatus providing public
39 fire protection and wheelchairs are exempt from the requirements for title.

40 (9) Except as provided in subsection (23) of this section, fixed load vehicles are exempt from the
41 requirements for title while operated within the immediate construction project, as described in the
42 governmental agency contract, in the construction or reconstruction of state or county roads,
43 highways or city streets.

44 (10) Motor vehicles designed to operate at a loaded weight over 8,000 pounds, trailers and
45 equipment are exempt from requirements for title while:

1 (a) Owned, leased, contracted or requisitioned by the State Forester, State Board of Forestry,
2 their contractors under ORS chapter 477, or the federal government; and

3 (b) Being used for the purposes of forest protection and fire suppression under ORS chapter 477
4 or a similar federal statute, including movement of the vehicles to and from the work area.

5 (11) Farm trailers are exempt from requirements for title when the operation or movement of
6 the vehicle upon the highways is incidental to its use in an agricultural operation.

7 (12) Golf carts operated under an ordinance adopted under ORS 810.070 are exempt from re-
8 quirements for title.

9 (13) Golf carts or similar vehicles are exempt from requirements for title when:

10 (a) They have not less than three wheels in contact with the ground;

11 (b) They have an unloaded weight of less than 1,300 pounds;

12 (c) They are designed to be and are operated at not more than 15 miles per hour; and

13 (d) They are operated by persons with disabilities.

14 (14) The nonresident owners of vehicles currently registered and titled in any other country,
15 state or territory may operate such vehicles over the highways of this state without complying with
16 the titling requirements under ORS 803.025. All of the following apply to this subsection:

17 (a) This subsection only provides an exemption so long as the owner satisfactorily shows that
18 the owner is not a resident of this state or has been a resident of this state for less than 30 days.
19 For the purpose of this paragraph, a person is a resident of this state if the person meets the resi-
20 dency requirements described in ORS 803.200.

21 (b) The exemption under this subsection applies to vehicles granted exemptions under ORS
22 802.500, 802.520 or 826.005, unless otherwise provided under paragraph (c) of this subsection.

23 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, a vehicle operated over the highways of this
24 state for compensation or profit must comply with the titling requirements under ORS 803.025 in the
25 same manner as required of nontitled vehicles. The following vehicles are not subject to this para-
26 graph:

27 (A) Vehicles operated under reciprocal registration exemptions established under ORS 802.500
28 or 826.005.

29 (B) Vehicles operated under an exemption established under ORS 802.520.

30 (C) Vehicles that are proportionally registered under an agreement established under ORS
31 826.007, and according to the procedures established under ORS 826.009 or 826.011.

32 (D) Any vehicle if duly registered and titled under the laws of the state or country of which the
33 owner is a bona fide resident to the extent that in the foreign country, state, territory or federal
34 district where the owner resides like exemptions and privileges are granted vehicles duly registered
35 and titled under the laws of this state and owned by residents of this state.

36 (d) If no exemptions from titling requirements are in effect under ORS 802.500, 802.520, 826.005
37 or 826.007 with respect to another jurisdiction, any vehicle properly registered and titled in such
38 other jurisdiction and for which evidence of compliance is supplied shall receive, when operated in
39 this state, the same exemptions, benefits and privileges granted by such other jurisdictions to vehi-
40 cles properly registered and titled in this state. Reciprocity extended under this paragraph shall
41 apply to commercial vehicles only when engaged exclusively in interstate commerce.

42 (e) Any vehicle operated under dealer registration plates issued by another state, country,
43 province, territory or the District of Columbia is subject to this subsection.

44 (15) Vehicle dealers issued certificates under ORS 822.020 may use and operate untitled vehicles
45 as provided under ORS 822.040.

1 (16) Towing businesses issued certificates under ORS 822.205 may tow untitled vehicles as pro-
2 vided under ORS 822.210.

3 (17) Vehicle transporters issued certificates under ORS 822.310 may transport untitled vehicles
4 as provided in ORS 822.310.

5 (18) Untitled vehicles may be operated under trip permits described under ORS 803.600 or under
6 permits described under ORS 803.610 to 803.625.

7 (19) Vehicles that are registered by the United States Department of State and that are owned
8 or operated by foreign nationals with diplomatic immunity are exempt from the requirements for
9 title.

10 (20)(a) Vehicles that are registered under the proportional registration provisions of ORS chap-
11 ter 826 and are titled in a jurisdiction other than Oregon are exempt from the requirements for title.

12 (b) A trailer that is registered under the proportional registration provisions of ORS chapter 826
13 and titled in a jurisdiction other than Oregon shall remain exempt from the requirements for title
14 in Oregon if the trailer is registered when the other jurisdiction removes its exception to propor-
15 tional registration requirements for the trailer.

16 (21) Converter dollies and tow dollies are exempt from the requirements for title.

17 (22) Electric personal assistive mobility devices are exempt from the requirements for title.

18 (23) Road machinery that is operated at the direction of a road authority is exempt from the
19 requirements for title. The exemption under this subsection also applies when the operation of road
20 machinery upon a highway or an alley is incidental to its use in a highway maintenance operation.

21 (24) Special mobile equipment is exempt from the requirements for title.

22 **(25) Powered micromobility devices are exempt from the requirements for title.**

23 **SECTION 6.** ORS 803.305 is amended to read:

24 803.305. This section establishes exemptions from the requirements under ORS 803.300. The ex-
25 emptions under this section are in addition to any exemptions under ORS 801.026. Vehicles exempted
26 by this section from the requirements to be registered by this state are not prohibited from being
27 registered by this state if registration is permitted under ORS 803.310. The following are exempt,
28 either partially or completely as described, from the registration requirements under ORS 803.300:

29 (1) Road rollers, farm tractors, trolleys and traction engines are exempt from registration.

30 (2) Bicycles are exempt from registration.

31 (3) A vehicle is exempt from registration if it has registration issued for the vehicle by the
32 Armed Forces of the United States where the registration is issued in a foreign country to a vehicle
33 owned by a member of the Armed Forces. The exemption granted by this subsection applies only for
34 a period of 45 days from the time the vehicle is returned to the United States.

35 (4) A vehicle is exempt from registration if it is not operated on the highways of this state.

36 (5) A trailer is exempt from registration if it is equipped with pneumatic tires made of elastic
37 material and is not operated in this state with a loaded weight of more than 1,800 pounds. A trailer
38 for hire, travel trailer or camper is not exempt by this subsection.

39 (6) Vehicles owned and operated by the United States Government are exempt from registration.

40 (7) Snowmobiles are subject to the requirements for registration provided under ORS 821.080 to
41 821.110.

42 (8) Implements of husbandry, well drilling machinery, emergency fire apparatus providing public
43 fire protection and wheelchairs are exempt from registration.

44 (9) Road graders, farm tractors and farm trailers on highways are exempt from registration when
45 the operation of the vehicle upon the highway is incidental to its use in an agricultural operation.

1 (10) Except as provided in subsection (26) of this section, fixed load vehicles are exempt from
2 registration while the vehicles are operated:

3 (a) In the construction or reconstruction of state or county roads, highways or city streets; and

4 (b) Within the immediate construction projects, as described in the governmental agency con-
5 tract under which the work is being performed.

6 (11) Motor vehicles designed to operate at a loaded weight over 8,000 pounds, trailers and
7 equipment are exempt from registration while being used for the purposes of forest protection and
8 fire suppression under ORS chapter 477 or a similar federal statute. The exemption under this sub-
9 section applies to the vehicles or equipment described while being moved to or from the work area.
10 The exemption under this subsection only applies to vehicles or equipment owned, leased, contracted
11 for or requisitioned by the State Forester or State Board of Forestry, a contractor of the State
12 Forester or State Board of Forestry under ORS chapter 477 or the United States Government.

13 (12) Vehicles being used for the purposes of forest protection and fire suppression are exempt
14 if the vehicles are necessary in order to comply with ORS 477.615 or 477.650 or a similar federal
15 statute. The exemption under this subsection also applies to the vehicles described being moved to
16 or from the work area.

17 (13) Golf cart exemptions from registration are as provided in ORS 820.210.

18 (14) Vehicles currently registered and titled in any other country, state or territory are not re-
19 quired to be registered by this state. All of the following apply to this subsection:

20 (a) This subsection only provides an exemption as long as the owner of the vehicle satisfactorily
21 shows that the owner is not a resident of this state or has been a resident of this state for less than
22 30 days. For the purpose of this paragraph, a person is a resident of this state if the person meets
23 the residency requirements described in ORS 803.200.

24 (b) The exemption under this subsection applies to vehicles granted exemptions under ORS
25 802.500, 802.520 or 826.005 unless otherwise provided for under paragraph (c) of this subsection.

26 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, a vehicle operated over the highways of this
27 state for compensation or profit must comply with the registration requirements under ORS 803.300
28 in the same manner as vehicles owned by persons in this state. The following vehicles are not sub-
29 ject to this paragraph:

30 (A) Vehicles operated under reciprocal registration exemptions established under ORS 802.500
31 or 826.005.

32 (B) Vehicles operated under an exemption established under ORS 802.520.

33 (C) Vehicles that are proportionally registered under an agreement established under ORS
34 826.007 and according to the procedures established under ORS 826.009 and 826.011.

35 (D) Any vehicle if duly registered and titled under the laws of the state or country of which the
36 owner is a bona fide resident to the extent that in the foreign country, state, territory or federal
37 district where the owner resides like exemptions and privileges are granted vehicles duly registered
38 and titled under the laws of this state and owned by residents of this state.

39 (d) If no exemption from registration requirements is in effect under ORS 802.500, 802.520,
40 826.005 or 826.007 with respect to another jurisdiction, any vehicle properly registered and titled in
41 such other jurisdiction and for which evidence of compliance is supplied shall receive, when oper-
42 ated in this state, the same exemptions, benefits and privileges granted by such other jurisdictions
43 to vehicles properly registered and titled in this state. Reciprocity extended under this paragraph
44 shall apply to commercial vehicles only when engaged exclusively in interstate commerce.

45 (e) Any vehicle operated under dealer registration plates issued by another state, country,

1 province, territory or the District of Columbia is subject to this subsection.

2 (15) Vehicles operated or used by vehicle dealers may be operated or used without registration
3 as provided under ORS 822.040.

4 (16) Vehicles towed by towing businesses may be towed without registration as provided under
5 ORS 822.210.

6 (17) Vehicles without registration may be transported by vehicle transporters as provided under
7 ORS 822.310.

8 (18) Vehicles that are not registered may be operated under trip permits described under ORS
9 803.600 or under permits described under ORS 803.610 to 803.625.

10 (19) If trailers that are part of a fleet of trailers for hire are properly registered in this state
11 under an agreement entered into pursuant to ORS 802.500, all trailers that are identified as being
12 a part of the same fleet and that are currently registered in any state, territory, province, country
13 or the District of Columbia shall be permitted to operate in this state in both interstate and intra-
14 state commerce without being registered by this state.

15 (20) Vehicles that are registered by the United States Department of State and that are owned
16 or operated by foreign nationals with diplomatic immunity are exempt from registration.

17 (21) Tow dollies and converter dollies are exempt from registration.

18 (22) Class I, Class III and Class IV all-terrain vehicles are exempt from registration.

19 (23) Motor assisted scooters are exempt from registration.

20 (24) Electric personal assistive mobility devices are exempt from registration.

21 (25) A racing activity vehicle that is being operated for the purposes of a test drive within a
22 30-mile radius of the location where the vehicle is manufactured is exempt from registration.

23 (26) Road machinery that is operated at the direction of a road authority is exempt from regis-
24 tration. The exemption under this subsection also applies when the operation of road machinery
25 upon a highway or an alley is incidental to its use in a highway maintenance operation.

26 **(27) Powered micromobility devices are exempt from registration.**

27 **SECTION 7.** ORS 806.020 is amended to read:

28 806.020. This section provides exemptions from the necessity for compliance with or proof of
29 compliance with financial responsibility requirements in accident reports under ORS 811.725, when
30 applying for vehicle registration under ORS 803.370 or 803.460 and for operating a vehicle under
31 ORS 806.010. The owner or operator of a vehicle is exempt, as provided by this section, from finan-
32 cial responsibility requirements if the vehicle involved in the accident, sought to be registered or
33 operated is any of the following:

34 (1) An antique vehicle issued permanent registration under ORS 805.010.

35 (2) A farm trailer.

36 (3) A farm tractor.

37 (4) An implement of husbandry.

38 (5) A vehicle of special interest that is maintained as a collector's item and used for exhibitions,
39 parades, club activities and similar uses, but not used primarily for the transportation of persons
40 or property.

41 (6) A snowmobile or a Class I, Class III or Class IV all-terrain vehicle, unless the vehicle is
42 operating on an all-terrain vehicle highway access route that is designated by the Oregon Trans-
43 portation Commission as open to all-terrain vehicles.

44 (7) Any motor vehicle not operated on any highway or premises open to the public in this state.

45 (8) A motor assisted scooter.

1 (9) An electric personal assistive mobility device.

2 (10) **A powered micromobility device.**

3 **SECTION 8.** ORS 807.020, as amended by section 3, chapter 12, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended
4 to read:

5 807.020. A person who is granted a driving privilege by this section may exercise the driving
6 privilege described without violation of the requirements under ORS 807.010. A grant of driving
7 privileges to operate a motor vehicle under this section is subject to suspension and revocation the
8 same as other driving privileges granted under the vehicle code. This section is in addition to any
9 exemptions from the vehicle code under ORS 801.026. The following persons are granted the de-
10 scribed driving privileges:

11 (1) A person who is not a resident of this state or who has been a resident of this state for less
12 than 30 days may operate a motor vehicle without an Oregon license or driver permit if the person
13 holds a current out-of-state license issued to the person. For the purpose of this subsection, a person
14 is a resident of this state if the person meets the residency requirements described in ORS 807.062.
15 To qualify under this subsection, the person must have the out-of-state license or driver permit in
16 the person's possession. A person is not granted driving privileges under this subsection:

17 (a) If the person is under the minimum age required to be eligible for driving privileges under
18 ORS 807.060;

19 (b) During a period of suspension or revocation by this state or any other jurisdiction of driving
20 privileges or of the right to apply for a license or driver permit issued by this state or any other
21 jurisdiction; or

22 (c) That exceed the driving privileges granted to the person by the out-of-state license or driver
23 permit.

24 (2) A person who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or a member of the
25 commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration may operate a motor
26 vehicle without an Oregon license or driver permit if the person is operating a motor vehicle in the
27 course of the person's duties in the Armed Forces or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-
28 ministration.

29 (3) A person without a license or driver permit may operate a road roller or road machinery
30 that is not required to be registered under the laws of this state.

31 (4) A person without a license or driver permit may temporarily operate, draw, move or propel
32 a farm tractor or implement of husbandry.

33 (5) A person without a license or driver permit may operate a motor vehicle to demonstrate
34 driving ability during the course of an examination administered under ORS 807.070 for the purpose
35 of qualifying for a license or driver permit. This subsection only applies when an authorized exam-
36 iner is in a seat beside the driver of the motor vehicle.

37 (6) Driving privileges for snowmobiles are exclusively as provided in ORS 821.150.

38 (7) Driving privileges for Class I all-terrain vehicles are exclusively as provided in ORS 821.170,
39 unless a person is operating a Class I all-terrain vehicle on an all-terrain vehicle highway access
40 route that is designated by the Oregon Transportation Commission as open to all-terrain vehicles.

41 (8) Driving privileges for Class III all-terrain vehicles are exclusively as provided in ORS
42 821.172, unless a person is operating a Class III all-terrain vehicle on an all-terrain vehicle highway
43 access route that is designated by the commission as open to all-terrain vehicles.

44 (9) Driving privileges for Class IV all-terrain vehicles are exclusively as provided in ORS
45 821.176, unless a person is operating a Class IV all-terrain vehicle on an all-terrain vehicle highway

1 access route that is designated by the commission as open to all-terrain vehicles.

2 (10) A person without a license or driver permit may operate a golf cart in accordance with an
3 ordinance adopted under ORS 810.070.

4 (11) The spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty or the
5 spouse of a member of the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminis-
6 tration who is accompanying the member on assignment in this state may operate a motor vehicle
7 if the spouse has a current out-of-state license or driver permit issued to the spouse by another state
8 in the spouse's possession.

9 (12) A person who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty or a
10 member of the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration may
11 operate a motor vehicle if the person has a current out-of-state license or driver permit in the
12 person's possession that is issued to the person by the person's state of domicile or by the Armed
13 Forces of the United States in a foreign country. Driving privileges described under this subsection
14 that are granted by the Armed Forces apply only for a period of 45 days from the time the person
15 returns to the United States.

16 (13) A person who does not hold a motorcycle endorsement may operate a motorcycle if the
17 person is:

18 (a) Within an enclosed cab;

19 (b) Operating a vehicle designed to travel with three wheels in contact with the ground at
20 speeds of less than 15 miles per hour; or

21 (c) Operating an auticycle.

22 (14) Except as provided in subsection (15) of this section, a person may operate a bicycle without
23 any grant of driving privileges.

24 (15) A person may operate the following without any grant of driving privileges if the person is
25 *[16 years of age or older]* **operating:**

26 (a) A Class 1 electric assisted bicycle **and is 12 years of age or older;**

27 (b) A Class 2 electric assisted bicycle **and is 12 years of age or older;** or

28 (c) A Class 3 electric assisted bicycle **and is 16 years of age or older.**

29 (16) A person may operate a motor assisted scooter without *[a driver license or driver permit]*
30 **any grant of driving privileges** if the person is *[16]* **12** years of age or older.

31 (17) A person who is not a resident of this state or who has been a resident of this state for less
32 than 30 days may operate a motor vehicle without an Oregon license or driver permit if the person
33 is at least 15 years of age and has in the person's possession a current out-of-state equivalent of a
34 Class C instruction driver permit issued to the person. For the purpose of this subsection, a person
35 is a resident of this state if the person meets the residency requirements described in ORS 807.062.
36 A person operating a motor vehicle under authority of this subsection has the same privileges and
37 is subject to the same restrictions as a person operating under the authority of a Class C instruction
38 driver permit issued as provided in ORS 807.280.

39 (18) A person may operate an electric personal assistive mobility device without any grant of
40 driving privileges if the person is *[16]* **12** years of age or older.

41 **(19) A person may operate a powered micromobility device without any grant of driving**
42 **privileges if the person is 12 years of age or older.**

43 **SECTION 9.** ORS 811.050 is amended to read:

44 811.050. (1) A person commits the offense of failure of a motor vehicle operator to yield to a
45 rider on a bicycle lane if the person is operating a motor vehicle and the person does not yield the

1 right of way to a person operating a bicycle, electric assisted bicycle, electric personal assistive
 2 mobility device, moped, motor assisted scooter, **powered micromobility device** or motorized
 3 wheelchair upon a bicycle lane.

4 (2) This section does not require a person operating a moped to yield the right of way to a bi-
 5 cycle or a motor assisted scooter if the moped is operated on a bicycle lane in the manner permitted
 6 under ORS 811.440.

7 (3) The offense described in this section, failure of a motor vehicle operator to yield to a rider
 8 on a bicycle lane, is a Class B traffic violation.

9 **SECTION 10.** ORS 811.440 is amended to read:

10 811.440. This section provides exemptions from the prohibitions under ORS 811.435 and 814.210
 11 against operating motor vehicles on bicycle lanes and paths. The following vehicles are not subject
 12 to ORS 811.435 and 814.210 under the circumstances described:

13 (1) A person may operate a moped on a bicycle lane that is immediately adjacent to the roadway
 14 only while the moped is being exclusively powered by human power.

15 (2) A person may operate a motor vehicle upon a bicycle lane when:

16 (a) Making a turn;

17 (b) Entering or leaving an alley, private road or driveway; or

18 (c) Required in the course of official duty.

19 (3) An implement of husbandry may momentarily cross into a bicycle lane to permit other vehi-
 20 cles to overtake and pass the implement of husbandry.

21 (4) A person may operate a motorized wheelchair on a bicycle lane or path.

22 (5) A person may operate a motor assisted scooter on a bicycle lane or path.

23 (6) A person may operate an electric personal assistive mobility device on a bicycle lane or path.

24 **(7) A person may operate a powered micromobility device on a bicycle lane or path.**

25 **SECTION 11.** ORS 814.512 is amended to read:

26 814.512. (1) A person operating a motor assisted scooter commits the offense of unlawful opera-
 27 tion of a motor assisted scooter if:

28 (a) The person is under [16] **12** years of age; or

29 (b) The person operates a motor assisted scooter at a rate of speed exceeding 15 miles per hour.

30 (2) The offense described in this section, unlawful operation of a motor assisted scooter, is a
 31 Class D traffic violation.

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 33 **PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR REQUIREMENTS**

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 35 **SECTION 12.** ORS 814.485 is amended to read:

36 814.485. (1) A person commits the offense of failure [*of a bicycle operator or rider*] to wear pro-
 37 tective headgear if the person is under 16 years of age, operates, **uses** or rides on a [*bicycle*] **vehicle**
 38 on a highway or on premises open to the public and is not wearing protective headgear of a type
 39 approved under ORS 815.052. **This section applies to the following:**

40 **(a) Bicycles;**

41 **(b) Motor assisted scooters;**

42 **(c) Electric personal assistive mobility devices;**

43 **(d) Powered micromobility devices; or**

44 **(e) Skateboards, nonmotorized scooters or in-line skates.**

45 [*(2) Exemptions from this section are as provided in ORS 814.487.*]

1 **(2) A person is exempt from the protective headgear requirement of subsection (1) of this**
 2 **section if wearing the headgear would violate a religious belief or practice of the person.**

3 (3) The offense described in this section, failure [*of a bicycle operator or rider*] to wear protective
 4 headgear, is a specific fine traffic violation. The presumptive fine for failure [*of a bicycle operator*
 5 *or rider*] to wear protective headgear is \$25.

6 **SECTION 13.** ORS 814.486 is amended to read:

7 814.486. (1) A person commits the offense of endangering a [*bicycle*] **vehicle** operator or pas-
 8 senger if:

9 (a) The person is operating **or using** a [*bicycle*] **vehicle** on a highway or on premises open to
 10 the public and the person carries another person on the [*bicycle*] **vehicle** who is under 16 years of
 11 age and is not wearing protective headgear of a type approved under ORS 815.052; or

12 (b) The person is the parent, legal guardian or person with legal responsibility for the safety
 13 and welfare of a child under 16 years of age and the child operates, **uses** or rides on a [*bicycle*]
 14 **vehicle** on a highway or on premises open to the public without wearing protective headgear of a
 15 type approved under ORS 815.052.

16 [*(2) Exemptions from this section are as provided in ORS 814.487.*]

17 **(2) A person is exempt from the protective headgear requirement of subsection (1) of this**
 18 **section if wearing the headgear would violate a religious belief or practice of the person.**

19 **(3) This section applies to the following vehicles:**

20 **(a) Bicycles;**

21 **(b) Motor assisted scooters;**

22 **(c) Electric personal assistive mobility devices;**

23 **(d) Powered micromobility devices; or**

24 **(e) Skateboards, nonmotorized scooters or in-line skates.**

25 [*(3)*] **(4)** The offense described in this section, endangering a [*bicycle*] **vehicle** operator or pas-
 26 senger, is a specific fine traffic violation. The presumptive fine for endangering a [*bicycle*] **vehicle**
 27 operator or passenger is \$25.

28 **SECTION 14.** ORS 814.489 is amended to read:

29 814.489. Evidence of violation of ORS 814.485 or 814.486 and evidence of lack of protective
 30 headgear [*shall*] **is** not [*be*] admissible, applicable or effective to reduce the amount of damages or
 31 to constitute a defense to an action for damages brought by or on behalf of an injured [*bicyclist or*
 32 *bicycle passenger*] **vehicle operator, vehicle user** or the survivors of a deceased [*bicyclist*] **vehicle**
 33 **operator, vehicle user** or passenger if the [*bicyclist*] **vehicle operator, vehicle user** or passenger
 34 was injured or killed as a result in whole or in part of the fault of another.

35 **SECTION 15.** ORS 814.488 is amended to read:

36 814.488. (1) If a child in violation of ORS 814.485 is [*11*] **under 16** years of age [*or younger*], any
 37 citation issued shall be issued to the parent, legal guardian or person with legal responsibility for
 38 the safety and welfare of the child for violation of ORS 814.486, rather than to the child for violation
 39 of ORS 814.485.

40 [*(2) If a child in violation of ORS 814.485 is at least 12 years of age and is under 16 years of age,*
 41 *a citation may be issued to the child for violation of ORS 814.485 or to the parent, legal guardian or*
 42 *person with legal responsibility for the safety and welfare of the child for violation of ORS 814.486,*
 43 *but not to both.*]

44 [*(3)*] **(2)** The first time a person is convicted of an offense described in ORS 814.485 or 814.486,
 45 the person [*shall*] **is** not [*be*] required to pay a fine if the person proves to the satisfaction of the

1 court that the person has protective headgear of a type approved under ORS 815.052.

2 **SECTION 16.** ORS 815.052 is amended to read:

3 815.052. (1) The Department of Transportation shall adopt and enforce rules establishing mini-
 4 mum standards and specifications for safe protective headgear to be worn by people operating, **us-**
 5 **ing or riding** [*bicycles, by passengers on bicycles and by people riding on skateboards or scooters or*
 6 *using in-line skates*] **vehicles.**

7 **(2) This section applies to the following vehicles:**

8 **(a) Bicycles;**

9 **(b) Motor assisted scooters;**

10 **(c) Electric personal assistive mobility devices;**

11 **(d) Powered micromobility devices; or**

12 **(e) Skateboards, nonmotorized scooters or in-line skates.**

13 **(3)** The rules shall conform, insofar as practicable, to national safety standards and specifica-
 14 tions for such headgear.

15 **SECTION 17.** ORS 815.281 is amended to read:

16 815.281. (1) A person commits the offense of selling noncomplying bicycle equipment if the per-
 17 son sells or offers for sale any [*bicycle*] **protective** headgear that does not meet the standards es-
 18 tablished by the Department of Transportation under ORS 815.052.

19 (2) A person commits the offense of unlawfully renting or leasing a bicycle to another if the
 20 person:

21 (a) Is in the business of renting or leasing bicycles; and

22 (b) Does not have [*bicycle*] **protective** headgear approved under ORS 815.052 available for rental
 23 for use by persons under 16 years of age.

24 (3) The offenses described in this section are Class D traffic violations.

25 **SECTION 18.** ORS 814.487, 814.534 and 814.600 are repealed.

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 27 **BATTERY STANDARDS**

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 29 **SECTION 19.** ORS 815.280 is amended to read:

30 815.280. (1) A person commits the offense of violation of [*bicycle*] **vehicle** equipment require-
 31 ments if the person does any of the following:

32 (a) Operates on any highway a bicycle **or powered micomobility device** in violation of the re-
 33 quirements of this section.

34 (b) Is the parent or guardian of a minor child or ward and authorizes or knowingly permits the
 35 child or ward to operate a bicycle **or powered micromobility device** on any highway in violation
 36 of the requirements of this section.

37 (2) A bicycle **or powered micomobility device** is operated in violation of the requirements of
 38 this section if any of the following requirements are violated:

39 (a) A bicycle must be equipped with a brake that enables the operator of the bicycle to stop the
 40 bicycle within 15 feet from a speed of 10 miles per hour on dry, level, clean pavement.

41 (b) A person [*shall*] **may** not install or use any siren or whistle upon a bicycle. This paragraph
 42 does not apply to bicycles used by police officers.

43 **(c) An electric assisted bicycle or powered micromobility device must be equipped with**
 44 **a battery or electric drive system that has been tested by an accredited testing laboratory**
 45 **for compliance with safety standards for electric assisted bicycles or powered micromobility**

1 **devices the department has established by rule. This paragraph applies to electric assisted**
2 **bicycles and powered micromobility devices manufactured on or after January 1, 2026.**

3 [(c)] (d) At the times described in the following, a bicycle or its rider must be equipped with
4 lighting equipment that meets the described requirements:

5 (A) The lighting equipment must be used during limited visibility conditions.

6 (B) The lighting equipment must show a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet
7 to the front of the bicycle.

8 (C) The lighting equipment must have a red reflector or lighting device or material of such size
9 or characteristic and so mounted as to be visible from all distances up to 600 feet to the rear when
10 directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlights on a motor vehicle.

11 (3) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the use of additional parts
12 and accessories on any bicycle consistent with this section.

13 (4) The offense described in this section, violation of [*bicycle*] **vehicle** equipment requirements,
14 is a Class D traffic violation.

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16 **PUBLIC EDUCATION**

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18 **SECTION 20. Section 21 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of the Oregon Ve-**
19 **hicle Code.**

20 **SECTION 21. The Department of Transportation shall inform the public through its var-**
21 **ious driver education programs about vehicle safety for children and adults, including but**
22 **not limited to increasing knowledge and understanding about laws relating to protective**
23 **headgear, the age requirements and the rules of the road when operating, riding or using the**
24 **following types of vehicles:**

25 (1) **Bicycles;**

26 (2) **Motor assisted scooters;**

27 (3) **Electric personal assistive mobility devices;**

28 (4) **Powered micromobility devices; or**

29 (5) **Skateboards, nonmotorized scooters or in-line skates.**

30 **SECTION 22. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-**
31 **priated to the Department of Transportation, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out**
32 **of the General Fund, the amount of \$250,000, which may be expended for carrying out the**
33 **provisions of section 21 of this 2025 Act.**

34 **SECTION 23. Section 21 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.**

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36 **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS**

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38 **SECTION 24. ORS 153.633 is amended to read:**

39 153.633. (1) In any criminal action in a circuit court in which a fine is imposed, the lesser of the
40 following amounts is payable to the state before any other distribution of the fine is made:

41 (a) \$65; or

42 (b) The amount of the fine if the fine is less than \$65.

43 (2) In any criminal action in a justice or municipal court in which a fine is imposed, the lesser
44 of the following amounts is payable to the state before any other distribution of the fine is made:

45 (a) \$50; or

1 (b) The amount of the fine if the fine is less than \$50.

2 (3) A justice or municipal court shall forward the amount prescribed under subsection (2) of this
3 section to the Department of Revenue for deposit in the Criminal Fine Account.

4 (4)(a) The provisions of this section do not apply to fines imposed under ORS 339.990.

5 (b) The provisions of subsection (2) of this section do not apply to fines imposed in justice and
6 municipal courts under ORS 811.590, 814.485, 814.486, [814.534,] 814.536[, 814.600] or 830.990 (1).

7 **SECTION 25.** ORS 153.645 is amended to read:

8 153.645. (1) If a justice court enters a judgment of conviction for a traffic offense and the con-
9 viction resulted from a prosecution arising out of an arrest or complaint made by an officer of the
10 Oregon State Police or by any other enforcement officer employed by state government, as defined
11 in ORS 174.111:

12 (a) The amount prescribed by ORS 153.633 (2) is payable to the state and must be forwarded to
13 the Department of Revenue for deposit in the Criminal Fine Account;

14 (b) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, one-half of the amount remaining after any payment
15 required by paragraph (a) of this subsection is payable to the county in which the justice court is
16 located; and

17 (c) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, one-half of the amount remaining after any payment
18 required by paragraph (a) of this subsection is payable to the state.

19 (2) If a justice court enters a judgment of conviction for a traffic offense and the conviction
20 resulted from a prosecution arising out of an arrest or complaint made by a sheriff, deputy sheriff
21 or any other enforcement officer employed by the county:

22 (a) The amount prescribed by ORS 153.633 (2) is payable to the state and must be forwarded to
23 the Department of Revenue for deposit in the Criminal Fine Account; and

24 (b) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, the remaining amount of the fine is payable to the
25 county in which the court is located.

26 (3) If a justice court enters a judgment of conviction for a traffic offense and the conviction
27 resulted from a prosecution arising out of an arrest or complaint made by an enforcement officer
28 employed by any other local government, as defined in ORS 174.116:

29 (a) The amount prescribed by ORS 153.633 (2) is payable to the state and must be forwarded to
30 the Department of Revenue for deposit in the Criminal Fine Account;

31 (b) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, one-half of the amount remaining after any payment
32 required by paragraph (a) of this subsection is payable to the local government that employs the
33 enforcement officer; and

34 (c) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, one-half of the amount remaining after any payment
35 required by paragraph (a) of this subsection is payable to the county in which the court is located.

36 (4) If the full amount of the fine imposed by a justice court is collected, the last \$16 of the
37 amount collected shall be paid to the county treasurer for the county in which the court is located
38 and may be used only for the purposes specified in ORS 153.660. If the full amount of the fine im-
39 posed is not collected, the \$16 payment required by this subsection shall be reduced by one dollar
40 for every dollar of the fine that is not collected. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to
41 fines imposed for violations of ORS 811.590, 814.485, 814.486, [814.534,] 814.536[, 814.600] or 830.990
42 (1).

43 **SECTION 26.** ORS 153.650 is amended to read:

44 153.650. (1) If a municipal court enters a judgment of conviction for a traffic offense and the
45 conviction resulted from a prosecution arising out of an arrest or complaint made by an officer of

1 the Oregon State Police or by any other enforcement officer employed by state government, as de-
 2 fined in ORS 174.111:

3 (a) The amount prescribed by ORS 153.633 (2) is payable to the state and must be forwarded to
 4 the Department of Revenue for deposit in the Criminal Fine Account;

5 (b) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, one-half of the amount remaining after any payment
 6 required by paragraph (a) of this subsection is payable to the city in which the municipal court is
 7 located; and

8 (c) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, one-half of the amount remaining after any payment
 9 required by paragraph (a) of this subsection is payable to the state.

10 (2) If a municipal court enters a judgment of conviction for a traffic offense and the conviction
 11 resulted from a prosecution arising out of an arrest or complaint made by a city police officer or
 12 any other enforcement officer employed by the city:

13 (a) The amount prescribed by ORS 153.633 (2) is payable to the state and must be forwarded to
 14 the Department of Revenue for deposit in the Criminal Fine Account; and

15 (b) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, the remaining amount of the fine is payable to the
 16 city in which the court is located.

17 (3) If a municipal court enters a judgment of conviction for a traffic offense and the conviction
 18 resulted from a prosecution arising out of an arrest or complaint made by an enforcement officer
 19 employed by any other local government, as defined in ORS 174.116:

20 (a) The amount prescribed by ORS 153.633 (2) is payable to the state and must be forwarded to
 21 the Department of Revenue for deposit in the Criminal Fine Account;

22 (b) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, one-half of the amount remaining after any payment
 23 required by paragraph (a) of this subsection is payable to the local government that employs the
 24 enforcement officer; and

25 (c) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, one-half of the amount remaining after any payment
 26 required by paragraph (a) of this subsection is payable to the city in which the court is located.

27 (4) If the full amount of the fine imposed by a municipal court is collected, the last \$16 of the
 28 amount collected shall be paid to the county treasurer for the county in which the court is located
 29 and may be used only for the purposes specified in ORS 153.660. If the full amount of the fine im-
 30 posed is not collected, the \$16 payment required by this subsection shall be reduced by one dollar
 31 for every dollar of the fine that is not collected. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to
 32 fines imposed for violations of ORS 811.590, 814.485, 814.486, [814.534,] 814.536[, 814.600] or 830.990
 33 (1).

34 **SECTION 27.** ORS 153.660 is amended to read:

35 153.660. (1) If a justice or municipal court imposes a fine for any offense other than a traffic
 36 offense and the full amount of the fine imposed is collected, the last \$16 of the amount collected
 37 shall be paid to the county treasurer for the county in which the court is located and may be used
 38 only for the purposes specified in this section. If the full amount of the fine imposed is not collected,
 39 the \$16 payment required by this subsection shall be reduced by one dollar for every dollar of the
 40 fine that is not collected. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to fines imposed for vio-
 41 lations of ORS 811.590, 814.485, 814.486, [814.534,] 814.536[, 814.600] or 830.990 (1).

42 (2) Sixty percent of the amounts paid to the county treasurer under this section and under ORS
 43 153.645 (4) and 153.650 (4) shall be deposited by the treasurer in the county treasury and may be
 44 used only for drug and alcohol programs and for the costs of planning, operating and maintaining
 45 county juvenile and adult corrections programs and facilities.

1 (3) Forty percent of the amounts paid to the county treasurer under this section and under ORS
2 153.645 (4) and 153.650 (4) shall be deposited by the treasurer in the court facilities security account
3 established under ORS 1.182 for the county in which the court is located.

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5 **CAPTIONS**

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7 **SECTION 28. The unit and section captions used in this 2025 Act are provided only for**
8 **the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or**
9 **express any legislative intent in the enactment of this 2025 Act.**

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