

Senate Bill 854

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act allows the ORC to impose civil penalties for certain actions. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).

Authorizes the Oregon Racing Commission to impose civil penalties for certain violations of animal racing law.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to penalties for violation of animal racing law.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 462.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) In addition to any other liability or penalty provided by law, the Oregon**
6 **Racing Commission may impose a civil penalty on a person for any of the following:**

7 (a) **Violation of ORS 462.020 (1).**

8 (b) **Accepting or facilitating wagers on animal racing, if the person is not authorized to**
9 **do so under this chapter.**

10 (2) **The commission shall adopt rules establishing the civil penalties that may be imposed**
11 **under this section. The maximum penalty may not exceed \$25,000.**

12 (3) **Civil penalties under this section shall be imposed in the manner provided by ORS**
13 **183.745.**

14 (4) **A civil penalty imposed under this section may be remitted or reduced upon such**
15 **terms and conditions as the commission considers proper and consistent with the public**
16 **good.**

17 (5) **In imposing a civil penalty pursuant to this section, the commission shall consider**
18 **at least the following factors:**

19 (a) **The past history of the person incurring a penalty in taking all feasible steps or pro-**
20 **cedures necessary or appropriate to correct any violation;**

21 (b) **Any prior violations of statute, rules or orders;**

22 (c) **The economic and financial conditions of the person incurring the penalty; and**

23 (d) **The immediacy and extent to which the violation threatens the public good.**

24 (6) **All civil penalties recovered under this section shall be deposited in the General Fund**
25 **to the credit of the Oregon Racing Commission Account established under ORS 462.260.**

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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.