

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2864

By COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after the first semicolon insert "creating new provisions; amending
2 ORS 408.225;".

3 Delete lines 4 through 16 and insert:

4 **"SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Veterans' Emergency Financial Assistance Program is cre-**
5 **ated.**

6 **"(2) The purpose of the program is to provide emergency financial assistance to Oregon**
7 **veterans and their immediate families for needs that include but are not limited to:**

8 **"(a) Emergency or temporary housing and related housing expenses, such as expenses for**
9 **utilities, insurance, house repairs, rent assistance or food;**

10 **"(b) Emergency medical or dental expenses;**

11 **"(c) Emergency transportation;**

12 **"(d) Expenses related to starting a business, such as business licenses or occupational**
13 **licenses;**

14 **"(e) Temporary income after military discharge; and**

15 **"(f) Legal assistance.**

16 **"(3) The Director of Veterans' Affairs shall adopt regulations implementing subsection**
17 **(2) of this section, including but not limited to establishing procedures for applying for**
18 **emergency financial assistance and criteria for determining eligibility to receive emergency**
19 **financial assistance.**

20 **"(4) As used in this section:**

21 **"(a) 'Immediate family' means a spouse, child or stepchild.**

22 **"(b) 'Veteran' means:**

23 **"(A) A veteran as defined in ORS 408.225;**

24 **"(B) A person who is a member of the Oregon National Guard who has been demobilized**
25 **after serving on federal active duty for more than 30 days; or**

26 **"(C) A person who is an Oregon resident, is a member of the Reserves and has been de-**
27 **mobilized after serving on federal active duty for more than 30 days.**

28 **"SECTION 2. The Oregon Veterans' Emergency Financial Assistance Fund is established**
29 **in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The Oregon Veterans'**
30 **Emergency Financial Assistance Fund shall consist of moneys appropriated to the fund by**
31 **the Legislative Assembly. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Director**
32 **of Veterans' Affairs for the purposes of funding the Oregon Veterans' Emergency Financial**
33 **Assistance Program created in section 1 of this 2005 Act. Interest earned by the Oregon**
34 **Veterans' Emergency Financial Assistance Fund shall be credited to the fund.**

35 **"SECTION 3. ORS 408.225 is amended to read:**

1 “408.225. As used in ORS [241.240 and] 408.225 to 408.235:

2 “[*(1) ‘Veteran’ means a person who served on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United*
3 *States for a period of more than 180 consecutive days, and was discharged or released therefrom with*
4 *other than a dishonorable discharge; or a person who served on active duty with the Armed Forces*
5 *of the United States for 180 days or less and was discharged or released therefrom with other than a*
6 *dishonorable discharge because of a service-connected disability. Attendance at a school under military*
7 *orders, except schooling incident to an active enlistment or regular tour of duty, or normal military*
8 *training as a reserve officer or member of an organized reserve or national guard unit shall not be*
9 *considered active duty.*]

10 “**(1) ‘Combat zone’ means an area designated by the President of the United States by**
11 **executive order in which, on the dates designated by executive order, the Armed Forces of**
12 **the United States are or have engaged in combat.**

13 “(2) ‘Disabled veteran’ means a person entitled to disability compensation under laws adminis-
14 tered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, a person whose discharge or release
15 from active duty was for a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty or a person who
16 was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat.

17 “(3)(a) ‘Veteran’ means a person who served on active duty with the Armed Forces of the
18 United States:

19 “(A) For a period of more than 178 consecutive days, and was discharged or released from
20 active duty with other than a dishonorable discharge;

21 “(B) For 178 days or less and was discharged or released from active duty with other than
22 a dishonorable discharge because of a service-connected disability;

23 “(C) For at least one day in a combat zone and was discharged or released from active
24 duty with other than a dishonorable discharge; or

25 “(D) Received a combat or campaign ribbon for service in the Armed Forces of the United
26 States.

27 “(b) As used in this subsection, ‘active duty’ does not include attendance at a school
28 under military orders, except schooling incident to an active enlistment or regular tour of
29 duty, or normal military training as a reserve officer or member of an organized reserve or
30 National Guard unit.

31 “**SECTION 4.** There is appropriated to the Oregon Veterans’ Emergency Financial As-
32 sistance Fund, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, out of the General Fund, the amount
33 of \$1,000,000.

34 “**SECTION 5.** This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
35 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect
36 July 1, 2005.”.

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