

Senate Bill 73

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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**.

Waives reinstatement fee for suspended driving privileges when Department of Transportation determines that person was in compliance with requirements of court prior to effective date of suspension.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to reinstatement fee; amending ORS 809.380; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 809.380 is amended to read:

809.380. All of the following apply to a person whose driving privileges have been suspended:

(1) The period of suspension shall last as long as provided for that particular suspension by law.

(2) During the period of suspension, the person is not entitled to exercise any driving privileges in this state except as provided under this subsection. Unless otherwise specifically provided by law, a person whose driving privileges are suspended may obtain, if the person qualifies, a hardship driver permit under ORS 807.240, and exercise driving privileges under the driver permit.

(3) Upon expiration of the suspension, the Department of Transportation shall reissue, upon request of the person, the suspended driving privileges and any license or driver permit that evidences the driving privileges. The reissuance shall be without requalification by the person except that the department may require the person to furnish evidence satisfactory to the department that the person is qualified to continue to exercise driving privileges in this state before the department reissues the driving privileges.

(4) The department shall not issue any driving privileges in contradiction to this section.

(5) If the person fails to surrender to the department any license or driver permit issued as evidence of driving privileges that are suspended, the person is subject to the penalties under ORS 809.500.

(6) No reinstatement of suspended driving privileges will be made by the department until the fee for reinstatement of suspended driving privileges established under ORS 807.370 is paid to or waived by the department. The department may waive the reinstatement fee for any of the following reasons:

(a) The suspension occurred under ORS 809.419 for failure to take an examination upon request of the department under ORS 807.340.

(b) The suspension occurred under ORS 809.419 for failure to obtain required medical clearance upon request of the department under ORS 807.070 or 807.090.

(c) The suspension occurred under ORS 809.419 for incompetence to drive a motor vehicle or

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 having a mental or physical condition rendering it unsafe for a person to drive a motor vehicle.

2 (d) The suspension occurred under ORS 809.419 upon notification by the superintendent of a
3 hospital under ORS 807.700 that a person should not drive.

4 (e) The suspension occurred under ORS 809.419 upon notification by a court under ORS 810.375
5 that a person charged with a traffic offense has been found guilty except for insanity.

6 (f) The department committed an error in issuing the suspension.

7 (g) The suspension was the result of an error committed by an insurance company in issuing or
8 failing to issue a certification of insurance or in canceling a certification of insurance filed with the
9 department under ORS 806.270.

10 (h) The department issued the suspension without error because the person failed to respond as
11 required under ORS 806.160 or to furnish proof of exemption under ORS 806.210 from the filing re-
12 quirement of ORS 806.200, but the department later determines that the person in fact was in com-
13 pliance with financial responsibility requirements as of the date of the department's letter of
14 verification under ORS 806.150 or at the time of an accident described in ORS 806.200.

15 (i) The department issued the suspension without error because the person was not in compli-
16 ance with financial responsibility requirements as of the date of the department's letter of verifica-
17 tion under ORS 806.150 or at the time of an accident described in ORS 806.200, but the department
18 later determines that the person reasonably and in good faith believed that the person was in com-
19 pliance with financial responsibility requirements on the date of the department's letter of verifica-
20 tion or at the time of the accident.

21 (j) The suspension was the result of an error committed by an insurance company in notifying
22 the department regarding the correctness of a certification under ORS 806.150.

23 (k) The suspension occurred because the person failed to make future responsibility filings but
24 the department later determines that the reason for the failure was that the person was a military
25 reservist or a member of a national guard unit that was ordered to active military duty to a location
26 outside of the United States. The effective date of the military orders must be prior to the effective
27 date of a suspension issued by the department for failure to make a future responsibility filing.

28 **(L) The department issued the suspension without error because the department received**
29 **a notice to suspend from a court under ORS 809.210 or 809.220, but the department later**
30 **determines that the person in fact was in compliance with the requirements of the court**
31 **prior to the effective date of the suspension.**

32 **SECTION 2. This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
33 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect**
34 **on its passage.**