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LOANS TO VETERANS

407.010 Definitions for certain sections. (1) As used in section 1, Article XI-A, Oregon Constitution, and in ORS 407.020 to 407.040, 407.070, and 407.120 to 407.210, for the purposes of administration, "acquisition" means:

(a) Purchase and improvement of a home or farm.

(b) Payment of the balance of the purchase price and interest on a purchase contract, and the improvement of property thereby acquired.

(c) Refinancing of an existing purchase-money mortgage or mortgage in the nature thereof, and the improvement of property thereby purchased.

(d) Improvement to meet state weatherization standards for homes.

(2) As used in ORS 407.020 to 407.210:

(a) "Director" means Director of Veterans' Affairs.

(b) "Committee" means the Advisory Committee provided for by ORS 406.210.

(c) "Home" means any residential-type structure, including outbuildings and the real property in connection with it, if any, which is established, maintained and used primarily as a principal residence by the veteran.

(d) "Mobile home" means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is 10 feet or more in width, and contains more than 500 square feet of living space figured on exterior dimensions of the structure, exclusive of any hitch and is designed to be used as a dwelling by one family, and which remains as personal property under the laws of this state.

(3) As used in ORS 407.030, 407.055 to 407.061, 407.090 and this section, "weatherization standards" means standards primarily designed to improve the efficiency of space heating and energy utilization of a dwelling. Such standards may include, but are not limited to caulking; weatherstripping and other infiltration preventative materials; ceiling and wall insulation; crawl space insulation and vapor barrier material; timed thermostats; insulation of heating ducts, hot water pipes, and water heaters in uninsulated areas; and storm doors and windows.

[Amended by 1975 c 219 §1; 1977 c.383 §6; subsection (3) enacted as 1977 c.383 §9]

Note: Subsection (3) of 407.010 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 407 or any series therein by

legislative action. See the Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

407.020 Director to administer loan program. The director shall administer the provisions of ORS 407.030, 407.040, 407.070 and 407.120 to 407.210. He may adopt and promulgate all necessary rules and regulations not inconsistent with those sections to carry into effect their provisions. He may appoint assistants and agents necessary to expeditious and efficient administration and fix their compensation.

[Amended by 1967 c.245 §1; 1971 c.221 §2]

407.030 Director may make loans; committee to establish policy. (1) All moneys in the Oregon War Veterans' Fund created by ORS 407.160 may be advanced by the director as loans to any person qualified for loans under the provisions of section 3, Article XI-A, Oregon Constitution, for the acquisition of farms and homes, as provided in ORS 407.020, 407.040, 407.058, 407.070 and 407.120 to 407.210 and not otherwise.

(2) Subject to the limitations otherwise provided for in ORS 407.020 to 407.040, 407.058, 407.070 and 407.120 to 407.210, the committee shall establish and declare the policy of the state to be followed in the administration of those sections.

[Amended by 1977 c.383 §8]

407.040 Application for loan; amount of loan. Applications for loans for acquisition of a home or farm under ORS 407.010 to 407.210 shall be made to the director. Loans exclusive of funds disbursed under subsection (3) of ORS 407.070 and subsection (2) of ORS 407.090 shall not exceed \$42,500 for a home or \$150,000 for a farm at a rate of interest provided by ORS 407.072. Except for additional loans made for the improvement of the farm or home acquired with an initial loan for the acquisition of that property, an eligible individual shall not receive or assume more than three loans under ORS 407.010 to 407.210. No applicant is entitled to borrow more than the maximum amount allowed under this section, except that where a loan is made on property which is destroyed by fire or other natural hazard, taken through condemnation or lost or disposed of for a compelling reason devoid of fault on the part of the applicant and where the loan is repaid or the property is transferred by deed or otherwise, such loan may be excluded from consideration in computing the maximum loan allowable. However, the loan right provided in this section may be restored not more than once

while an unrepaid balance remains on a previous loan granted to the applicant.

[Amended by 1953 c.97 §2; 1957 c.125 §1; 1963 c.163 §1; 1965 c.269 §1; 1967 c.112 §1; 1969 c.615 §1; 1971 c.221 §3; 1973 c.574 §1; 1975 c.6 §1; 1975 c.263 §1; 1977 c.676 §3]

407.043 Prohibition against using farm property for other purpose; proof of use; penalty. An applicant who receives a loan under ORS 407.010 to 407.210 for the acquisition of a farm shall use the property acquired exclusively for farm use as defined in subsection (2) of ORS 215.203. The director may consider special assessment of the property under ORS 308.370 as satisfactory proof that the property is being used exclusively for farm use. If an applicant does not use the property for which the farm loan was made exclusively for farm use, the interest on the loan from the date on which the director determines that the property is not being used exclusively for farm use shall be at an annual rate that is three percent above the basic rate set by the director under ORS 407.072.

[1977 c.676 §2]

Note: Section 6, chapter 676, Oregon Laws 1977, provides:

Sec. 6. Except for the amendments to ORS 407.040 that increase the limits of home and farm loans to \$42,500 and \$150,000, section 2 of this Act and the amendments to ORS 407.040, 407.070 and 407.073 made by sections 3 to 5 of this Act apply only to loans executed after the effective date of this Act [October 4, 1977].

407.045 Loan transferred by annulment or dissolution decree excluded in determining maximum allowable. No applicant is entitled to borrow more than the maximum amount allowed under ORS 407.040 other than for reasons specified in ORS 407.040 except that when the property on which the loan was made becomes the property of the applicant's spouse as a result of a decree declaring a marriage void or dissolved and the loan is repaid or remains unrepaid and there is an assumption of primary liability on the loan by a party, such loan may be excluded from consideration in computing the maximum loan allowable under ORS 407.040.

[1969 c.523 §1]

Note: 407.045 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 407 or any series therein by legislative action. See the Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

407.048 Subsequent loan for alternative energy device. (1) Notwithstanding the maximum loan amount allowed under ORS 407.040, a borrower is entitled to subsequent loans, not to exceed a total of \$3,000, for the purpose of installing or connecting an alterna-

tive energy device for a home. The security for the loan shall consist of real property and shall include the home for which the alternative energy device is installed or connected.

(2) For the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this section, the director, with the advice and assistance of the Department of Energy, shall adopt rules prescribing minimum performance criteria for alternative energy devices for homes. The director may contract with the Department of Energy for certification of alternative energy devices which comply with the rules adopted under this subsection.

(3) As used in this section, "alternative energy device" means any system, mechanism or series of mechanisms which uses solar radiation, wind or geothermal resources as a source for space heating, water heating, cooling, electrical energy or any combination thereof for a home which source meets or exceeds 10 percent of the total energy requirements for the home.

[1977 c.315 §2]

Note: 407.048 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly and added to and made a part of ORS chapter 407 but not to any series therein by legislative action. See the Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

407.050 Appraisal of security given for loan; security needed. (1) When the director receives an application pursuant to ORS 407.040, he shall immediately investigate and process it as provided by law. He may employ, subject to the approval of the committee, such regular appraisers, who shall be state employees, as he deems necessary to promptly effect appraisals of property tendered as security. He may appoint special appraisers to act in exceptional cases whenever he deems it necessary to obtain prompt appraisals. Such special appraiser shall be paid a fee for each appraisal in an amount to be fixed and established by the director in substantial conformity with the customary fee paid for such services in the locality where the appraisal is made. The security for the loan shall consist of the property to be acquired by the veteran as a home or a farm. The security shall be secured by a mortgage or security agreement in the full amount of the loan which mortgage or security agreement shall be either a first lien or a lien insured by mortgagee's title insurance against loss from any prior encumbrance. The mortgage or security agreement shall provide that the borrower, or any subsequent owner of the secured property, may pay all or any part of the loan at any time without penalty.

(2) A mobile home shall be secured by a security agreement in the full amount of the loan and the director shall perfect a security interest in favor of the State of Oregon. The security agreement shall provide that the borrower or any subsequent owner of the mobile home, may pay all or any part of the loan at any time without penalty. The security agreement shall provide for immediate acceleration of the unpaid balance of the loan if the mobile home is moved from the original site listed in the security agreement without first obtaining the written consent of the director. The security agreement shall also provide that removal of the mobile home to a site outside of this state shall constitute an act of default and result in immediate acceleration of the unpaid balance of the loan.

(3) Loans shall not exceed: 95 percent of the net appraised value on homes which are real property; 85 percent of the net appraised value on homes which are not real property; and 90 percent of the net appraised value on farms which are real property.

[Amended by 1957 c.125 §2; 1971 c.221 §4; 1973 c.574 §2; 1975 c.219 §2]

407.055 Rules for weatherization. The Director of Commerce, in consultation with the Energy Conservation Board, shall by rule adopt weatherization standards for homes, as defined in ORS 407.010, constructed before July 1, 1974. The standards shall be designed to insure that the cost of such weatherization in the typical dwelling existing on July 15, 1977, if added to the principal of a veteran's loan made pursuant to this chapter and paid off as part of that principal, would not exceed projected savings in energy costs over the payment period. Weatherization standards may be adopted for different classes or designs of homes, including homes located in different regions of the state.

[1977 c.383 §1]

Note: 407.055 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 407 or any series therein by legislative action. See the Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

Note: Section 5, chapter 383, Oregon Laws 1977, Provides:

Sec. 5. (1) The Director of Commerce, in consultation with the Energy Conservation Board, shall adopt the rules described in section 1 of this Act by September 1, 1977.

(2) The Director of Veterans' Affairs shall apply the rules adopted pursuant to section 1 of this Act to loan applications filed after October 1, 1977.

407.058 Inspection for weatherization; requirements to meet standards; additional money for weatherization; failure to meet standards; waiver of standards. (1) The Director of Veterans' Affairs while processing the application pursuant to ORS 407.040 to 407.050 for a loan on a home, or farm including a home, constructed before July 1, 1974, shall order an inspection of the home for the purpose of determining whether it meets the weatherization standards adopted pursuant to ORS 407.055.

(2) If the director finds, based upon this inspection, that the home does not meet the weatherization standards, he shall deny the loan, or he may approve the loan subject to the condition that the weatherization standards be met within 120 days after issuance of the loan.

(3) When a home does not meet the weatherization standards, and a loan is approved subject to the condition set forth in subsection (2) of this section, the reasonable projected cost of the work and materials necessary for the home to be brought into compliance with the standards may be added to the principal of the loan notwithstanding the loan amount limitations set forth in ORS 407.040. This sum shall be disbursed by the director, at the time of closing of the loan or later, to the applicant or to an insulation contractor designated by the applicant.

(4) Failure by the applicant to bring the home into compliance with the weatherization standards within the time allowed shall be considered a breach of the loan agreement and grounds for foreclosure by the director.

(5) Upon timely application and a showing that the standards cannot be met within the time period because of a shortage of weatherization materials or other circumstances beyond the applicant's control, the director may grant the applicant an additional period not to exceed 180 days in which to bring the home into compliance with the standard.

(6) The requirements of subsections (1) to (4) of this section may be waived by the director when an inspection of the home pursuant to a previous application for a loan under this chapter disclosed that the home was in compliance with the weatherization standards or when an exception to the requirements of this section had previously been granted on the home pursuant to ORS 407.061.

[1977 c.383 §3]

407.060 [Repealed by 1971 c.743 §432]

407.061 Exception to weatherization requirements. The director may grant an exception to the requirements of ORS 407.058, if after application and a showing of proof he finds:

(1) There are extraordinary circumstances or conditions applying to the home which do not apply generally; and

(2) Strict enforcement of the requirements would cause an extraordinary, unnecessary and unreasonable hardship on the applicant.
[1977 c.383 §4]

407.070 Terms of loan to veteran and transferee; special covenant by transferee. (1) Loans may be made bearing interest at the rate per annum fixed as provided by ORS 407.072. Loans may be amortized over a period of not more than 30 years for homes other than mobile homes and not more than 40 years for farms. Loans for mobile homes may be amortized over a period not exceeding the expected life of the mobile home, as determined by the director. The limitations contained in this subsection shall not preclude the director from later extending the amortization period.

(2) If the ownership of the secured property is transferred by deed or otherwise to anyone other than the original borrower, or to the spouse, unremarried former spouse, child or stepchild of the original borrower, the interest from the date of initial transfer shall be at the rate per annum then fixed as provided by ORS 407.073.

(3) Mortgages or security agreements on property given to secure any loan made under ORS 407.030 or statutes supplementary thereof may provide that the taxes and insurance premiums may be paid by the director from the Oregon War Veterans' Bond Sinking Fund, and if paid, the amount so paid shall be added to and become part of the principal of the loan and shall be repaid under and pursuant to the amortization plan.

[Amended by 1955 c.151 §1; 1957 c.125 §3; 1969 c.615 §5; 1971 c.221 §5; 1975 c.219 §3; 1977 c.676 §4]

407.072 Rate of interest payable by applicant. The director, with the advice of the committee, will periodically, during the term of the loan, fix the variable interest rates to be paid by the applicant, taking into consideration the current value of the money, the solvency of the loan program, and the rates' effect on veterans. If the director, after considering the factors specified in this section, determines that there is an economic need for a higher rate of interest on loans

made for the acquisition of mobile homes and houseboats, the director shall fix the rate of interest for the acquisition of a mobile home or houseboat at not higher than two percent more per annum than the basic rate established by this section.

[1969 c.615 §3; 1971 c.221 §6; 1975 c.219 §4; 1977 c.645 §1]

Note: Section 2, chapter 645, Oregon Laws 1977, provides:

Sec. 2. The amendments to ORS 407.072 made by section 1 of this Act do not apply to a loan made before the effective date of this Act [October 4, 1977].

407.073 Rate of interest payable by transferee. (1) The rate of interest referred to in subsection (2) of ORS 407.070 shall be fixed annually by the director, with the advice of the committee, at a rate per annum which:

(a) For real property, is within one-half of one percent of the rate prevailing in the conventional mortgage market in the state for loans on residential property; and

(b) For other than real property, is one percent higher than the rate established under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(2) When the director considers it necessary to change the rate of interest because of changes in the conventional mortgage rate prevailing in this state, the director, after 30 days' notice to the public, may fix a new rate under this section notwithstanding that a rate had been fixed less than 12 months previously.

[1969 c.615 §4; 1971 c.221 §7; 1977 c.676 §5]

407.074 Loan cancellation life insurance. (1) Subject to the limitations provided for in ORS 407.010 to 407.210 the director is authorized to provide loan cancellation life insurance for any person qualified and holding a loan under the provisions of section 3, Article XI-A, Oregon Constitution.

(2) Such insurance shall insure the life of the borrower, except as stated in subsection (3) of ORS 407.076, for the amount of principal and interest due on the state loan, and the State of Oregon shall be named the beneficiary. If the borrower, at any time while still owning said property and before paying off the loan, dies, the insurance shall be used to pay the balance of the state loan, and the director shall issue a satisfaction of said loan.

(3) The Department of General Services shall procure bids for the purchasing of said insurance in compliance with the laws govern-

ing the purchase and furnishing of services to state agencies.

[1955 c.102 §§2, 3, 7; 1975 c.219 §5]

407.076 Persons insurable under ORS

407.074. (1) Every borrower securing a loan after August 3, 1955, under ORS 407.010 to 407.210 upon complying with such rules as the director may adopt and promulgate pursuant to subsection (2) of ORS 407.020, shall be insured, commencing on the effective date of the loan, under the insurance provided for by subsection (1) of ORS 407.074. Any borrower may decline to be so insured by notifying the director in writing that the borrower declines to be insured. If such notice is received before the borrower has become insured under such policy, he shall not be so insured; if notice is received after he has become insured, his insurance under the policy shall terminate on the last day of the month in which the notice is received by the director.

(2) Any person who, upon or after August 3, 1955, has qualified and is holding a loan under the provisions of ORS 407.010 to 407.210 and Article XI-A of the Oregon Constitution may become insured under the provisions of ORS 407.074 and this section by making application to the director for such insurance.

(3) If the borrower be a married female veteran the director will determine whether the principal income for repayment is received by the veteran or her spouse and the person receiving said income shall be insured under ORS 407.074 and this section.

[1955 c.102 §§4, 5, 6; 1969 c.433 §1]

407.080 Director's authority to maintain legal proceedings to protect state interests. The director is authorized and empowered, in the name and in behalf of the state to commence and prosecute to final judgment or decree all suits, actions and proceedings necessary to protect the interest of the state; to bid in property offered for sale under such proceedings and to acquire title to property for and in behalf of the state as a result of such proceedings; to accept deeds from borrowers in lieu of foreclosure; to sell, transfer, convey, lease or assign any property acquired by him for and in behalf of the state; to make repairs and improvements or alterations; to pay taxes, liens and charges of every kind superior to the lien of the state; and otherwise to administer such property in such manner as he deems to the best interest of the state. All money received by the director from the sale, leasing or other disposition of any property shall be paid over to the State Treas-

urer and deposited in the Oregon War Veterans' Bond Sinking Fund.

[Amended by 1975 c.219 §6]

407.090 Purchase and control of property by director; disbursements to conserve energy or protect security.

(1) The director may acquire property by purchase when the acquisition of such property is necessary to protect the interest of the state in property that has been acquired because of default in repayment of loans made in accordance with ORS 407.030 or statutes supplementary thereof. The control of all such property while the title remains vested in the state shall be exercised by the director.

(2) The director may take such action and make such disbursements as may be necessary to conserve energy or to protect the securities for such loans. Any disbursement so made shall be added to the amount due from the borrower and shall bear interest at the same rate as on the principal indebtedness until the amount thereof has been repaid. Any such disbursement or expenditure shall be made only upon order of the director and from moneys in the Oregon War Veterans' Bond Sinking Fund other than those derived from tax levies or the sale of refunding bonds.

[Amended by 1975 c.219 §7; 1977 c.383 §7]

407.100 Execution and custody of documents. All deeds, leases, contracts, releases of mortgages and other instruments necessary or proper in the administration of ORS 407.010 to 407.210 shall be executed in behalf of the state by the Director of Veterans' Affairs and shall be acknowledged by him; and all deeds, mortgages, notes, insurance policies, abstracts and other instruments, documents and papers delivered to the director in the administration of those sections shall be kept in his custody.

407.110 Loans not subject to execution or assignment. No right, payment or proceeds of any loan made under ORS 407.030 or statutes supplementary thereof shall be subject to garnishment, attachment or execution or the claim of any creditor; nor shall any such right or payment be capable of assignment except as may be necessary for completion of any loan applied for and then only under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the director.

407.120 Director authorized to hold certain funds received from borrower. The director may receive and hold for future disposition conditional payments from borrow-

ers who have executed mortgages and security instruments under authority of ORS 407.050, indemnities for fire losses on secured property, and such other sums as must be held by him in suspense pending further or final disposition thereof. Said funds shall be deposited in the State Treasury in the revolving account authorized by ORS 407.200 until they can be properly applied to the purposes for which they were paid to and received by the director.

[Amended by 1975 c.219 §8]

407.130 Bond form; issue; refunding bonds. (1) The Attorney General, under the direction of the director, shall prepare a form of direct, general obligation, interest-bearing bond of the State of Oregon to be sold in order to provide funds for carrying out the purposes of ORS 407.010 to 407.210. The bonds shall be numbered consecutively beginning with the number one, and shall be payable upon dates fixed by the director at issue date; but none of said bonds shall mature sooner than six months nor later than 20 years from issue date. The bonds shall bear interest payable semiannually at such rates, not exceeding five percent per annum, as the director, with the approval of the State Treasurer, deems advisable. In the discretion of the director, the bonds may be issued, as provided by ORS 286.040, subject to the right of optional redemption for retirement or refunding by the state prior to their final maturity dates.

(2) Refunding bonds may be issued to redeem or refund the bonds at their maturity dates. In the redemption or refund prior to maturity date, of bonds subject to redemption before such date, the director is not required to redeem or refund bonds in the order in which they were originally issued. Refunding bonds may be sold in the same manner as other bonds are sold under ORS 407.150. The issuance of refunding bonds, their maturity dates and other details, the rights of their holders and the duties of the Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, and of the director with respect thereto shall be governed by the other provisions of ORS 407.130 to 407.180 and 407.190 to 407.210 in so far as such provisions are applicable. Refunding bonds may be issued to refund bonds originally issued or to refund bonds previously issued for refunding purposes.

[Amended by 1967 c.369 §2]

407.140 Execution of bonds; payments of principal and interest; paid bonds and coupons. (1) All bonds issued under authority of ORS 407.130, including

refunding bonds, and the coupons appurtenant thereto, shall be direct general obligations of the State of Oregon in negotiable form, and shall embody an absolute promise to pay the amounts thereof in any coin or currency which, at the time of payment, is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts within the United States. The bonds shall be executed with the facsimile signatures of the Governor and the Secretary of State, and the manual signature of the State Treasurer. The bonds shall bear coupons evidencing the interest to become due for each instalment thereof, upon which shall be printed the facsimile signatures of all said officers.

(2) Not less than 20 days before the payment of the principal or interest falls due on any of the bonds, the director shall prepare and submit to the State Treasurer, for verification, a claim duly approved by the director for the amount necessary to meet the payment thereof. Upon such verification, the director shall present the claim to the Secretary of State for audit in like manner as other claims against the state are audited. The Secretary of State shall pay the claim by warrant in favor of the State Treasurer, out of moneys provided by law for its payment.

(3) All bonds and interest coupons paid by the State Treasurer shall be retained and then destroyed as provided in ORS 288.120.

(4) The principal of and the interest upon all bonds issued under authority of ORS 407.130, when due, shall be paid at the office of the State Treasurer; but, with the approval of the State Treasurer, the director may designate the fiscal agency of the State of Oregon in the City and State of New York as the place of payment of the bonds and of the interest thereon. If so designated, the charges imposed by such agency for its services shall be paid, upon approval by the State Treasurer, from the Oregon War Veterans' Bond Sinking Fund.

[Amended by 1975 c.462 §12]

407.150 Advertisement and sale of bonds. The director, with the approval of the State Treasurer, shall provide such method as he deems necessary for the advertisement of each issue of the bonds mentioned in ORS 407.130 before they are sold; and also shall require such deposit with bids as he deems advisable and generally shall conduct the sale and issuance of the bonds under such rules and regulations not inconsistent with ORS 407.010 to 407.210 as he may adopt.

407.160 Oregon War Veterans' Fund; source; use. The money arising from the sale of each issue of bonds shall be deposited in the State Treasury and be credited to a special fund separate and distinct from the General Fund, to be known as the Oregon War Veterans' Fund; which fund hereby is appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of ORS 407.020 to 407.040, 407.070, and 407.120 to 407.210. With the approval of the director, the moneys in the fund not immediately required for loaning may be invested as provided in ORS 293.701 to 293.776. The earnings from such investments shall inure to the Oregon War Veterans' Fund.

[Amended by 1967 c.335 §49; 1967 s.s. c.19 §2]

407.170 Oregon War Veterans' Bond Sinking Fund; sources; use. (1) The Oregon War Veterans' Bond Sinking Fund is created to provide for payment of principal of and interest on bonds authorized by ORS 407.130 to be sold. The sinking fund shall consist of all moneys received as payments on principal and interest of loans made under ORS 407.030; all moneys received as accrued interest upon bonds sold; all moneys derived from tax levies provided for in ORS 407.210; all moneys derived from the sale, rental or administration of property acquired by foreclosure or other proceeding, or deed; all moneys received as interest upon investments of the sinking fund; all moneys received as proceeds from the sale of refunding bonds; and all other moneys accruing under ORS 407.020 to 407.040, 407.070, and 407.120 to 407.210 not required to be credited to the Oregon War Veterans' Fund.

(2) Disbursements from the sinking fund shall be made upon submission of duly verified claims, approved by the director, to the Secretary of State, who shall audit the same in the manner that other claims against the state are audited. The moneys in the sinking fund, other than those derived from tax levies and from sales of refunding bonds, hereby are appropriated for payment of expenses of administration of ORS 407.020 to 407.040, 407.070, and 407.120 to 407.210. The moneys in the sinking fund may be invested as provided in ORS 293.701 to 293.776.

[Amended by 1967 c.335 §50]

407.180 Transfer of sinking fund moneys to veterans' fund; retransfer. If, at any time, there are applications for loans aggregating a total in excess of the money available therefor in the Oregon War Veterans' Fund, the director may transfer to said fund any moneys in the sinking fund, except

those derived from tax levies and those received from the sale of refunding bonds. When sufficient funds are available in the Oregon War Veterans' Fund, the director may transfer back to the sinking fund an amount not exceeding the total so transferred from the sinking fund to the Oregon War Veterans' Fund.

407.183 Transfer of sinking fund moneys to General Fund; retransfer. (1) At a time determined by the director each year, but not later than August 15, the director shall cause to be transferred from the Oregon War Veterans' Bond Sinking Fund to the General Fund, to be available for the payment of general governmental expenses and to be considered as revenue of the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30 of the same calendar year, an amount equal to the excess of the accumulated net earnings of the Oregon War Veterans' Fund and Oregon War Veterans' Bond Sinking Fund combined, as of June 30 of the same calendar year, over three percent of the balance of outstanding mortgage loans and contracts receivable at that date together with any transfers previously made in accordance with this section.

(2) If the sum of amounts previously transferred in accordance with this section and two percent of the balance of outstanding mortgage loans and contracts receivable exceeds the accumulated net earnings of the Oregon War Veterans' Fund and Oregon War Veterans' Bond Sinking Fund combined, there shall be transferred from the General Fund to the sinking fund an amount equal to such excess. The amounts necessary to make transfers under this subsection are appropriated continuously from the General Fund.

[1967 s.s. c.1 §2; 1967 s.s. c.19 §1; 1969 c.615 §6]

407.186 "Net earnings" defined. As used in ORS 407.183, "net earnings" means the excess of:

(1) Interest received and accrued interest receivable on mortgage loans, contracts receivable, deficiency judgments and investments purchased with proceeds from the sale of Oregon veterans' welfare bonds, together with proceeds from service charges, rents, profit from the sale of investments, profit from the sale of foreclosed property, discounts on insurance premiums and such other receipts that, in accordance with accepted accounting practices, constitute earnings or reduction of expenses; over

(2) Interest paid and accrued interest payable on Oregon veterans' welfare bonds,

bond attorney fees, fiscal agency fees, and the administrative expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs that have been paid or are payable from the Oregon War Veterans' Bond Sinking Fund.

[1967 s.s. c.1 §3]

407.190 Auditing and payment of claims. Except as provided in ORS 407.140, all claims duly approved by the director, incurred in pursuance of ORS 407.020 to 407.040, 407.070, and 407.120 to 407.210, shall be paid by warrants drawn upon the State Treasurer by the Executive Department upon the appropriate funds for the payment of such claims.

[Amended by 1967 c.454 §45; 1971 c.80 §3]

407.200 Revolving account. The Secretary of State is authorized to draw a warrant on the Oregon War Veterans' Fund in favor of the director in a sum not to exceed \$2 million, which sum shall constitute an advance to be used in anticipation of the verified vouchers supplied in accordance with this section; and shall be used only as a revolving account, to be maintained with the State Treasurer, for receipt and disbursement of moneys received under authority of ORS 407.120 and for payment of general operating expenses. All reimbursement vouchers for claims paid from the revolving account shall be verified by the director and presented to the Executive Department for payment. The warrants issued by the Executive Department shall be drawn in favor of the director and shall be used to reimburse the revolving account.

[Amended by 1967 c.189 §1; 1971 c.80 §4]

407.210 Tax levy authorized. Each year when the Department of Revenue determines the amount of money required to be raised for state purposes, it shall ascertain the amount of money necessary to meet the requirements of ORS 407.020 to 407.040, 407.070, and 407.120 to 407.180, 407.190 and 407.200 for the ensuing year. Such amount shall not exceed one-fortieth of one percent (.00025) of the true cash value of all taxable property within each respective county to which the same is apportioned for levy of the tax, such true cash value to be computed in accordance with ORS 308.207. The tax shall be collected by the county, paid to the State Treasurer as other taxes are paid and credited as provided by ORS 407.170.

[Amended by 1963 c.9 §23]

WORLD WAR II VETERANS' BONUS

407.310 Definitions for ORS 407.320 to 407.440. As used in ORS 407.320 to 407.440:

(1) "Article" means the article of the Oregon Constitution relating to payment of compensation to veterans or their survivors and designated as Article XI-F (2) by the Legislative Assembly.

(2) "Director" means Director of Veterans' Affairs.

(3) "Committee" means Advisory Committee as defined by ORS 406.210.

407.320 Director may issue bonds.

The director, pursuant to a resolution or resolutions duly adopted by the committee, shall issue and sell such general obligation bonds of the State of Oregon of the kind and character and within the limits prescribed by the article as are necessary to carry out its provisions.

407.330 Bonds; form and contents; optional redemption. The Attorney General, at the request of the director, shall prepare a form of interest-bearing general obligation bond of the State of Oregon, containing the necessary covenants and conditions to effectuate the purposes of the article and ORS 407.310 to 407.420. All bonds issued under authority of ORS 407.320 to 407.350 shall contain a direct promise on behalf of the State of Oregon to pay the face value thereof with interest thereon at such rates, not exceeding four percent per annum, payable semiannually, as the director, with the approval of the State Treasurer, deems appropriate. The bonds shall bear coupons evidencing the interest to become due thereon for each instalment thereof. The principal of and the interest upon the bonds, when due, shall be paid at the office of the State Treasurer unless, with the approval of the State Treasurer, the director designates the fiscal agency of the State of Oregon in the City and State of New York as such place of payment. If so designated, the charges imposed by the agency for its services shall be paid, upon approval by the State Treasurer, from the World War II Veterans' Bond Sinking Fund. The bonds shall be numbered consecutively beginning with the number one, and shall be payable upon maturity dates fixed by the director. The earliest maturity date of any of the bonds shall be not less than one year and the final maturity date not more than 30 years from the date of issue of the bonds. In the discretion

of the director, the bonds may be issued as provided in ORS 286.040 with reservation of the right of optional redemption for retirement or refunding of the bonds prior to the final date of maturity. However if any of the bonds were purchased by the state at the time of their original issuance, and ownership thereof by the state continued unchanged, they may be redeemed by the director at any time at their amortized value based upon purchase price and the accrued interest without publication of notice of intended redemption. The bonds and the appurtenant coupons shall be negotiable in form and shall embody an absolute and unconditional promise of the State of Oregon to pay the principal of and the interest thereon, when due, in any coin or currency which, at the time of payment, is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts within the United States.

407.340 Execution and payment of bonds and coupons. The bonds shall be executed with the facsimile signatures of the Governor and the Secretary of State, and the manual signature of the State Treasurer, and each coupon shall contain a printed facsimile signature of the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer, with the titles of their offices indicated thereunder. The first interest coupon of each issue of bonds may be for a period less than six months if, in the judgment of the director, the issuance of bonds with such coupon is advisable. Not less than 20 days before the due date for payment of principal of and interest on any bond issued under authority of ORS 407.320 to 407.350, the director shall prepare and submit to the State Treasurer for verification, a claim duly approved by the director, in an amount sufficient to meet the payment thereof. Upon verification, the director shall present the claim to the Secretary of State for audit in like manner as other claims against the state are audited. The Secretary of State thereupon shall draw a warrant upon the State Treasurer in payment of such claim, from the World War II Veterans' Bond Sinking Fund. All bonds and interest coupons surrendered to the State Treasurer upon payment thereof, shall be retained and then destroyed as provided in ORS 288.120.

[Amended by 1975 c.462 §13]

407.350 Issuance of refunding bonds. The director, with the approval of the State Treasurer, may issue refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding outstanding bonds issued under the provisions of the article and ORS 407.320 and 407.330. The sale, issuance,

maturity dates and other details of the refunding bonds, including the rights of the holders thereof and the duties of the Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer and the director with respect thereto, shall be governed by the provisions of ORS 407.320 to 407.390 in so far as such provisions are applicable. The refunding bonds may be issued to refund bonds originally issued or to refund bonds previously issued for refunding purposes.

407.360 Advertisement and sale of bonds. The director, with the approval of the State Treasurer, shall provide an appropriate method for advertisement of each issue of bonds before the issue is sold, and shall require such deposit with each bid therefor as he deems adequate to insure its fulfillment. The advertisement shall contain a provision to the effect that the director, in his discretion, may reject any or all bids received by him in pursuance of such advertisement. In the event of such rejection, the director may readvertise for bids for the bonds, in the form and manner set forth in this section, as many times as he deems necessary to effect a satisfactory sale. None of the bonds may be sold at private sale, but they may be sold to the state, through the State Treasurer, either in registered or in coupon form, without advertisement for public sale, at such interest rate not exceeding an effective rate of four percent per annum payable semiannually and at such price not lower than that specified in this section as is agreed upon by the director and the State Treasurer. The bonds may be sold to any bidder or to the state at a price of not less than 98 percent of their par value and the full amount of interest accrued thereon at the date of delivery of the bonds. The state shall not pay any brokerage fees, commissions or other charges for preparation of the proceedings of, or for financing or underwriting of, the bonds, or for the preparation of any prospectus relating thereto. However, such limitations shall not preclude the payment of reasonable compensation to licensed attorneys for furnishing, at the request of the director, written opinions as to the regularity of proceedings providing for issuance of the bonds or as to the validity or legality thereof.

407.370 World War II Veterans' Compensation Fund; source; uses. (1) The money realized from sales of the bonds shall be deposited with the State Treasurer and shall by him be credited to a special fund, separate and distinct from the General Fund, to be known as World War II Veterans' Com-

pensation Fund. All moneys deposited therein hereby are appropriated and made available for the purposes specified in the article. Moneys received as refunds or repayments of compensation overpaid or erroneously paid shall be credited to the compensation fund.

(2) The Executive Department shall review all lists of compensation claims duly certified by the director as properly payable under authority of the article and ORS 407.310 to 407.420 and draw warrants upon the compensation fund in favor of the claimants named in such lists. All duly approved claims for payment of expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of ORS 407.310 to 407.420 shall be paid out of the compensation fund.

(3) All unexpended balances remaining in the compensation fund shall continue to be available for the purposes indicated in the article and of ORS 407.310 to 407.420, and shall not revert to nor become a part of the General Fund. If a balance remains in the fund after the purposes of the article have been met, or after a reserve sufficient, in the judgment of the director, to meet all valid claims against the fund has been set aside, the surplus may be transferred to the World War II Veterans' Bond Sinking Fund.

[Amended by 1975 c.614 §15]

407.380 World War II Veterans' Bond Sinking Fund; sources; uses. (1) A sinking fund to be known as World War II Veterans' Bond Sinking Fund is created to provide for payment of the principal of and the interest upon all bonds issued under authority of the article and ORS 407.320 to 407.350. The moneys in the sinking fund hereby are appropriated for such purposes.

(2) The sinking fund shall consist of all moneys received from ad valorem taxes levied pursuant to ORS 407.390, all moneys that the Legislative Assembly may provide in lieu of such taxes; all moneys received as accrued interest upon bonds sold; all moneys received from sales of refunding bonds; and all other moneys not required by ORS 407.320 to 407.420 to be credited to the compensation fund. If the Legislative Assembly provides revenues for sinking fund purposes other than from ad valorem taxation, such revenues hereby are pledged, in addition to any ad valorem taxes levied, to payment of the principal of and the interest upon such bonds until such time as the sinking fund, in the judgment of the director, is sufficient to meet in full the principal of and interest upon all

outstanding bonds issued under authority of the article and ORS 407.320 to 407.350.

(3) The moneys in the sinking fund, and the moneys in the compensation fund not required to meet current demands, may be invested as provided in ORS 293.701 to 293.776.

[Amended by 1967 c.335 §51]

407.390 Tax levy authorized. Each year when the Department of Revenue determines the amount of money required to be levied for state purposes, it shall ascertain and take into consideration the amount of money necessary to meet the requirements of ORS 407.310 to 407.420 for the ensuing fiscal year. Such amount shall be apportioned, certified to and collected by the several counties in the manner required by law for apportionment, certification and collection of other ad valorem property taxes for state purposes. The amounts of ad valorem taxes so levied shall be remitted in full by the several county treasurers to the State Treasurer in the manner and at the times prescribed by law, and shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the World War II Veterans' Bond Sinking Fund.

407.395 Time limitation on application for compensation. All applications for compensation under Article XI-F (2) of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, as distinguished from "certificates" (of entitlement to such compensation) in the first sentence of section 9 of said Article mentioned, shall be filed on or before December 31, 1953.

[1953 c.595 §1]

407.400 Payment of bonus when veteran dies or warrant is lost. (1) If the payee of a compensation warrant drawn on the compensation fund died after issuance of the warrant without negotiating the warrant or receiving payment thereof, the survivor of the payee of the warrant, in the order of priority prescribed by the article, may obtain payment of the warrant upon its surrender to the State Treasurer with indorsement in the name of the payee and of himself as survivor and upon filing with the warrant an affidavit to the effect that the affiant is the survivor of the person entitled to the proceeds of the warrant under authority of the article.

(2) If the compensation warrant is lost, stolen or destroyed through no fault of the payee or rightful owner thereof, he may obtain payment of the warrant after 60 days from its issue date, by filing with the State Treasurer an indemnity bond for the amount of the warrant, in form satisfactory to the

State Treasurer, of a corporate surety duly licensed to transact business in this state. The State of Oregon shall pay the premium on such bond from the compensation fund.

407.410 Payment of bonus when veteran is incompetent. (1) If the compensation is payable to a minor or mental incompetent, it shall be paid to the person who is constituted his committee, guardian, curator or conservator by the laws of the state of residence of the minor or incompetent, or is otherwise legally vested with his care. If there is no such committee, guardian, curator, conservator or other person, payment shall be made to the chief officer of any hospital or institution in which the minor or incompetent is placed where such officer is authorized to accept moneys for the benefit of the minor or incompetent. If there is no such committee, guardian, curator or conservator and if the minor or incompetent is not in a hospital or institution, and if the payment is to be \$250 or less, it shall be made to the person, determined by the director with approval of the Advisory Committee, who has assumed the major responsibility for the care of the minor or incompetent. Any payment made under this section shall be held or used only for the benefit of the minor or incompetent.

(2) For the purposes of this section the word "minor" does not include a minor veteran or member of the Armed Forces of the United States or a minor widow of such veteran or member.

407.420 Director to administer statutes; bonus tax exempt. (1) The director shall administer the provisions of the article and ORS 407.310 to 407.420, and, with the approval of the Advisory Committee, shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for such purpose. The director may require a fidelity bond of a corporate surety duly licensed to act as such in this state from any person employed in the administration of the article and ORS 407.310 to 407.420. The amount of the bond shall be fixed by the director and the premium thereon shall be

paid from the compensation fund. The director shall determine what showing shall be made and what type of application shall be filed by persons applying for veterans' compensation.

(2) The compensation provided by the article shall be paid as promptly as practicable to the persons designated in the article and shall be exempt from all taxes including income and inheritance taxes.

[Amended by 1971 c.418 §12]

407.430 [Repealed by 1971 c.743 §432]

407.440 Merit System Law inapplicable. Employees engaged by the director in the administration of the provisions of the article and of any Act supplementary thereto relating to veterans' compensation, shall be excluded from and shall not be subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 240, known as the State Merit System Law.

407.510 [Repealed by 1967 c.421 §206]

407.520 [Repealed by 1967 c.421 §206]

407.530 [Repealed by 1967 c.421 §206]

407.540 [Repealed by 1967 c.421 §206]

407.541 [Repealed by 1967 c.421 §206]

407.550 [Repealed by 1967 c.421 §206]

407.560 [Repealed by 1967 c.421 §206]

407.570 [Repealed by 1967 c.421 §206]

407.580 [Repealed by 1967 c.421 §206]

407.590 [Repealed by 1967 c.421 §206]

407.600 [Repealed by 1967 c.421 §206]

407.610 [Amended by 1953 c.106 §2; repealed by 1967 c.421 §206]

407.620 [Repealed by 1967 c.421 §206]

407.630 [Repealed by 1967 c.421 §206]

407.640 [Repealed by 1967 c.421 §206]

407.650 [Repealed by 1953 c.106 §2]

407.660 [Repealed by 1953 c.106 §2]

407.990 [Amended by 1967 c.421 §202; repealed by 1971 c.743 §432]

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Pursuant to ORS 173.170, I, Thomas G. Clifford, Legislative Counsel, do hereby certify that I have compared each section printed in this chapter with the original section in the enrolled bill, and that the sections in this chapter are correct copies of the enrolled sections, with the exception of the changes in form permitted by ORS 173.160 and other changes specifically authorized by law.

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