

House Bill 2678

Sponsored by Representative LIM

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**.

Limits awards of punitive damages to \$500,000 in civil actions against certain health care providers.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to punitive damages.

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

4 **SECTION 1. A plaintiff may not recover more than \$500,000 in punitive damages in any**
5 **civil action against the following health care providers that alleges personal injury or death**
6 **arising out of services rendered by a health care provider while the provider was acting**
7 **within the scope of the license or certificate issued to the provider:**

8 (1) **Emergency medical technicians certified by the Department of Human Services under**
9 **ORS chapter 682;**

10 (2) **A health care facility as defined in ORS 442.015; and**

11 (3) **Any person who is licensed or certified by:**

12 (a) **The State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology;**

13 (b) **The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners;**

14 (c) **The State Board of Clinical Social Workers;**

15 (d) **The Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists;**

16 (e) **The Oregon Board of Dentistry;**

17 (f) **The Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians;**

18 (g) **The State Board of Massage Therapists;**

19 (h) **The Board of Naturopathic Examiners;**

20 (i) **The Oregon State Board of Nursing;**

21 (j) **The Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators;**

22 (k) **The Oregon Board of Optometry;**

23 (L) **The State Board of Pharmacy;**

24 (m) **The Board of Medical Examiners;**

25 (n) **The Occupational Therapy Licensing Board;**

26 (o) **The Physical Therapist Licensing Board;**

27 (p) **The State Board of Psychologist Examiners;**

28 (q) **The Board of Radiologic Technology; or**

29 (r) **The Oregon Health Licensing Agency.**

30 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2007 Act applies only to causes of action arising on or after**
31 **the effective date of this 2007 Act.**

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.

