

House Bill 3212

Sponsored by Representative NELSON

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**.

Establishes Access to Appropriate Health Care Program in Department of Human Services to provide to public telephone access to health care information and referrals to appropriate facilities. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Human Services for program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to access to appropriate health care telephone program; appropriating money; and declar-
3 ing an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) In order to reduce the burden on hospital emergency rooms in this state**
6 **and to ensure access to appropriate health care information to the public, there is estab-**
7 **lished in the Department of Human Services the Access to Appropriate Health Care Pro-**
8 **gram. The program shall maintain a 24-hour toll-free telephone line staffed by nurse**
9 **practitioners certified under ORS 678.375 to provide information and referral services to the**
10 **public.**

11 **(2) Nurse practitioners staffing the Access to Appropriate Health Care Program tele-**
12 **phone line shall provide:**

13 **(a) Immediate access to basic health care information to the caller;**

14 **(b) Screening of patient health issues based information provided by the caller; and**

15 **(c) Referrals to health care facilities in the vicinity of the caller that can provide the**
16 **appropriate level of health care services as required to the caller.**

17 **SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the**
18 **biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the**
19 **purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2007 Act.**

20 **SECTION 3. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
21 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**
22 **on its passage.**

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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.