

Senate Bill 35

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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**.

Authorizes optometrists to institute treatment with antiglaucoma medication without prior consultation with ophthalmologist or other doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to treatment with antiglaucoma medication by optometrists; amending ORS 683.270.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 683.270 is amended to read:

5 683.270. (1) The powers and duties of the Oregon Board of Optometry are as follows:

6 (a) To organize and elect from its membership a president and vice president of the board, each
7 of whom shall hold office for one year, or until the election and qualification of a successor.

8 (b) To adopt and use a common seal.

9 (c) To employ agents and inspectors to secure evidence of and report on all violations of this
10 chapter and to employ other necessary assistance in the carrying out of the provisions of this
11 chapter, and to pay the same from the funds provided in ORS 683.010 to 683.335.

12 (d) To hold regular meetings at least once a year at which an examination of applicants for li-
13 censes shall be held at such places as the board shall from time to time designate, and special
14 meetings upon request of a majority of the members of the board or upon the call of the president.

15 (e) To keep an accurate record of all proceedings of the board and of all of its meetings, of all
16 prosecutions for violations of ORS 683.010 to 683.335, and of all examinations held for applicants for
17 licenses, with the names and addresses of all persons taking examinations and their success or
18 failure to pass such examinations. All the records of the board shall be public and shall be kept in
19 the office of the board.

20 (f) To keep an accurate inventory of all property of the board and of the state in the possession
21 of the board and to obtain a receipt therefor from its successor.

22 (g) To keep a register of optometrists which shall contain the names and addresses of all persons
23 to whom licenses have been issued in the State of Oregon, together with the date of the issuance
24 of the license and the place or places of business in which each optometrist is engaged, and all re-
25 newals, revocations and suspensions thereof.

26 (h) To grant or refuse to grant licenses as provided in ORS 683.010 to 683.335 and to impose any
27 of the sanctions for any of the causes specified in ORS 683.140.

28 (i) To administer oaths and take testimony upon granting and revoking or suspending any cer-
29 tificate of registration or any other certificate established by the board for the protection of the
30 public.

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 (j) To designate pharmaceutical agents for topical use in the practice of optometry with the
2 advice and guidance of the Board of Medical Examiners for the State of Oregon.

3 (k) To adopt rules not inconsistent with the laws of this state as are necessary or proper to
4 carry out the lawful powers and duties of the board, as may be necessary or proper to establish li-
5 cense fees and license terms or duration, to determine the qualifications of applicants for a license
6 and of licensees to practice optometry in this state, and to establish educational and professional
7 standards for such applicants, subject to the laws of this state. If an applicant fails to pass a second
8 examination the board may adopt rules which may provide the required courses of study before
9 further examination.

10 (2) Optometrists utilizing pharmaceutical agents shall be held to the same standards of liability
11 as persons licensed as physicians to practice medicine and surgery by the Board of Medical Exam-
12 iners for the State of Oregon under ORS chapter 677.

13 *[(3) Prior to instituting treatment with antiglaucoma medication, optometrists shall consult with an*
14 *ophthalmologist or other doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy licensed under ORS chapter 677.]*

15 *[(4) (3) Notwithstanding ORS 683.010 (3), an optometrist may remove superficial foreign bodies*
16 *from the eye and its appendages.*

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