

Enrolled
Senate Bill 531

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (at the request of Oregon Society of Physician Assistants)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to physician assistants; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 677.540.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 677.540 is amended to read:

677.540. (1) There is created a Physician Assistant Committee, which shall consist of five members. Members of the committee shall be appointed as follows:

(a) The Board of Medical Examiners for the State of Oregon shall appoint one of its members and one physician. One of the two must supervise a physician assistant.

(b) The **Board of Medical Examiners for the State of Oregon shall appoint three physician assistants after considering persons nominated by the Oregon Society of Physician Assistants** *[shall appoint two physician assistants]*.

[(c) The State Board of Pharmacy shall appoint one pharmacist.]

(2) The term of each member of the committee shall be for three years. A member may not serve more than two consecutive terms. A member shall serve until a successor is appointed. If a vacancy occurs, it shall be filled for the unexpired term by a person with the same qualifications as the retiring member.

(3) If any vacancy under subsection (1) of this section is not filled within 45 days, the Governor shall make the necessary appointment from the category which is vacant.

(4) The committee shall elect its own chairperson with such powers and duties as the committee shall fix.

(5) A quorum of the committee shall be three members. The committee shall hold a meeting at least once quarterly and at such other times the committee considers advisable to review requests for prescription and dispensing privileges and to review applications for licensure or renewal.

(6) The chairperson may call a special meeting of the Physician Assistant Committee upon at least 10 days' notice in writing to each member, to be held at any place designated by the chairperson.

(7) The committee members are entitled to compensation and expenses as provided for board members in ORS 677.280 (2).

SECTION 2. (1) A person seeking licensure as a physician assistant shall complete an application form provided by the Board of Medical Examiners and submit the form to the board, accompanied by nonrefundable fees for the application and for the license in amounts determined by rule of the board.

(2) Upon application, the board may issue a license to a physician assistant who meets the requirements for licensure under ORS 677.495 and 677.505 to 677.525.

(3) The board shall adopt necessary and proper rules to govern the renewal of licenses issued under this section.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2007 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 677.505 to 677.525.

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