

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 717

Ordered by the Senate May 4
Including Senate Amendments dated May 4

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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.

Requires Board of Medical Examiners to appoint scope of practice review committee for regulated health profession when requested to review proposed changes to scope of practice of health care profession. Requires committee to report results of proposal review to board. Requires board to forward committee report [*and board's position on committee recommendations*] to legislature.

Sunset June 30, 2012.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to scope of practice review committees.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Board of Medical Examiners shall appoint a scope of practice review**
5 **committee when a health care professional regulatory board, a health care professional or**
6 **an organization representing health care professionals proposing a change to the scope of**
7 **practice of a health care profession that may fall under the scope of what constitutes the**
8 **practice of medicine under ORS 677.085, files a written request with the board for review of**
9 **the proposed change.**

10 (2) Within 30 days of receipt of a request to review a proposed change to a scope of
11 practice, the Board of Medical Examiners shall convene a scope of practice review committee
12 composed of:

13 (a) Two members who are proponents of the change, one of whom shall be appointed by
14 the health professional regulatory board of the profession to which the scope of practice
15 applies and one of whom shall be appointed by an organization representing the profession;

16 (b) Two members, appointed by the Board of Medical Examiners, who oppose the pro-
17 posed change. These members may be individuals opposed to the change or representatives
18 of an organization opposed to the change; and

19 (c) Two neutral members appointed by the proponents of the change who are appointed
20 under paragraph (a) of this subsection and the opponents of the change who are appointed
21 under paragraph (b) of this subsection.

22 (3)(a) The scope of practice review committee shall review the proposed change to the
23 scope of practice. When conducting the required review, the committee shall consider:

24 (A) The potential barriers to access to care and the danger or harm that exists under
25 the current scope of practice;

26 (B) The significant new barriers to access to care and the danger or harm that might

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1 result from the proposed change to the scope of practice;

2 (C) The public health, safety and welfare benefits that would result from the proposed
3 change to the scope of practice;

4 (D) The most cost effective means for accomplishing the proposed change in the scope
5 of practice; and

6 (E) The evidence-based information provided by the Center for Evidence-Based Policy of
7 the Oregon Health and Science University.

8 (b) The scope of practice review committee shall submit a written report to the Board
9 of Medical Examiners within 90 days of the appointment of members to the committee. The
10 report shall include a final recommendation for endorsement or rejection of the proposed
11 change to the scope of practice if the committee reaches consensus on the issue. If the
12 committee fails to reach consensus, the report shall identify the issues that resulted in the
13 failure to reach consensus.

14 (c) The board shall provide technical assistance and support staff for the scope of prac-
15 tice review committee.

16 (4) The Board of Medical Examiners shall forward the committee's report to the Legis-
17 lative Assembly as provided in ORS 192.245 within 30 days of receiving the report from the
18 scope of practice review committee.

19 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2007 Act is repealed on June 30, 2012.

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