

# Senate Bill 830

Sponsored by Senator WESTLUND

## SUMMARY

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Requires Board of Medical Examiners to establish procedure for issuing limited volunteer physician licenses to retired and out-of-state physicians to practice at certain clinics. Establishes criteria for licensure. Prohibits limited volunteer physician licensees from receiving compensation for providing medical services. Requires board to adopt certain rules.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to licensure of volunteer physicians.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2007 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**  
5 **chapter 677.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The Board of Medical Examiners shall establish a procedure for issuing**  
7 **limited volunteer physician licenses to retired physicians and out-of-state physicians who**  
8 **volunteer to practice medicine in this state.**

9 **(2) Notwithstanding ORS 677.120, the board shall issue a limited volunteer physician li-**  
10 **cence to an applicant who:**

11 **(a)(A) Is retired from the practice of medicine;**

12 **(B) Is currently licensed to practice medicine in another state or territory of the United**  
13 **States or the District of Columbia; or**

14 **(C) Has practiced medicine as a commissioned medical officer serving in the Armed**  
15 **Forces of the United States, the United States Public Health Service or the United States**  
16 **Department of Veterans Affairs;**

17 **(b) Volunteers to provide medical services without compensation or the expectation of**  
18 **compensation to a public health clinic or a health clinic in a medically underserved or critical**  
19 **need population area of the state that is operated by a nonprofit corporation or organization**  
20 **and provides physical health, dental or mental health services to low-income patients without**  
21 **charge or using a sliding fee scale based on the income of the patient;**

22 **(c) Has not been the recipient of a professional sanction by a medical licensing authority**  
23 **in any jurisdiction in which the applicant held an active license;**

24 **(d) Has no actions recorded with the National Practitioner Data Bank; and**

25 **(e) Meets the criteria for limited volunteer physician licensure established by the board**  
26 **by rule.**

27 **(3) A physician holding a limited volunteer physician license may practice medicine only:**

28 **(a) In a public health clinic or a health clinic in a medically underserved or critical need**  
29 **population area of the state that is operated by a nonprofit corporation or organization and**  
30 **provides physical health, dental or mental health services to low-income patients without**

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1 charge or using a sliding fee scale based on the income of the patient; and

2 (b) If the limited volunteer physician licensee has filed with the board a notarized state-  
3 ment that the licensee will not receive compensation for medical services provided while  
4 practicing as a limited volunteer physician in this state.

5 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Board of Medical Examiners shall adopt rules establishing:

6 (a) The qualifications for licensure as a limited volunteer physician.

7 (b) The standards of practice for physicians practicing with a limited volunteer physician  
8 license.

9 (2) The rules adopted under this section shall include but are not limited to:

10 (a) Specification of the documentation that must be submitted to the board in support  
11 of an application for a limited volunteer physician license.

12 (b) Prohibition of a physician practicing medicine with a limited volunteer physician li-  
13 cense from receiving compensation for providing medical services.

14 (3) The board may not require a physician who has met the requirements of this section  
15 and section 2 of this 2007 Act to take an examination in order to obtain a limited volunteer  
16 physician license.

17 (4) The board shall establish initial and renewal terms for a limited volunteer physician  
18 license and shall impose fees for a limited volunteer physician license that are the same as  
19 those established and assessed for other volunteer licenses issued by the board.

20 **SECTION 4.** The Board of Medical Examiners shall adopt rules necessary to implement  
21 the provisions of sections 2 and 3 of this 2007 Act no later than 180 days from the effective  
22 date of this 2007 Act.

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