

Senate Bill 831

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 child abuse assessment centers. 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

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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) As used in this section:**

7 (a) **"Child abuse medical assessment" means an assessment by or under the direction of**
8 **a licensed physician or other licensed health care professional trained in the evaluation, di-**
9 **agnosis and treatment of child abuse. "Child abuse medical assessment" includes the taking**
10 **of a thorough medical history, a complete physical examination and an interview for the**
11 **purpose of making a medical diagnosis, determining whether the child has been abused and**
12 **identifying the appropriate treatment or referral for follow-up for the child.**

13 (b) **"Community assessment center" means a neutral, child-sensitive community-based**
14 **facility or service provider to which a child from the community may be referred to receive**
15 **a thorough child abuse medical assessment for the purpose of determining whether the child**
16 **has been abused or neglected.**

17 (c) **"Regional assessment center" means a facility operated by a community assessment**
18 **center that provides child abuse medical assessments, assistance with difficult or complex**
19 **child abuse medical assessments, education, training, consultation, technical assistance and**
20 **referral services for community assessment centers or county multidisciplinary child abuse**
21 **teams in regions designated by the administrator of the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary**
22 **Intervention Program.**

23 (2) **The Board of Medical Examiners shall establish a procedure for issuing limited vol-**
24 **unteer physician licenses to retired physicians and out-of-state physicians who volunteer to**
25 **practice medicine in this state.**

26 (3) **Notwithstanding ORS 677.120, the board shall issue a limited volunteer physician li-**
27 **cence to an applicant who:**

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

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

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 (C) Has practiced medicine as a commissioned medical officer serving in the Armed
2 Forces of the United States, the United States Public Health Service or the United States
3 Department of Veterans Affairs.

4 (b) Volunteers to provide child abuse medical assessments and medical services at a
5 community assessment center or a regional assessment center without compensation or the
6 expectation of compensation.

7 (c) Has not been the recipient of a professional sanction by a medical licensing authority
8 in any jurisdiction in which the applicant held an active license.

9 (d) Has no actions recorded with the National Practitioner Data Bank.

10 (e) Meets the criteria for limited volunteer physician licensure established by the board
11 by rule.

12 (4) A physician holding a limited volunteer physician license may practice medicine only:

13 (a) In a community assessment center or a regional assessment center.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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