

**B-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2245**

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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.

Changes name of Board of Radiologic Technology to Board of Medical Imaging. Changes name of Board of Radiologic Technology Account to Board of Medical Imaging Account.

Defines "medical imaging modality" and related terms. Creates categories of medical imaging modalities.

Revises various provisions relating to medical imaging licensees and limited X-ray machine operator permittees.

Requires persons applying on or after January 1, 2014, for license to practice medical imaging modality to have credential issued by nationally recognized credentialing organization recognized by board.

**Takes effect July 1, 2010.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to medical imaging; creating new provisions; amending ORS 31.740, 58.015, 67.005, 192.519,  
3 433.443, 676.160, 688.405, 688.415, 688.425, 688.435, 688.445, 688.455, 688.480, 688.485, 688.495,  
4 688.505, 688.515, 688.520, 688.525, 688.545, 688.555, 688.557, 688.560, 688.565, 688.585, 688.595,  
5 688.600, 688.605, 688.915 and 746.600; and repealing ORS 688.465 and 688.475; and prescribing an  
6 effective date.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** ORS 688.405 is amended to read:

9 688.405. As used in ORS 688.405 to 688.605:

10 (1) [*“Approved school of radiologic technology” means a school of radiologic technology accredited*  
11 *by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology or by a regional post-secondary*  
12 *accreditation body, whose graduates are qualified to sit for the American Registry of Radiologic*  
13 *Technologists examination*] **“Approved school” means a school accredited in one of the medical**  
14 **imaging modalities or subspecialties by a national post-secondary accreditation body and**  
15 **whose graduates are qualified to sit for a credentialing examination recognized by the Board**  
16 **of Medical Imaging in the graduate’s medical imaging modality or subspecialty.**

17 [(2) *“Board” means the Board of Radiologic Technology established by ORS 688.405 to 688.605.*]

18 [(3) *“Diagnostic radiologic technologist” means a person other than a licensed practitioner who*  
19 *actually handles X-ray equipment in the process of applying radiation on a human being for diagnostic*  
20 *purposes under the supervision of a licensed practitioner.*]

21 [(4) *“Inactive status” means the status granted by the board to a licensee or limited permit holder*  
22 *who has notified the board of the intent not to practice radiologic technology and of the desire to retain*  
23 *the right to reinstate the license or limited permit subject to board rule.*]

**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       (2) **“Clinical instructor” means an individual assigned to supervise students in a clinical**  
2 **setting who is:**

3       (a) **A licensed physician who routinely supervises the medical imaging modality being**  
4 **studied by a student; or**

5       (b) **An individual licensed by the board and credentialed by a credentialing organization**  
6 **in the medical imaging modality being studied by a student.**

7       (3) **“Credential” means the recognition awarded to an individual who meets the require-**  
8 **ments of a credentialing organization.**

9       (4) **“Credentialing organization” means a nationally recognized organization that issues**  
10 **credentials through testing or evaluations that determine that a person meets defined stan-**  
11 **dards for training and competence in a medical imaging modality.**

12       (5) **“Diagnostic medical sonography” means the use of nonionizing high frequency sound**  
13 **waves with specialized equipment to direct the sound waves into areas of the human body**  
14 **to generate images for the assessment and diagnosis of various medical conditions.**

15       (6) **“Graduate” means an individual who has completed the didactic and clinical education**  
16 **at an approved school, including documented clinical proficiency, but who has not met all**  
17 **requirements for credentialing by a credentialing organization.**

18       (7) **“Hybrid imaging or radiation therapy equipment” means equipment that combines**  
19 **more than one medical imaging modality into a single device.**

20       (8) **“Ionizing radiation” means alpha particles, beta particles, gamma rays, X-rays, neu-**  
21 **trons, high-speed electrons, high-speed protons or other particles capable of producing ions.**  
22 **“Ionizing radiation” does not include radiation such as radiofrequency or microwaves, visible,**  
23 **infrared or ultraviolet light or ultrasound.**

24       (9) **“License” means a license issued by the board to practice one or more of the medical**  
25 **imaging modalities.**

26       (10) **“Licensed physician” means a physician or surgeon licensed in Oregon.**

27       [(5) *“Licensed practitioner” means a person licensed or otherwise authorized by Oregon law to*  
28 *practice one of the healing arts.*]

29       [(6) *“License” means a license granted and issued by the board to practice radiologic technology.*]

30       [(7) *“Limited permit course of study” means a board approved set of didactical and clinical expe-*  
31 *rience elements designed to prepare a student for obtaining practical experience and for passing the*  
32 *limited permit examination described in ORS 688.515.*]

33       [(8) *“Limited permit holder” means a person other than a radiation therapist or a diagnostic*  
34 *radiologic technologist who handles X-ray equipment in the process of applying radiation on a human*  
35 *being for diagnostic purposes under the supervision of a licensed practitioner and who has met the*  
36 *requirements of ORS 688.515.*]

37       [(9) *“Radiation oncologist” means a physician who is either certified or eligible for certification in*  
38 *therapeutic radiology by the American Board of Radiology or its equivalent or who is certified in*  
39 *general radiology by the American Board of Radiology and who devotes all professional time to the*  
40 *investigation and management of neoplastic disorders inclusive of teaching such investigation and*  
41 *management.*]

42       (11) **“Limited X-ray machine operator” means a person other than a licensed physician**  
43 **who performs diagnostic X-ray procedures under the supervision of a licensed physician us-**  
44 **ing equipment that emits external ionizing radiation resulting in diagnostic radiographic**  
45 **images that are limited to select human anatomical sites.**

1 (12) **“Limited X-ray machine operator course of study”** means a board-approved set of  
2 didactic and clinical experience elements designed to prepare a person for gaining practical  
3 experience and for passing the limited X-ray machine operator examination.

4 (13) **“Magnetic resonance imaging”** means the process by which certain nuclei, when  
5 placed in a magnetic field, absorb and release energy in the form of radio waves that are  
6 analyzed by a computer thereby producing an image of human anatomy and physiological  
7 information.

8 (14) **“Medical imaging”** means the use of specialized equipment for the production of  
9 visual representations of human anatomy, tissues or organs for use in clinical diagnosis and  
10 treatment and includes but is not limited to X-ray, single photon emission, positron emission  
11 technology, ultrasound, magnetic fields, visible light and radio waves.

12 (15) **“Medical imaging licensee”** means a person other than a licensed physician or a  
13 limited X-ray machine operator who holds a valid license and operates medical imaging  
14 equipment for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes under the supervision of a licensed physi-  
15 cian.

16 (16) **“Medical imaging modality”** means:

17 (a) **Diagnostic medical sonography and all its subspecialties;**

18 (b) **Magnetic resonance imaging and all its subspecialties;**

19 (c) **Nuclear medicine technology and all its subspecialties;**

20 (d) **Radiation therapy and all its subspecialties; or**

21 (e) **Radiography and all its subspecialties.**

22 (17) **“Nuclear medicine technology”** means the specialized equipment that measures ra-  
23 diation emitted by radionuclides, including counters and cameras that form medical images  
24 for interpretation by a physician, or assists in therapeutic use of radionuclides.

25 [(10) *“Radiation therapist” means a person, other than a licensed practitioner, who handles*  
26 *ionizing radiation in the process of applying radiation on a human being for therapeutic purposes un-*  
27 *der the supervision of a licensed practitioner.*]

28 [(11)] (18) **“Radiation therapy”** means the use of ionizing radiation [upon] on a human being for  
29 therapeutic purposes.

30 [(12)] (19) [*“Radiologic technologist”*] **“Radiographer”** means a person other than a licensed  
31 [*practitioner who practices radiologic technology as a:*] **physician who performs a comprehensive**  
32 **set of diagnostic radiographic procedures under the supervision of a licensed physician using**  
33 **external ionizing radiation to produce radiographic, fluoroscopic or digital images.**

34 [(a) *Diagnostic radiologic technologist; or*]

35 [(b) *Radiation therapist.*]

36 [(13)] (20) [*“Radiologic technology”*] **“Radiography”** means the use of ionizing radiation [upon  
37 a] **to produce radiographic, fluoroscopic or digital images of human [being] anatomy** for diag-  
38 nostic [or therapeutic] purposes.

39 [(14) *“Radiologist” means a person duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of Oregon and*  
40 *who is certified by the American Board of Radiology or by the American Osteopathic Board of*  
41 *Radiology.*]

42 (21) **“Radiologist”** means a person licensed to practice medicine in the State of Oregon  
43 who is certified by or board eligible for certification by the American Board of Radiology, the  
44 American Osteopathic Association, the Royal College of Radiologists or the Royal College of  
45 Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

1       **(22) “Student” means an individual enrolled in:**

2       **(a) An approved school; or**

3       **(b) A limited X-ray machine operator course of study.**

4       [(15)] **(23) “Supervision” means the act of monitoring and reviewing the performance of [diag-**  
5 **nostic X-ray technology] medical imaging licensees or limited X-ray machine operators through**  
6 **[periodic inspection] regular inspections of work produced, regardless of whether [or not] the**  
7 **supervising [licensed practitioner] individual is continuously physically present during the [perform-**  
8 **ance of such diagnostic X-ray technology] use of medical imaging equipment or X-ray**  
9 **equipment.**

10       **SECTION 2.** ORS 688.415 is amended to read:

11       688.415. (1) *[No person shall]* **A person may not:**

12       (a) Practice *[radiologic technology]* **any of the medical imaging modalities, use X-ray equip-**  
13 **ment or purport to be a medical imaging licensee or a limited X-ray machine operator** if the  
14 person is not licensed in accordance with the provisions of ORS *[688.405 to 688.605]* **688.455** or is  
15 not the holder of a **limited X-ray machine operator** permit issued under ORS 688.515;

16       (b) Practice *[radiologic technology]* **any medical imaging modality or as a limited X-ray ma-**  
17 **chine operator** under a false or assumed name;

18       (c) Knowingly employ any person for the purpose of practicing *[radiologic technology]* **any**  
19 **medical imaging modality or as a limited X-ray machine operator** if that person is not licensed  
20 or does not hold a valid permit in accordance with the provisions of ORS 688.405 to 688.605;

21       (d) Obtain or attempt to obtain a license or permit or a renewal of a license or permit by bribery  
22 or fraudulent representation; or

23       (e) Knowingly make a false statement on an application for a license or permit or a renewal for  
24 a license **or permit.**

25       (2) *[After January 1, 1979, no person shall]* **After January 1, 2010, a person may not practice**  
26 ***[radiologic technology]* a medical imaging modality or purport to be a *[radiologic technologist]* a**  
27 **medical imaging licensee** unless the person is licensed in accordance with the provisions of ORS  
28 688.405 to 688.605 or holds a permit issued by the Board of *[Radiologic Technology]* **Medical Imag-**  
29 **ing.**

30       (3) **After January 1, 2014, the Board of Medical Imaging may not issue a license to a**  
31 **person unless the person has been awarded a credential by a credentialing organization in a**  
32 **medical imaging modality recognized by the board.**

33       **SECTION 3.** ORS 688.425 is amended to read:

34       688.425. (1) A person licensed **in one of the medical imaging modalities** in accordance with  
35 the provisions of ORS 688.405 to 688.605 may use the *[title of “Licensed Radiologic Technologist” or*  
36 *the letters “LRT.” A person licensed as a radiologic technologist in the therapeutic field may use the*  
37 *title of “Licensed Radiation Therapy Technologist” or the letters “LRTT.”]* **identifying titles and in-**  
38 **itials of the person’s credentialing organization.**

39       *[(2) No person shall use these titles or any abbreviation of these titles or any title which is sub-*  
40 *stantially the same as these titles unless the person is authorized under subsection (1) of this section.]*

41       (2) **A person who holds a permit as a limited X-ray machine operator issued under ORS**  
42 **688.515 may use the title of “Limited X-ray Machine Operator” or the letters “LXMO.”**

43       (3) **A person may not use credential titles, abbreviations of credential titles or initials**  
44 **resembling credential titles unless the person is authorized as provided in this section.**

45       **SECTION 4.** ORS 688.435 is amended to read:

1 688.435. The provisions of ORS 688.405 to 688.605 *[shall]* **do** not apply to the following persons:

2 (1) Persons who operate dental X-ray equipment for the sole purpose of oral radiography.

3 *[(2) Students in approved schools of radiologic technology as defined in ORS 688.405 while prac-*  
4 *ticing radiologic technology under the supervision of an instructor who is either a radiologist or a li-*  
5 *icensed radiologic technologist.]*

6 *[(3)]* **(2)** *[A licensed practitioner or students in approved schools leading to licensure as a practi-*  
7 *tioner of one of the healing arts]* **Students in approved schools**, while practicing *[radiologic tech-*  
8 *nology]* **one of the medical imaging modalities or subspecialties** under the supervision of *[an]* **the**  
9 **school's assigned clinical** instructor *[who is either a licensed practitioner or a licensed radiologic*  
10 *technologist].*

11 **(3) Specific licensed health care providers, other than physicians, who use sonographic**  
12 **equipment within their lawful scope of practice.**

13 **(4) Licensed physicians.**

14 **SECTION 5.** ORS 688.445 is amended to read:

15 688.445. (1) The Board of *[Radiologic Technology]* **Medical Imaging** shall issue:

16 **(a)** A license to practice *[as a radiologic technologist]* **a specified medical imaging modality**  
17 in the State of Oregon to each person who meets the qualifications for *[licensure]* **a license** as pro-  
18 vided in ORS *[688.405 to 688.605. Such]* **688.455. The** license shall *[state]* **identify** the *[category or*  
19 *categories]* **modality or subspecialty** for which the qualifications have been met, *[which include di-*  
20 *agnostic radiologic technologist and radiation therapist].*

21 **(b)(A)** **A permit to practice as a limited X-ray machine operator in the State of Oregon**  
22 **to each person who meets the qualifications to hold that permit as provided in ORS 688.515.**  
23 **The permit shall identify the category for which the qualifications have been met.**

24 **(B)** **The categories are skull and sinuses, spine, chest, extremities, podiatric and bone**  
25 **densitometry.**

26 **(2)** **In order to remain active**, a license **or permit** must be renewed every two years *[on]* **prior**  
27 **to** the first day *[of the month of the anniversary date]* of the licensee's *[birthday]* **birth month or**  
28 **as otherwise provided by the board by rule.**

29 **(3)** *[Any license]* **A license or permit** that is not renewed as provided in subsection (2) of this  
30 section expires. The board may renew an expired license **or permit** upon payment of a delinquent  
31 fee in an amount set by the board plus the biennial renewal fee. *[However, no such]*

32 **(a)** **A late renewal may not** be granted more than *[five]* **two** years after a license **or permit** has  
33 expired.

34 **(b)** **A late renewal may not be granted to any medical imaging licensee not credentialed**  
35 **by a credentialing organization.**

36 **(4)** *[A license shall be renewed upon application to the board which is accompanied by a fee in an*  
37 *amount set by the board.]* **The board shall renew the license or permit of a person who meets**  
38 **the requirements under ORS 688.455 or 688.515 upon receipt of:**

39 **(a)** **An application accompanied by a fee in an amount established by the board; and**

40 **(b)** **Supporting evidence of appropriate continuing education as defined by the board by**  
41 **rule.**

42 **(5)** A license *[which]* **or permit that** has been expired for more than *[five]* **two** years may be  
43 reissued only in the manner prescribed for an original license **or permit.**

44 **SECTION 6.** ORS 688.455 is amended to read:

45 688.455. (1) The Board of *[Radiologic Technology shall]* **Medical Imaging shall issue a license**

1 [any] to a person [who] to practice a medical imaging modality if the person makes an applica-  
2 tion in writing and pays a fee in an amount [set] established by the board and [who at that time]  
3 if the person, at the time of application:

4 [(1)] (a) Is at least 18 years of age;

5 [(2)] (b) Has [successfully completed a four-year course of study in a secondary school approved  
6 by the board of education of the state in which the school is located or has passed an approved  
7 equivalency test; and] graduated from an approved school;

8 (c) Has undergone a background check to the satisfaction of the board as established in  
9 rules adopted by the board;

10 (d) Has not had a license of any type revoked by this state or any state, territory of the  
11 United States or nation;

12 (e) Has not had a credential revoked by any credentialing organization;

13 (f) Meets the standards of ethical conduct established in the professional standards of the  
14 corresponding credentialing organization or a medical imaging modality's professional soci-  
15 ety; and

16 [(3)] (g) Meets the requirements for licensing as described in ORS [688.465, 688.475 and] 688.495.

17 (2) All applicants for a license are subject to the examination policies of their respective  
18 credentialing organizations.

19 (3)(a) The board may consider issuing a new license to a person whose revoked credential  
20 has been reinstated by a credentialing organization or whose license of any type has been  
21 reinstated by another state.

22 (b) The board shall consider issuing a new license under this subsection on a case by case  
23 basis and shall adopt rules governing issuance of a new license.

24 **SECTION 7.** ORS 688.455, as amended by section 6 of this 2009 Act, is amended to read:

25 688.455. (1) The Board of Medical Imaging shall issue a license to a person to practice a medical  
26 imaging modality if the person makes an application in writing and pays a fee in an amount estab-  
27 lished by the board and if the person, at the time of application:

28 (a) Is at least 18 years of age;

29 (b) Has graduated from an approved school;

30 (c) Holds a credential issued by a credentialing organization in a medical imaging  
31 modality recognized by the board;

32 [(c)] (d) Has undergone a background check to the satisfaction of the board as established in  
33 rules adopted by the board;

34 [(d)] (e) Has not had a license of any type revoked by this state or any state, territory of the  
35 United States or nation;

36 [(e)] (f) Has not had a credential revoked by any credentialing organization;

37 [(f)] (g) Meets the standards of ethical conduct established in the professional standards of the  
38 corresponding credentialing organization or a medical imaging modality's professional society; and

39 [(g)] (h) Meets the requirements for licensing as described in ORS 688.495.

40 (2) All applicants for a license are subject to the examination policies of their respective cre-  
41 dentialing organizations.

42 (3)(a) The board may consider issuing a new license to a person whose revoked credential has  
43 been reinstated by a credentialing organization or whose license of any type has been reinstated by  
44 another state.

45 (b) The board shall consider issuing a new license under this subsection on a case by case basis

1 and shall adopt rules governing issuance of a new license.

2 **SECTION 8.** ORS 688.480 is amended to read:

3 688.480. [(1) *Persons who operate computed tomography equipment not involving the use of*  
4 *radionuclides for diagnostic purposes must be certified by the American Registry of Radiologic*  
5 *Technologists.*]

6 [(2) *Persons who operate computed tomography equipment combined with a positron emission*  
7 *tomography imaging system for diagnostic purposes shall adhere to rules adopted by the Board of*  
8 *Radiologic Technology.*] **Persons who operate hybrid imaging or radiation therapy equipment**  
9 **incorporating more than one medical imaging modality shall:**

10 (1) **Hold a primary credential in at least one of the modalities in use.**

11 (2) **Be a medical imaging licensee in at least one of the modalities in use and have a re-**  
12 **stricted license in all other modalities incorporated into the hybrid imaging or radiation**  
13 **therapy equipment in accordance with rules adopted by the Board of Medical Imaging.**

14 **SECTION 9.** ORS 688.485 is amended to read:

15 688.485. (1) The Board of [*Radiologic Technology may conduct one or more*] **Medical Imaging**  
16 **shall oversee examinations given** each year [*at such times and places as the board may determine*]  
17 **for a limited X-ray machine operator permit.**

18 (2) [*An*] **A limited X-ray machine operator permit** applicant who fails to pass an examination  
19 may take additional examinations [*scheduled*] **as required** by the board **by rule.**

20 (3) [*A fee shall be charged for*] **The board shall charge a fee for oversight of limited X-ray**  
21 **machine operator permit** examinations [*as*] **in an amount** determined by the board **by rule.**

22 (4) **All limited X-ray machine operator permit applicants are subject to the rules of a**  
23 **board-approved testing agency including, but not limited to, testing schedules and frequency,**  
24 **fees, application procedures and conduct.**

25 **SECTION 10.** ORS 688.495 is amended to read:

26 688.495. The Board of [*Radiologic Technology*] **Medical Imaging** may license as a [*radiologic*  
27 *technologist*] **radiographer**, without examination, any person who:

28 (1) Applies for a license as provided in ORS 688.455; and

29 (2) On the date of making application is a [*radiologic technologist*] **radiographer** under the laws  
30 of any other state, territory of the United States or nation, if the requirements for licensure in that  
31 state, territory or nation are not less **stringent** than those required under ORS 688.405 to 688.605  
32 and the applicant passed a written examination in that state, territory or nation that is comparable  
33 to the examination required in this state for the category or categories for which licensure is  
34 sought.

35 **SECTION 11.** ORS 688.505 is amended to read:

36 688.505. [*The Board of Radiologic Technology shall require each person holding a license or per-*  
37 *mit under ORS 688.405 to 688.605 to submit, at the time the person submits the biennial renewal fee,*  
38 *evidence of continuing education in radiologic technology pursuant to rules of the board. Continuing*  
39 *education must be pertinent to the subject area of radiologic technology for which the license or permit*  
40 *was issued. Evidence of current American Registry of Radiologic Technologists certification may be*  
41 *used as valid documentation of continuing education required by this section.*]

42 (1) **At the time a biennial renewal fee is submitted, the Board of Medical Imaging shall**  
43 **require each licensee and permittee to submit evidence of continuing education pertinent to**  
44 **the license or permit.**

45 (2) **A holder of a limited X-ray machine operator permit shall submit evidence of satis-**

1 **fyng the number of hours of continuing education as established by the board by rule.**

2 (3) **A holder of a license may submit evidence of a current credential issued by the cre-**  
3 **dentiaing organization if that organization requires continuing education for renewal of**  
4 **those credentials.**

5 (4) **A holder of a license with a credential from a credentialing organization that does not**  
6 **require continuing education for renewal shall submit evidence of continuing education equal**  
7 **to other medical imaging licensees as required by rule of the board.**

8 **SECTION 12.** ORS 688.515 is amended to read:

9 688.515. (1) The Board of [*Radiologic Technology shall*] **Medical Imaging shall** issue a limited  
10 **X-ray machine operator** permit to an applicant to practice [*in a limited area of radiologic technol-*  
11 *ogy if such*] **under the supervision of a licensed physician if the** applicant meets the requirements  
12 [*for a limited permit*] as provided in this section. [*Such*] **A limited X-ray machine operator** permit  
13 shall state the category or categories for which the applicant has demonstrated competence and  
14 shall be limited to one of the categories listed below or as established by the board by rule:

15 [(a) *Upper extremities;*]

16 [(b) *Pelvis or lower extremities, or both;*]

17 **(a) Skull and sinuses;**

18 **(b) Spine;**

19 (c) Chest [*and ribs*];

20 **(d) Extremities;**

21 [(d) *Spine;*]

22 [(e) *Head;*]

23 [(f) *Abdomen; or*]

24 [(g) *Foot and ankle for podiatric use.*]

25 **(e) Podiatric; or**

26 **(f) Bone densitometry.**

27 (2) Limited **X-ray machine operator** permits [*shall*] **may** not be issued for **fluoroscopy, bony**  
28 **thorax studies, abdominal studies,** contrast studies or special head studies such as tomography,  
29 **radiation therapy or any of the other medical imaging modalities or subspecialties other than**  
30 **the categories listed in subsection (1) of this section or as established by the board by rule.**

31 (3) Each applicant for a limited **X-ray machine operator** permit shall:

32 (a) Make an application in writing;

33 (b) Pay an application fee in an amount set by the board;

34 (c) Be at least 18 years of age;

35 (d) Have successfully passed a board-approved course of instruction in radiation use and safety  
36 consisting of the number of hours of instruction required by the board by rule;

37 (e) Have successfully completed a course of instruction approved by the board and taught by a  
38 board-approved, licensed[, *registered radiologic technologist*] **radiographer** in laboratory practice  
39 specific to each category for which the applicant seeks a limited **X-ray machine operator** permit,  
40 with the instructor's certifying to the board that the applicant has completed the course in those  
41 categories applied for;

42 (f) Have successfully completed a practical experience program approved by the board, specific  
43 to each category for which the applicant seeks a limited **X-ray machine operator** permit. Such  
44 program shall include operation of an energized X-ray machine under the supervision of a [*registered*  
45 *radiologic technologist*] **radiographer**;



1 (g) Have paid the examination fee set by board rule to reflect the actual cost of the examination;  
2 *[and]*

3 (h) Have successfully passed an *[oral or written]* examination<sup>1</sup>, *[or both, conducted by or]* approved  
4 by the board in *[radiation use and safety]* **the core module as defined in rules adopted by the**  
5 **board**, and in those categories in which the applicant seeks a limited **X-ray machine operator**  
6 permit<sup>2</sup>;

7 (i) **Have undergone a background check to the satisfaction of the board as established in**  
8 **rules adopted by the board;**

9 (j) **Not have had any type of license or permit revoked by this state or any state, terri-**  
10 **tory of the United States or nation; and**

11 (k) **Meet the standards of ethical conduct established in the professional standards of a**  
12 **credentialing organization or a medical imaging modality's professional society.**

13 (4) Upon meeting the requirements of this section, the board shall issue a limited **X-ray ma-**  
14 **chine operator** permit to the applicant. *[A] The limited X-ray machine operator permit [shall be*  
15 *renewed every two years on the first day of the month of the anniversary date of the permittee's birth-*  
16 *day subject to ORS 688.505 and payment of a fee in an amount set by the board. Any limited permit*  
17 *that is not renewed as provided in this subsection expires. The board may renew any expired limited*  
18 *permit upon payment of a delinquent fee in an amount set by the board plus the biennial renewal fee]*  
19 **is subject to the renewal procedures described in ORS 688.445.**

20 (5) Every person issued a limited **X-ray machine operator** permit shall notify the board in  
21 writing of the name of each licensed *[practitioner]* **physician** supervising *[permittee's]* **the person's**  
22 performance of diagnostic *[X-ray technology]* **radiography** and *[shall]* **may** only perform diagnostic  
23 *[X-ray technology]* **radiography** while being supervised by a licensed *[practitioner]* **physician**. In the  
24 event *[permittee]* **the person** subsequently is supervised by a licensed *[practitioner]* **physician** other  
25 than the *[person]* **physician** whose name was initially furnished to the board, the *[board shall be*  
26 *immediately notified]* **person shall immediately notify the board** in writing.

27 *[(6) A temporary license or limited permit may be issued by the board without examination to a*  
28 *graduate of or a student enrolled in an approved school of radiologic technology or limited permit*  
29 *course of instruction upon application and payment of a registration fee in an amount set by the board*  
30 *if the person practices as a diagnostic radiologic technologist or radiation therapist under the super-*  
31 *vision of a licensed practitioner. A temporary license or limited permit is valid for a period of six*  
32 *months and may be renewed by the board for one six-month period only.]*

33 *[(7) At the discretion of the board a temporary limited permit may be issued by the board without*  
34 *examination to a person upon application and payment of a registration fee in an amount set by the*  
35 *board if the person practices diagnostic radiologic technology under the supervision of a licensed*  
36 *practitioner and if the person is enrolled in an approved course of instruction in radiation use and*  
37 *safety. Such a temporary limited permit shall be valid for a period of three months and shall not be*  
38 *renewed by the board except as provided under subsection (6) of this section.]*

39 *[(8) In addition to the temporary license or limited permit authorized by this section, the board*  
40 *may authorize a permit authorizing its holder to be an X-ray bone densitometry operator. The operator*  
41 *must meet standards of training established by the board by rule. The applicant shall pay a*  
42 *nonrefundable fee fixed by the board and the permit may be issued for a period of two years and may*  
43 *be renewed upon payment of a fixed renewal fee.]*

44 **(6) Limited X-ray machine operators must meet the standards of ethical conduct equal**  
45 **to those of a licensed radiographer.**

1       **SECTION 13.** ORS 688.520 is amended to read:

2       688.520. (1) **The Board of Medical Imaging may grant inactive status to a person who**  
3 **holds a license or a limited X-ray machine operator permit who notifies the board of the**  
4 **person's:**

5       (a) **Intent not to practice a medical imaging modality or subspecialty or as a limited X-**  
6 **ray machine operator; and**

7       (b) **Desire to retain the right to reinstate the license or permit subject to board rules.**

8       (2) **Only medical imaging licensees who hold a credential issued by a credentialing or-**  
9 **ganization or limited X-ray machine operators in good standing may retain the right to**  
10 **reinstate an inactive license.**

11       (3) **The board may, in certain disciplinary circumstances, issue a provisional license or**  
12 **provisional permit that identifies:**

13       (a) **The specific provisions of the license and terms of converting the license from pro-**  
14 **visional status to active status;**

15       (b) **The length of issuance; and**

16       (c) **The specific issues that resulted in provisional status.**

17       (4) **The board may issue a restricted license for the purpose of performing hybrid imaging**  
18 **using a modality for which the medical imaging licensee does not hold either a primary or**  
19 **secondary credential if:**

20       (a) **The person holds a credential in one or more of the medical imaging modalities or**  
21 **subspecialties; and**

22       (b) **Receives appropriate training in the limited aspects of the other modality as required**  
23 **by the board by rule.**

24       (5) **The board may issue an additional license to a person who:**

25       (a) **Holds a license issued by the board in one of the primary medical imaging modalities;**

26       (b) **Holds and continues to maintain a primary credential issued by a credentialing or-**  
27 **ganization recognized by the board in one of the primary medical imaging modalities; and**

28       (c) **Holds and continues to maintain an additional credential issued by a credentialing**  
29 **organization recognized by the board in the secondary medical imaging modality for which**  
30 **a license is sought.**

31       (6)(a) **The board may issue a student license to a person enrolled in an approved school**  
32 **for the purpose of allowing the person to complete clinical training requirements.**

33       (b) **An applicant for a student license must meet all general licensing requirements as**  
34 **provided in ORS 688.455.**

35       (c) **The board shall process student applications and shall issue student licenses at re-**  
36 **duced fees as provided in rules adopted by the board.**

37       (d) **A student license is valid only while the student is enrolled in an approved school.**

38       (7)(a) **The board may issue a temporary license or permit upon satisfactory application**  
39 **and payment of a registration fee established by the board by rule.**

40       (b) **Medical imaging license applicants, students and graduates may be issued temporary**  
41 **licenses pertaining to a specific modality or subspecialty without examination for a limited**  
42 **time period as determined by the board by rule.**

43       (c) **Limited X-ray machine operator permit applicants may be issued temporary permits**  
44 **for the purpose of completing clinical education requirements under the supervision of a li-**  
45 **icensed physician:**

- 1 (A) Upon successful completion of the core module examination;
- 2 (B) For an initial period of six months; and
- 3 (C) For a single six-month renewal period, at the discretion of the board.

4 (8) The board [of Radiologic Technology] may issue licenses and permits for periods other than  
5 24 months. The fee for a license or permit issued for any period other than 24 months shall be pro-  
6 rated on a monthly basis.

7 **SECTION 14.** ORS 688.525 is amended to read:

8 688.525. (1) The Board of [Radiologic Technology] **Medical Imaging**, after notice of and hearing  
9 as required under the contested case procedures of ORS chapter 183, may refuse to **issue a license**  
10 **or permit to** any applicant, may refuse to renew the license [or permit] of any [radiologic  
11 *technologist*] **medical imaging licensee or the permit of a limited X-ray machine operator** or  
12 may suspend or revoke the license or permit of a person who:

13 (a) **Has been disciplined by a credentialing organization or a licensing board in this state**  
14 **or in another state, territory of the United States or nation for acts by the holder of a li-**  
15 **cence or a permit that are similar to acts described in this subsection. A certified copy of**  
16 **the order of discipline constitutes conclusive evidence of the discipline.**

17 [(a)] (b) Is chemically dependent.

18 [(b)] (c) In the judgment of the board is guilty of unethical or unprofessional conduct in the  
19 practice of [radiologic technology] **a medical imaging modality or as a limited X-ray machine**  
20 **operator.**

21 [(c)] (d) Has been convicted of any crime [where the crime] **that** bears a demonstrable relation-  
22 ship to the practice of [radiologic technology] **a medical imaging modality or as a limited X-ray**  
23 **machine operator, or otherwise reflects adversely on fitness to practice.**

24 [(d)] (e) In the judgment of the board, [is guilty of] **has acted with** gross negligence in the  
25 practice of [radiologic technology] **a medical imaging modality or as a limited X-ray machine**  
26 **operator.**

27 [(e)] (f) Has been adjudged incompetent by a court of law and thereafter has not been  
28 [lawfully] declared competent.

29 [(f)] (g) Has undertaken to act as a [radiologic technologist] **medical imaging licensee or a**  
30 **limited X-ray machine operator** independently of the supervision of a [practitioner licensed by the  
31 *State of Oregon to practice one of the healing arts*] **licensed physician.**

32 [(g)] (h) Has obtained or attempted to obtain a license or permit under ORS 688.405 to 688.605  
33 by fraud or material misrepresentation.

34 (2) Upon receipt of a complaint under ORS 688.405 to 688.605, the board shall conduct an in-  
35 vestigation as described under ORS 676.165.

36 (3) Information that the board obtains as part of an investigation into licensee, **permittee** or  
37 applicant conduct or as part of a contested case proceeding, consent order or stipulated agreement  
38 involving licensee, **permittee** or applicant conduct is confidential as provided under ORS 676.175.

39 **SECTION 15.** ORS 688.545 is amended to read:

40 688.545. (1)(a) There is created [in the Department of Human Services] a Board of [Radiologic  
41 *Technology*] **Medical Imaging** consisting of [nine] **12** members who shall be appointed by the Gov-  
42 ernor. Each member of the board [shall] **must** be a citizen of the United States and a resident of  
43 the State of Oregon. Each appointed member is entitled to vote.

44 (b) Of the members of the board:

45 [(A) One shall be a radiologist;]

1 [(B) At least one shall be a lay person;]

2 [(C) At least one shall be a limited permit holder; and]

3 **(A) Four must be licensed physicians who represent different medical specialties. At least**  
4 **one physician shall be a radiologist and at least one physician shall be a licensed medical**  
5 **imaging specialist;**

6 **(B) Three persons shall be members of the general public; and**

7 [(D)] **(C) [At least] Five shall be [licensed] practicing [radiologic technologists, one of whom shall**  
8 **be a radiation therapist.] medical imaging licensees, including one from each of the medical**  
9 **imaging modalities listed in ORS 688.405.**

10 (2) The section manager of the Radiation Protection Services Section of the Department of Hu-  
11 man Services, or a person appointed by the section manager, [shall be] **is** an advisory member of the  
12 board for the purpose of providing counsel and [shall not be] **is not** entitled to vote.

13 (3) The term of office of the members of the board [shall be] **is** three years and a member may  
14 be reappointed to serve not more than two **consecutive** full terms.

15 (4) Members of the board [shall be] **are** entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in  
16 ORS 292.495.

17 (5) The board shall annually elect a board chairperson and a vice chairperson from the **voting**  
18 members of the board.

19 (6) For the purpose of transacting its business, the board [shall] **must** meet at least once every  
20 three months at times and places designated by resolution. Special meetings may also be held at  
21 such times as the board may elect or at the call of the chairperson. Notification of the time, place  
22 and purpose of any special meeting [shall] **must** be sent to all members of the board at least 15 days  
23 before the date of the meeting. All meetings are subject to ORS 192.610 to 192.690.

24 (7) [Five] **A simple majority of** members of the board [shall] constitute a quorum for the  
25 transaction of business at any meeting. [Five] **A simple majority of** affirmative votes [shall be] **are**  
26 required to take action.

27 **SECTION 16.** ORS 688.555 is amended to read:

28 688.555. (1) The Board of [Radiologic Technology shall have the power to adopt such rules as may  
29 be] **Medical Imaging shall adopt rules that are** necessary to carry out the provisions of ORS  
30 688.405 to 688.605 **and 688.915.**

31 (2) In adopting rules, the board shall act with benefit of the advice of the Attorney General of  
32 the State of Oregon.

33 (3) The board may appoint and fix the compensation of an executive [officer] **director** subject  
34 to ORS 240.245 and include reimbursement for actual and necessary travel expenses incurred in the  
35 performance of the duties of the [officer] **director.**

36 **SECTION 17.** ORS 688.557 is amended to read:

37 688.557. For the purpose of requesting a state or nationwide criminal records check under ORS  
38 181.534, the Board of [Radiologic Technology] **Medical Imaging** may require the fingerprints of a  
39 person who:

40 (1) Is applying for a license, or renewal of a license, under ORS 688.415;

41 (2)(a) Is employed or applying for employment by the board or provides services or seeks to  
42 provide services to the board as a contractor, vendor or volunteer; and

43 (b) Is, or will be, working or providing services in a position in which the person has or will  
44 have access to information that is confidential under state or federal laws, rules or regulations; or

45 (3) Is under investigation by the board pursuant to ORS 688.525.

1        **SECTION 18.** ORS 688.560 is amended to read:

2        688.560. The Board of [*Radiologic Technology*] **Medical Imaging** by rule shall establish and  
3 collect reasonable fees [*for the following services*] **for:**

4        (1) [*Administration*] **Oversight** of limited **X-ray machine operator** permit examinations.

5        (2) Special interpretation of examination results.

6        (3) Duplication of permits, **licenses** and wall certificates.

7        (4) Reproduction of records.

8        (5) **Application processing**, licensing and permitting.

9        **(6) Inspections of limited X-ray machine operator schools.**

10       **SECTION 19.** ORS 688.565 is amended to read:

11       688.565. (1) The Board of [*Radiologic Technology shall*] **Medical Imaging shall** approve pro-  
12 grams of continuing education in [*radiologic technology*] **medical imaging modalities and for lim-**  
13 **ited X-ray machine operators** to meet the requirements of ORS 688.505.

14       (2) **The board may seek volunteers from the various medical imaging modalities to review**  
15 **and assist in the approval of continuing education credits for their respective medical imag-**  
16 **ing modalities.**

17       (3) **Continuing education programs for limited X-ray machine operators shall be reviewed**  
18 **by a radiographer.**

19       **SECTION 20.** ORS 688.585 is amended to read:

20       688.585. (1) The Board of [*Radiologic Technology*] **Medical Imaging** Account is established in  
21 the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Except for moneys otherwise des-  
22 ignated by statute, all fees, contributions and other moneys received by the Board of [*Radiologic*  
23 *Technology shall*] **Medical Imaging must** be paid into the State Treasury and credited to the ac-  
24 count. All moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the board to be used by the board  
25 for purposes of ORS 688.405 to 688.605. Any interest or other income from moneys in the account  
26 shall be credited to the account.

27       (2) The board shall keep a record of all moneys deposited in the account. The record shall in-  
28 dicate by separate cumulative accounts the source from which the moneys are derived and the in-  
29 dividual activity or program for which each withdrawal is charged.

30       **SECTION 21.** ORS 688.595 is amended to read:

31       688.595. The section manager of the Radiation Protection Services Section of the Department  
32 of Human Services shall enforce the provisions of ORS 688.405 to 688.605 and shall conduct, under  
33 the direction of the Board of [*Radiologic Technology*] **Medical Imaging**, inspections in furtherance  
34 of the purposes of ORS 688.405 to 688.605.

35       **SECTION 22.** ORS 688.600 is amended to read:

36       688.600. (1) Upon [*the complaint of any citizen of this state*] **receipt of a complaint**, or upon its  
37 own motion, the Board of [*Radiologic Technology*] **Medical Imaging** may investigate any alleged  
38 violation of ORS 688.405 to 688.605.

39       (2) In the conduct of investigations, the board may:

40       (a) Take evidence;

41       (b) Take the depositions of witnesses, including the person charged, in the manner provided by  
42 law in civil cases;

43       (c) Compel the appearance of witnesses, including the person charged, before the board in per-  
44 son the same as in civil cases;

45       (d) Require answers to interrogatories; [*and*]

1 (e) Compel the production of books, papers, accounts, documents and testimony pertaining to the  
2 matter under investigation[.];

3 (f) **Require a person to undergo a mental, physical, chemical dependency or competency**  
4 **evaluation at the person's expense when the board has reasonable grounds to believe that**  
5 **the person is or may be unable to practice a medical imaging modality with reasonable skill**  
6 **and safety or may constitute a risk to the public, with the results being reported to the**  
7 **board. The report may not be disclosed to the public but may be received into evidence in a**  
8 **proceeding between the board and the person when the mental, physical, chemical depend-**  
9 **ency or competency of the person is at issue, notwithstanding any claim of privilege by the**  
10 **person; and**

11 [(3)] (g) [*In exercising its authority under subsection (2) of this section, the board may*] Issue  
12 subpoenas over the signature of the board chairperson and the seal of the board in the name of the  
13 State of Oregon.

14 (3) **For the purpose of disciplinary issues concerning scope of practice and standards of**  
15 **practice, the board may form temporary peer review committees in the relevant modality**  
16 **or subspecialty to advise the board of appropriate action. The composition, authority and**  
17 **responsibilities of a temporary committee must be defined in rules adopted by the board.**

18 **SECTION 23.** ORS 688.605 is amended to read:

19 688.605. (1) [*Any radiologic technologist,*] Any person [*licensed*] **issued a license or permit** by  
20 the Board of [*Radiologic Technology or any other organization representing radiologic technologists*  
21 *shall*] **Medical Imaging or any employer of a licensee or permittee shall**, and any other person  
22 may, report to the board any suspected violation of ORS 688.405 to 688.605 or any rule adopted  
23 pursuant to ORS 688.555.

24 (2) Any information that the board obtains as the basis of a complaint or in the investigation  
25 [*thereof*] **of a complaint** is confidential as provided under ORS 676.175.

26 (3) Any person who reports or provides information to the board and who does so in good faith  
27 [*shall not be*] **is not** subject to an action for civil damages as a result [*thereof*] **of reporting or**  
28 **providing information.**

29 (4) A claim of a violation of ORS 688.405 to 688.605 shall be reported to the board and shall be  
30 substantiated by satisfactory evidence. If the board finds that a violation has occurred, the board  
31 shall, subject to the conditions of ORS 676.175, report the violation to the Attorney General for  
32 prosecution.

33 **SECTION 24.** ORS 688.915 is amended to read:

34 688.915. (1) In addition to any other sanction authorized by law, the Board of [*Radiologic Tech-*  
35 *nology*] **Medical Imaging** may impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 **per occurrence** for any  
36 violation of ORS 688.405 to 688.605, or of any rules [*promulgated pursuant to*] **adopted under** those  
37 provisions. The penalty may be imposed whether or not the person incurring the penalty has been  
38 licensed or been issued a permit under ORS 688.405 to 688.605, or has made application for a license  
39 or permit under those sections. A civil penalty may be imposed in lieu of a refusal to grant or re-  
40 new a license or permit, or a suspension or revocation of a license or permit, under ORS 688.525.

41 (2) Civil penalties under this section shall be imposed in the manner provided by ORS 183.745.

42 (3) All penalties recovered under this section shall be credited to the Board of [*Radiologic*  
43 *Technology*] **Medical Imaging** Account established under ORS 688.585.

44 **SECTION 25.** ORS 676.160 is amended to read:

45 676.160. As used in ORS 676.165 to 676.180, "health professional regulatory board" means the:

- 1 (1) State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology;
- 2 (2) State Board of Chiropractic Examiners;
- 3 (3) State Board of Clinical Social Workers;
- 4 (4) Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists;
- 5 (5) Oregon Board of Dentistry;
- 6 (6) Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians;
- 7 (7) State Board of Massage Therapists;
- 8 (8) State Mortuary and Cemetery Board;
- 9 (9) Board of Naturopathic Examiners;
- 10 (10) Oregon State Board of Nursing;
- 11 (11) Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators;
- 12 (12) Oregon Board of Optometry;
- 13 (13) State Board of Pharmacy;
- 14 (14) Oregon Medical Board;
- 15 (15) Occupational Therapy Licensing Board;
- 16 (16) Physical Therapist Licensing Board;
- 17 (17) State Board of Psychologist Examiners;
- 18 (18) Board of [*Radiologic Technology*] **Medical Imaging**;
- 19 (19) Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board; and
- 20 (20) Department of Human Services to the extent that the department certifies emergency med-
- 21 ical technicians.

22 **SECTION 26.** ORS 31.740 is amended to read:

23 31.740. Punitive damages [*shall*] **may** not be awarded against a health practitioner if:

24 (1) The health practitioner is licensed, registered or certified as:

- 25 (a) A psychologist under ORS 675.030 to 675.070, 675.085 and 675.090;
- 26 (b) An occupational therapist under ORS 675.230 to 675.300;
- 27 (c) A licensed clinical social worker under ORS 675.530, 675.540 to 675.560, 675.580 and 675.585;
- 28 (d) A physician under ORS 677.100 to 677.228;
- 29 (e) An emergency medical technician under ORS chapter 682;
- 30 (f) A podiatric physician and surgeon under ORS 677.820 to 677.840;
- 31 (g) A nurse under ORS 678.040 to 678.101;
- 32 (h) A nurse practitioner under ORS 678.375 to 678.390;
- 33 (i) A dentist under ORS 679.060 to 679.180;
- 34 (j) A dental hygienist under ORS 680.040 to 680.100;
- 35 (k) A denturist under ORS 680.515 to 680.535;
- 36 (L) An audiologist or speech-language pathologist under ORS 681.250 to 681.350;
- 37 (m) An optometrist under ORS 683.040 to 683.155 and 683.170 to 683.220;
- 38 (n) A chiropractor under ORS 684.040 to 684.105;
- 39 (o) A naturopath under ORS 685.060 to 685.110, 685.125 and 685.135;
- 40 (p) A massage therapist under ORS 687.021 to 687.086;
- 41 (q) A physical therapist under ORS 688.040 to 688.145;
- 42 (r) A [*radiologic technician*] **medical imaging licensee** under ORS 688.445 to 688.525;
- 43 (s) A pharmacist under ORS 689.151 and 689.225 to 689.285; or
- 44 (t) A physician assistant as provided by ORS 677.505 to 677.525; and
- 45 (2) The health practitioner was engaged in conduct regulated by the license, registration or

1 certificate issued by the appropriate governing body and was acting within the scope of practice for  
2 which the license, registration or certificate was issued and without malice.

3 **SECTION 27.** ORS 58.015 is amended to read:

4 58.015. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

5 (1) "Foreign professional corporation" means a professional corporation organized under laws  
6 other than the laws of this state.

7 (2) "License" includes a license, certificate of registration, permit or other legal authorization  
8 required by law as a condition precedent to the rendering of professional service or services within  
9 this state.

10 (3) "Oregon Business Corporation Act" has the same meaning given that term in ORS 60.951.

11 (4) "Practicing medicine" has the meaning given that term in ORS 677.085.

12 (5) "Professional" means:

13 (a) Accountants licensed under ORS 673.010 to 673.457 or the laws of another state;

14 (b) Architects licensed under ORS 671.010 to 671.220 or the laws of another state;

15 (c) Attorneys licensed under ORS 9.005 to 9.755 or the laws of another state;

16 (d) Chiropractors licensed under ORS chapter 684 or the laws of another state;

17 (e) Dentists licensed under ORS chapter 679 or the laws of another state;

18 (f) Landscape architects licensed under ORS 671.310 to 671.459 or the laws of another state;

19 (g) Naturopaths licensed under ORS chapter 685 or the laws of another state;

20 (h) Nurse practitioners licensed under ORS 678.010 to 678.410 or the laws of another state;

21 (i) Psychologists licensed under ORS 675.010 to 675.150 or the laws of another state;

22 (j) Physicians licensed under ORS chapter 677 or the laws of another state;

23 (k) Podiatrists licensed under ORS chapter 677 or the laws of another state;

24 (L) [*Radiologic technologists licensed*] **Medical imaging licensees** under ORS 688.405 to 688.605  
25 or the laws of another state;

26 (m) Real estate appraisers licensed or certified under ORS chapter 674 or the laws of another  
27 state; and

28 (n) Other persons providing to the public types of personal service or services substantially  
29 similar to those listed in paragraphs (a) to (m) of this subsection that may be lawfully rendered only  
30 pursuant to a license.

31 (6) "Professional corporation" or "domestic professional corporation" means a corporation or-  
32 ganized under this chapter for the specific purpose of rendering professional service or services and  
33 for such other purposes provided under this chapter.

34 (7) "Professional service" means personal service or services rendered in this state to the public  
35 which may be lawfully rendered only pursuant to a license by a professional.

36 (8) "Regulatory board" means the governmental agency of the State of Oregon required or au-  
37 thorized by law to license and regulate the rendering of a professional service or services for which  
38 a professional corporation is organized.

39 **SECTION 28.** ORS 67.005 is amended to read:

40 67.005. As used in this chapter:

41 (1) "Business" includes every trade, occupation, profession and commercial activity.

42 (2) "Debtor in bankruptcy" means a person who is the subject of:

43 (a) An order for relief under Title 11 of the United States Code or a comparable order under a  
44 successor statute of general application; or

45 (b) A comparable order under federal, state or foreign law governing insolvency.



1 (3) "Dissociated partner" means a partner with respect to whom an event specified in ORS  
2 67.220 has occurred.

3 (4) "Distribution" means a transfer of money or other property from a partnership to a partner  
4 in the partner's capacity as a partner or to the partner's transferee.

5 (5) "Foreign limited liability partnership" means a partnership that:

6 (a) Is formed under laws other than the law of this state; and

7 (b) Has the status of a limited liability partnership under those laws.

8 (6) "Limited liability partnership" means a partnership that has registered under ORS 67.590,  
9 and has not registered or qualified in any other jurisdiction other than as a foreign limited liability  
10 partnership.

11 (7) "Partnership" means an association of two or more persons to carry on as co-owners a  
12 business for profit created under ORS 67.055, predecessor law, or comparable law of another juris-  
13 diction. A partnership includes a limited liability partnership.

14 (8) "Partnership agreement" means the agreement, whether written, oral or implied, among the  
15 partners concerning the partnership, including amendments to the partnership agreement.

16 (9) "Partnership at will" means a partnership in which the partners have not agreed to remain  
17 partners until the expiration of a definite term or the completion of a particular undertaking.

18 (10) "Partnership interest" or "partner's interest in the partnership" means all of a partner's  
19 interests in the partnership, including the partner's transferable interest and all management and  
20 other rights.

21 (11) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited  
22 liability company, association, joint venture, government, governmental subdivision, agency,  
23 instrumentality or any other legal or commercial entity.

24 (12) "Professional" means:

25 (a) Accountants licensed under ORS 673.010 to 673.457 or the laws of another state;

26 (b) Architects licensed under ORS 671.010 to 671.220 or the laws of another state;

27 (c) Attorneys licensed under ORS 9.005 to 9.755 or the laws of another state;

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35 (k) Podiatrists licensed under ORS chapter 677 or the laws of another state;

36 (L) [*Radiologic technologists licensed*] **Medical imaging licensees** under ORS 688.405 to 688.605  
37 or the laws of another state;

38 (m) Real estate appraisers licensed under ORS chapter 674 or the laws of another state; and

39 (n) Other persons providing to the public types of personal service or services substantially  
40 similar to those listed in paragraphs (a) to (m) of this subsection that may be lawfully rendered only  
41 pursuant to a license.

42 (13) "Professional service" means the service rendered by a professional.

43 (14) "Property" means all property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any in-  
44 terest therein.

45 (15) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth

1 of Puerto Rico or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

2 (16) "Transfer" includes an assignment, conveyance, lease, mortgage, deed, encumbrance, cre-  
3 ation of a security interest and any other disposition.

4 (17) "Transferable interest of a partner in the partnership" means the partner's share of the  
5 profits and losses of the partnership and the partner's right to receive distributions.

6 **SECTION 29.** ORS 192.519 is amended to read:

7 192.519. As used in ORS 192.518 to 192.529:

8 (1) "Authorization" means a document written in plain language that contains at least the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 (a) A description of the information to be used or disclosed that identifies the information in a  
11 specific and meaningful way;

12 (b) The name or other specific identification of the person or persons authorized to make the  
13 requested use or disclosure;

14 (c) The name or other specific identification of the person or persons to whom the covered entity  
15 may make the requested use or disclosure;

16 (d) A description of each purpose of the requested use or disclosure, including but not limited  
17 to a statement that the use or disclosure is at the request of the individual;

18 (e) An expiration date or an expiration event that relates to the individual or the purpose of the  
19 use or disclosure;

20 (f) The signature of the individual or personal representative of the individual and the date;

21 (g) A description of the authority of the personal representative, if applicable; and

22 (h) Statements adequate to place the individual on notice of the following:

23 (A) The individual's right to revoke the authorization in writing;

24 (B) The exceptions to the right to revoke the authorization;

25 (C) The ability or inability to condition treatment, payment, enrollment or eligibility for benefits  
26 on whether the individual signs the authorization; and

27 (D) The potential for information disclosed pursuant to the authorization to be subject to  
28 redisclosure by the recipient and no longer protected.

29 (2) "Covered entity" means:

30 (a) A state health plan;

31 (b) A health insurer;

32 (c) A health care provider that transmits any health information in electronic form to carry out  
33 financial or administrative activities in connection with a transaction covered by ORS 192.518 to  
34 192.529; or

35 (d) A health care clearinghouse.

36 (3) "Health care" means care, services or supplies related to the health of an individual.

37 (4) "Health care operations" includes but is not limited to:

38 (a) Quality assessment, accreditation, auditing and improvement activities;

39 (b) Case management and care coordination;

40 (c) Reviewing the competence, qualifications or performance of health care providers or health  
41 insurers;

42 (d) Underwriting activities;

43 (e) Arranging for legal services;

44 (f) Business planning;

45 (g) Customer services;

- 1 (h) Resolving internal grievances;
- 2 (i) Creating de-identified information; and
- 3 (j) Fundraising.
- 4 (5) "Health care provider" includes but is not limited to:
- 5 (a) A psychologist, occupational therapist, clinical social worker, professional counselor or
- 6 marriage and family therapist licensed under ORS chapter 675 or an employee of the psychologist,
- 7 occupational therapist, clinical social worker, professional counselor or marriage and family thera-
- 8 pist;
- 9 (b) A physician, podiatric physician and surgeon, physician assistant or acupuncturist licensed
- 10 under ORS chapter 677 or an employee of the physician, podiatric physician and surgeon, physician
- 11 assistant or acupuncturist;
- 12 (c) A nurse or nursing home administrator licensed under ORS chapter 678 or an employee of
- 13 the nurse or nursing home administrator;
- 14 (d) A dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679 or an employee of the dentist;
- 15 (e) A dental hygienist or denturist licensed under ORS chapter 680 or an employee of the dental
- 16 hygienist or denturist;
- 17 (f) A speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed under ORS chapter 681 or an employee
- 18 of the speech-language pathologist or audiologist;
- 19 (g) An emergency medical technician certified under ORS chapter 682;
- 20 (h) An optometrist licensed under ORS chapter 683 or an employee of the optometrist;
- 21 (i) A chiropractic physician licensed under ORS chapter 684 or an employee of the chiropractic
- 22 physician;
- 23 (j) A naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685 or an employee of the naturopathic
- 24 physician;
- 25 (k) A massage therapist licensed under ORS 687.011 to 687.250 or an employee of the massage
- 26 therapist;
- 27 (L) A direct entry midwife licensed under ORS 687.405 to 687.495 or an employee of the direct
- 28 entry midwife;
- 29 (m) A physical therapist licensed under ORS 688.010 to 688.201 or an employee of the physical
- 30 therapist;
- 31 (n) A [*radiologic technologist licensed*] **medical imaging licensee** under ORS 688.405 to 688.605
- 32 or an employee of the [*radiologic technologist*] **medical imaging licensee**;
- 33 (o) A respiratory care practitioner licensed under ORS 688.800 to 688.840 or an employee of the
- 34 respiratory care practitioner;
- 35 (p) A pharmacist licensed under ORS chapter 689 or an employee of the pharmacist;
- 36 (q) A dietitian licensed under ORS 691.405 to 691.585 or an employee of the dietitian;
- 37 (r) A funeral service practitioner licensed under ORS chapter 692 or an employee of the funeral
- 38 service practitioner;
- 39 (s) A health care facility as defined in ORS 442.015;
- 40 (t) A home health agency as defined in ORS 443.005;
- 41 (u) A hospice program as defined in ORS 443.850;
- 42 (v) A clinical laboratory as defined in ORS 438.010;
- 43 (w) A pharmacy as defined in ORS 689.005;
- 44 (x) A diabetes self-management program as defined in ORS 743A.184; and
- 45 (y) Any other person or entity that furnishes, bills for or is paid for health care in the normal

1 course of business.

2 (6) "Health information" means any oral or written information in any form or medium that:

3 (a) Is created or received by a covered entity, a public health authority, an employer, a life  
4 insurer, a school, a university or a health care provider that is not a covered entity; and

5 (b) Relates to:

6 (A) The past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual;

7 (B) The provision of health care to an individual; or

8 (C) The past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual.

9 (7) "Health insurer" means:

10 (a) An insurer as defined in ORS 731.106 who offers:

11 (A) A health benefit plan as defined in ORS 743.730;

12 (B) A short term health insurance policy, the duration of which does not exceed six months in-  
13 cluding renewals;

14 (C) A student health insurance policy;

15 (D) A Medicare supplemental policy; or

16 (E) A dental only policy.

17 (b) The Oregon Medical Insurance Pool operated by the Oregon Medical Insurance Pool Board  
18 under ORS 735.600 to 735.650.

19 (8) "Individually identifiable health information" means any oral or written health information  
20 in any form or medium that is:

21 (a) Created or received by a covered entity, an employer or a health care provider that is not  
22 a covered entity; and

23 (b) Identifiable to an individual, including demographic information that identifies the individual,  
24 or for which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify an indi-  
25 vidual, and that relates to:

26 (A) The past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual;

27 (B) The provision of health care to an individual; or

28 (C) The past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual.

29 (9) "Payment" includes but is not limited to:

30 (a) Efforts to obtain premiums or reimbursement;

31 (b) Determining eligibility or coverage;

32 (c) Billing activities;

33 (d) Claims management;

34 (e) Reviewing health care to determine medical necessity;

35 (f) Utilization review; and

36 (g) Disclosures to consumer reporting agencies.

37 (10) "Personal representative" includes but is not limited to:

38 (a) A person appointed as a guardian under ORS 125.305, 419B.370, 419C.481 or 419C.555 with  
39 authority to make medical and health care decisions;

40 (b) A person appointed as a health care representative under ORS 127.505 to 127.660 or a rep-  
41 resentative under ORS 127.700 to 127.737 to make health care decisions or mental health treatment  
42 decisions;

43 (c) A person appointed as a personal representative under ORS chapter 113; and

44 (d) A person described in ORS 192.526.

45 (11)(a) "Protected health information" means individually identifiable health information that is

1 maintained or transmitted in any form of electronic or other medium by a covered entity.

2 (b) "Protected health information" does not mean individually identifiable health information in:

3 (A) Education records covered by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20  
4 U.S.C. 1232g);

5 (B) Records described at 20 U.S.C. 1232g(a)(4)(B)(iv); or

6 (C) Employment records held by a covered entity in its role as employer.

7 (12) "State health plan" means:

8 (a) The state Medicaid program;

9 (b) The Oregon State Children's Health Insurance Program; or

10 (c) The Family Health Insurance Assistance Program established in ORS 735.720 to 735.740.

11 (13) "Treatment" includes but is not limited to:

12 (a) The provision, coordination or management of health care; and

13 (b) Consultations and referrals between health care providers.

14 **SECTION 30.** ORS 433.443 is amended to read:

15 433.443. (1)(a) During a public health emergency proclaimed under ORS 433.441, the Public  
16 Health Director may, as necessary to appropriately respond to the public health emergency:

17 (A) Adopt reporting requirements for and provide notice of those requirements to health care  
18 providers, institutions and facilities for the purpose of obtaining information directly related to the  
19 public health emergency;

20 (B) After consultation with appropriate medical experts, create and require the use of diagnostic  
21 and treatment protocols to respond to the public health emergency and provide notice of those  
22 protocols to health care providers, institutions and facilities;

23 (C) Order, or authorize local public health administrators to order, public health measures ap-  
24 propriate to the public health threat presented;

25 (D) Upon approval of the Governor, take other actions necessary to address the public health  
26 emergency and provide notice of those actions to health care providers, institutions and facilities,  
27 including public health actions authorized by ORS 431.264;

28 (E) Take any enforcement action authorized by ORS 431.262, including the imposition of civil  
29 penalties of up to \$500 per day against individuals, institutions or facilities that knowingly fail to  
30 comply with requirements resulting from actions taken in accordance with the powers granted to  
31 the Public Health Director under subparagraphs (A), (B) and (D) of this paragraph; and

32 (F) The authority granted to the Public Health Director under this section:

33 (i) Supersedes any authority granted to a local public health authority if the local public health  
34 authority acts in a manner inconsistent with guidelines established or rules adopted by the director  
35 under this section; and

36 (ii) Does not supersede the general authority granted to a local public health authority or a  
37 local public health administrator except as authorized by law or necessary to respond to a public  
38 health emergency.

39 (b) The authority of the Public Health Director to take administrative action, and the effec-  
40 tiveness of any action taken, under paragraph (a)(A), (B), (D), (E) and (F) of this subsection termi-  
41 nates upon the expiration of the proclaimed state of public health emergency, unless the actions are  
42 continued under other applicable law.

43 (2) Civil penalties under subsection (1) of this section shall be imposed in the manner provided  
44 in ORS 183.745. The Public Health Director must establish that the individual, institution or facility  
45 subject to the civil penalty had actual notice of the action taken that is the basis for the penalty.

1 The maximum aggregate total for penalties that may be imposed against an individual, institution  
2 or facility under subsection (1) of this section is \$500 for each day of violation, regardless of the  
3 number of violations of subsection (1) of this section that occurred on each day of violation.

4 (3)(a) During a proclaimed state of public health emergency, the Public Health Director and lo-  
5 cal public health administrators shall be given immediate access to individually identifiable health  
6 information necessary to:

7 (A) Determine the causes of an illness related to the public health emergency;

8 (B) Identify persons at risk;

9 (C) Identify patterns of transmission;

10 (D) Provide treatment; and

11 (E) Take steps to control the disease.

12 (b) Individually identifiable health information accessed as provided by paragraph (a) of this  
13 subsection may not be used for conducting nonemergency epidemiologic research or to identify  
14 persons at risk for post-traumatic mental health problems, or for any other purpose except the pur-  
15 poses listed in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

16 (c) Individually identifiable health information obtained by the Public Health Director or local  
17 public health administrators under this subsection may not be disclosed without written authori-  
18 zation of the identified individual except:

19 (A) Directly to the individual who is the subject of the information or to the legal representative  
20 of that individual;

21 (B) To state, local or federal agencies authorized to receive such information by state or federal  
22 law;

23 (C) To identify or to determine the cause or manner of death of a deceased individual; or

24 (D) Directly to a health care provider for the evaluation or treatment of a condition that is the  
25 subject of a proclamation of a state of public health emergency issued under ORS 433.441.

26 (d) Upon expiration of the state of public health emergency, the Public Health Director or local  
27 public health administrators may not use or disclose any individually identifiable health information  
28 that has been obtained under this section. If a state of emergency that is related to the state of  
29 public health emergency has been declared under ORS 401.055, the Public Health Director and local  
30 public health administrators may continue to use any individually identifiable information obtained  
31 as provided under this section until termination of the state of emergency.

32 (4) As used in this section:

33 (a) "Covered entity" means:

34 (A) The Children's Health Insurance Program;

35 (B) The Family Health Insurance Assistance Program established under ORS 735.722;

36 (C) A health insurer that is an insurer as defined in ORS 731.106 and that issues health insur-  
37 ance as defined in ORS 731.162;

38 (D) The state medical assistance program; and

39 (E) A health care provider.

40 (b) "Health care provider" includes but is not limited to:

41 (A) A psychologist, occupational therapist, clinical social worker, professional counselor or  
42 marriage and family therapist licensed under ORS chapter 675 or an employee of the psychologist,  
43 occupational therapist, clinical social worker, professional counselor or marriage and family thera-  
44 pist;

45 (B) A physician, podiatric physician and surgeon, physician assistant or acupuncturist licensed

1 under ORS chapter 677 or an employee of the physician, podiatric physician and surgeon, physician  
2 assistant or acupuncturist;

3 (C) A nurse or nursing home administrator licensed under ORS chapter 678 or an employee of  
4 the nurse or nursing home administrator;

5 (D) A dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679 or an employee of the dentist;

6 (E) A dental hygienist or denturist licensed under ORS chapter 680 or an employee of the dental  
7 hygienist or denturist;

8 (F) A speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed under ORS chapter 681 or an employee  
9 of the speech-language pathologist or audiologist;

10 (G) An emergency medical technician certified under ORS chapter 682;

11 (H) An optometrist licensed under ORS chapter 683 or an employee of the optometrist;

12 (I) A chiropractic physician licensed under ORS chapter 684 or an employee of the chiropractic  
13 physician;

14 (J) A naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685 or an employee of the naturopathic  
15 physician;

16 (K) A massage therapist licensed under ORS 687.011 to 687.250 or an employee of the massage  
17 therapist;

18 (L) A direct entry midwife licensed under ORS 687.405 to 687.495 or an employee of the direct  
19 entry midwife;

20 (M) A physical therapist licensed under ORS 688.010 to 688.201 or an employee of the physical  
21 therapist;

22 (N) A [*radiologic technologist licensed*] **medical imaging licensee** under ORS 688.405 to 688.605  
23 or an employee of the [*radiologic technologist*] **medical imaging licensee**;

24 (O) A respiratory care practitioner licensed under ORS 688.800 to 688.840 or an employee of the  
25 respiratory care practitioner;

26 (P) A pharmacist licensed under ORS chapter 689 or an employee of the pharmacist;

27 (Q) A dietitian licensed under ORS 691.405 to 691.585 or an employee of the dietitian;

28 (R) A funeral service practitioner licensed under ORS chapter 692 or an employee of the funeral  
29 service practitioner;

30 (S) A health care facility as defined in ORS 442.015;

31 (T) A home health agency as defined in ORS 443.005;

32 (U) A hospice program as defined in ORS 443.850;

33 (V) A clinical laboratory as defined in ORS 438.010;

34 (W) A pharmacy as defined in ORS 689.005;

35 (X) A diabetes self-management program as defined in ORS 743A.184; and

36 (Y) Any other person or entity that furnishes, bills for or is paid for health care in the normal  
37 course of business.

38 (c) "Individual" means a natural person.

39 (d) "Individually identifiable health information" means any oral or written health information  
40 in any form or medium that is:

41 (A) Created or received by a covered entity, an employer or a health care provider that is not  
42 a covered entity; and

43 (B) Identifiable to an individual, including demographic information that identifies the individual,  
44 or for which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify an indi-  
45 vidual, and that relates to:

- 1 (i) The past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual;
- 2 (ii) The provision of health care to an individual; or
- 3 (iii) The past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual.

4 (e) "Legal representative" means attorney at law, person holding a general power of attorney,  
5 guardian, conservator or any person appointed by a court to manage the personal or financial affairs  
6 of a person, or agency legally responsible for the welfare or support of a person.

7 (5) All civil penalties recovered under this section shall be paid into the State Treasury and  
8 credited to the General Fund and are available for general governmental expenses.

9 (6) The Public Health Director may request assistance in enforcing orders issued pursuant to  
10 this section from state or local law enforcement authorities. If so requested by the Public Health  
11 Director, state and local law enforcement authorities, to the extent resources are available, shall  
12 assist in enforcing orders issued pursuant to this section.

13 (7) If the Department of Human Services adopts temporary rules to implement the provisions of  
14 this section, the rules adopted are not subject to the provisions of ORS 183.335 (6)(a). The depart-  
15 ment may amend temporary rules adopted pursuant to this subsection as often as necessary to re-  
16 spond to the public health emergency.

17 **SECTION 31.** ORS 746.600 is amended to read:

18 746.600. As used in ORS 746.600 to 746.690:

19 (1)(a) "Adverse underwriting decision" means any of the following actions with respect to in-  
20 surance transactions involving insurance coverage that is individually underwritten:

21 (A) A declination of insurance coverage.

22 (B) A termination of insurance coverage.

23 (C) Failure of an insurance producer to apply for insurance coverage with a specific insurer that  
24 the insurance producer represents and that is requested by an applicant.

25 (D) In the case of life or health insurance coverage, an offer to insure at higher than standard  
26 rates.

27 (E) In the case of insurance coverage other than life or health insurance coverage:

28 (i) Placement by an insurer or insurance producer of a risk with a residual market mechanism,  
29 an unauthorized insurer or an insurer that specializes in substandard risks.

30 (ii) The charging of a higher rate on the basis of information that differs from that which the  
31 applicant or policyholder furnished.

32 (iii) An increase in any charge imposed by the insurer for any personal insurance in connection  
33 with the underwriting of insurance. For purposes of this sub-subparagraph, the imposition of a ser-  
34 vice fee is not a charge.

35 (b) "Adverse underwriting decision" does not mean any of the following actions, but the insurer  
36 or insurance producer responsible for the occurrence of the action must nevertheless provide the  
37 applicant or policyholder with the specific reason or reasons for the occurrence:

38 (A) The termination of an individual policy form on a class or statewide basis.

39 (B) A declination of insurance coverage solely because the coverage is not available on a class  
40 or statewide basis.

41 (C) The rescission of a policy.

42 (2) "Affiliate of" a specified person or "person affiliated with" a specified person means a person  
43 who directly, or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is  
44 under common control with, the person specified.

45 (3) "Applicant" means a person who seeks to contract for insurance coverage, other than a



1 person seeking group insurance coverage that is not individually underwritten.

2 (4) "Consumer" means an individual, or the personal representative of the individual, who seeks  
3 to obtain, obtains or has obtained one or more insurance products or services from a licensee that  
4 are to be used primarily for personal, family or household purposes, and about whom the licensee  
5 has personal information.

6 (5) "Consumer report" means any written, oral or other communication of information bearing  
7 on a natural person's creditworthiness, credit standing, credit capacity, character, general reputa-  
8 tion, personal characteristics or mode of living that is used or expected to be used in connection  
9 with an insurance transaction.

10 (6) "Consumer reporting agency" means a person that, for monetary fees or dues, or on a co-  
11 operative or nonprofit basis:

12 (a) Regularly engages, in whole or in part, in assembling or preparing consumer reports;

13 (b) Obtains information primarily from sources other than insurers; and

14 (c) Furnishes consumer reports to other persons.

15 (7) "Control" means, and the terms "controlled by" or "under common control with" refer to,  
16 the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the manage-  
17 ment and policies of a person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract other  
18 than a commercial contract for goods or nonmanagement services, or otherwise, unless the power  
19 of the person is the result of a corporate office held in, or an official position held with, the con-  
20 trolled person.

21 (8) "Covered entity" means:

22 (a) A health insurer;

23 (b) A health care provider that transmits any health information in electronic form to carry out  
24 financial or administrative activities in connection with a transaction covered by ORS 746.607 or  
25 by rules adopted under ORS 746.608; or

26 (c) A health care clearinghouse.

27 (9) "Credit history" means any written or other communication of any information by a con-  
28 sumer reporting agency that:

29 (a) Bears on a consumer's creditworthiness, credit standing or credit capacity; and

30 (b) Is used or expected to be used, or collected in whole or in part, as a factor in determining  
31 eligibility, premiums or rates for personal insurance.

32 (10) "Customer" means a consumer who has a continuing relationship with a licensee under  
33 which the licensee provides one or more insurance products or services to the consumer that are  
34 to be used primarily for personal, family or household purposes.

35 (11) "Declination of insurance coverage" or "decline coverage" means a denial, in whole or in  
36 part, by an insurer or insurance producer of an application for requested insurance coverage.

37 (12) "Health care" means care, services or supplies related to the health of an individual.

38 (13) "Health care operations" includes but is not limited to:

39 (a) Quality assessment, accreditation, auditing and improvement activities;

40 (b) Case management and care coordination;

41 (c) Reviewing the competence, qualifications or performance of health care providers or health  
42 insurers;

43 (d) Underwriting activities;

44 (e) Arranging for legal services;

45 (f) Business planning;

- 1 (g) Customer services;
- 2 (h) Resolving internal grievances;
- 3 (i) Creating de-identified information; and
- 4 (j) Fundraising.
- 5 (14) "Health care provider" includes but is not limited to:
- 6 (a) A psychologist, occupational therapist, clinical social worker, professional counselor or
- 7 marriage and family therapist licensed under ORS chapter 675 or an employee of the psychologist,
- 8 occupational therapist, clinical social worker, professional counselor or marriage and family thera-
- 9 pist;
- 10 (b) A physician, podiatric physician and surgeon, physician assistant or acupuncturist licensed
- 11 under ORS chapter 677 or an employee of the physician, podiatric physician and surgeon, physician
- 12 assistant or acupuncturist;
- 13 (c) A nurse or nursing home administrator licensed under ORS chapter 678 or an employee of
- 14 the nurse or nursing home administrator;
- 15 (d) A dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679 or an employee of the dentist;
- 16 (e) A dental hygienist or denturist licensed under ORS chapter 680 or an employee of the dental
- 17 hygienist or denturist;
- 18 (f) A speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed under ORS chapter 681 or an employee
- 19 of the speech-language pathologist or audiologist;
- 20 (g) An emergency medical technician certified under ORS chapter 682;
- 21 (h) An optometrist licensed under ORS chapter 683 or an employee of the optometrist;
- 22 (i) A chiropractic physician licensed under ORS chapter 684 or an employee of the chiropractic
- 23 physician;
- 24 (j) A naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685 or an employee of the naturopathic
- 25 physician;
- 26 (k) A massage therapist licensed under ORS 687.011 to 687.250 or an employee of the massage
- 27 therapist;
- 28 (L) A direct entry midwife licensed under ORS 687.405 to 687.495 or an employee of the direct
- 29 entry midwife;
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- 31 therapist;
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- 33 or an employee of the [*radiologic technologist*] **medical imaging licensee**;
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- 35 respiratory care practitioner;
- 36 (p) A pharmacist licensed under ORS chapter 689 or an employee of the pharmacist;
- 37 (q) A dietitian licensed under ORS 691.405 to 691.585 or an employee of the dietitian;
- 38 (r) A funeral service practitioner licensed under ORS chapter 692 or an employee of the funeral
- 39 service practitioner;
- 40 (s) A health care facility as defined in ORS 442.015;
- 41 (t) A home health agency as defined in ORS 443.005;
- 42 (u) A hospice program as defined in ORS 443.850;
- 43 (v) A clinical laboratory as defined in ORS 438.010;
- 44 (w) A pharmacy as defined in ORS 689.005;
- 45 (x) A diabetes self-management program as defined in ORS 743.694; and

1 (y) Any other person or entity that furnishes, bills for or is paid for health care in the normal  
2 course of business.

3 (15) "Health information" means any oral or written information in any form or medium that:

4 (a) Is created or received by a covered entity, a public health authority, a life insurer, a school,  
5 a university or a health care provider that is not a covered entity; and

6 (b) Relates to:

7 (A) The past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual;

8 (B) The provision of health care to an individual; or

9 (C) The past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual.

10 (16) "Health insurer" means:

11 (a) An insurer who offers:

12 (A) A health benefit plan as defined in ORS 743.730;

13 (B) A short term health insurance policy, the duration of which does not exceed six months in-  
14 cluding renewals;

15 (C) A student health insurance policy;

16 (D) A Medicare supplemental policy; or

17 (E) A dental only policy.

18 (b) The Oregon Medical Insurance Pool operated by the Oregon Medical Insurance Pool Board  
19 under ORS 735.600 to 735.650.

20 (17) "Homeowner insurance" means insurance for residential property consisting of a combina-  
21 tion of property insurance and casualty insurance that provides coverage for the risks of owning  
22 or occupying a dwelling and that is not intended to cover an owner's interest in rental property or  
23 commercial exposures.

24 (18) "Individual" means a natural person who:

25 (a) In the case of life or health insurance, is a past, present or proposed principal insured or  
26 certificate holder;

27 (b) In the case of other kinds of insurance, is a past, present or proposed named insured or  
28 certificate holder;

29 (c) Is a past, present or proposed policyowner;

30 (d) Is a past or present applicant;

31 (e) Is a past or present claimant; or

32 (f) Derived, derives or is proposed to derive insurance coverage under an insurance policy or  
33 certificate that is subject to ORS 746.600 to 746.690.

34 (19) "Individually identifiable health information" means any oral or written health information  
35 that is:

36 (a) Created or received by a covered entity or a health care provider that is not a covered en-  
37 tity; and

38 (b) Identifiable to an individual, including demographic information that identifies the individual,  
39 or for which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify an indi-  
40 vidual, and that relates to:

41 (A) The past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual;

42 (B) The provision of health care to an individual; or

43 (C) The past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual.

44 (20) "Institutional source" means a person or governmental entity that provides information  
45 about an individual to an insurer, insurance producer or insurance-support organization, other than:

- 1 (a) An insurance producer;
- 2 (b) The individual who is the subject of the information; or
- 3 (c) A natural person acting in a personal capacity rather than in a business or professional ca-
- 4 pacity.
- 5 (21) "Insurance producer" or "producer" means a person licensed by the Director of the De-
- 6 partment of Consumer and Business Services as a resident or nonresident insurance producer.
- 7 (22) "Insurance score" means a number or rating that is derived from an algorithm, computer
- 8 application, model or other process that is based in whole or in part on credit history.
- 9 (23)(a) "Insurance-support organization" means a person who regularly engages, in whole or in
- 10 part, in assembling or collecting information about natural persons for the primary purpose of pro-
- 11 viding the information to an insurer or insurance producer for insurance transactions, including:
- 12 (A) The furnishing of consumer reports to an insurer or insurance producer for use in con-
- 13 nection with insurance transactions; and
- 14 (B) The collection of personal information from insurers, insurance producers or other
- 15 insurance-support organizations for the purpose of detecting or preventing fraud, material misrep-
- 16 resentation or material nondisclosure in connection with insurance underwriting or insurance claim
- 17 activity.
- 18 (b) "Insurance-support organization" does not mean insurers, insurance producers, governmental
- 19 institutions or health care providers.
- 20 (24) "Insurance transaction" means any transaction that involves insurance primarily for per-
- 21 sonal, family or household needs rather than business or professional needs and that entails:
- 22 (a) The determination of an individual's eligibility for an insurance coverage, benefit or payment;
- 23 or
- 24 (b) The servicing of an insurance application, policy or certificate.
- 25 (25) "Insurer" has the meaning given that term in ORS 731.106.
- 26 (26) "Investigative consumer report" means a consumer report, or portion of a consumer report,
- 27 for which information about a natural person's character, general reputation, personal character-
- 28 istics or mode of living is obtained through personal interviews with the person's neighbors, friends,
- 29 associates, acquaintances or others who may have knowledge concerning such items of information.
- 30 (27) "Licensee" means an insurer, insurance producer or other person authorized or required to
- 31 be authorized, or licensed or required to be licensed, pursuant to the Insurance Code.
- 32 (28) "Loss history report" means a report provided by, or a database maintained by, an
- 33 insurance-support organization or consumer reporting agency that contains information regarding
- 34 the claims history of the individual property that is the subject of the application for a homeowner
- 35 insurance policy or the consumer applying for a homeowner insurance policy.
- 36 (29) "Nonaffiliated third party" means any person except:
- 37 (a) An affiliate of a licensee;
- 38 (b) A person that is employed jointly by a licensee and by a person that is not an affiliate of the
- 39 licensee; and
- 40 (c) As designated by the director by rule.
- 41 (30) "Payment" includes but is not limited to:
- 42 (a) Efforts to obtain premiums or reimbursement;
- 43 (b) Determining eligibility or coverage;
- 44 (c) Billing activities;
- 45 (d) Claims management;

- 1 (e) Reviewing health care to determine medical necessity;  
2 (f) Utilization review; and  
3 (g) Disclosures to consumer reporting agencies.
- 4 (31)(a) "Personal financial information" means:  
5 (A) Information that is identifiable with an individual, gathered in connection with an insurance  
6 transaction from which judgments can be made about the individual's character, habits, avocations,  
7 finances, occupations, general reputation, credit or any other personal characteristics; or  
8 (B) An individual's name, address and policy number or similar form of access code for the in-  
9 dividual's policy.
- 10 (b) "Personal financial information" does not mean information that a licensee has a reasonable  
11 basis to believe is lawfully made available to the general public from federal, state or local gov-  
12 ernment records, widely distributed media or disclosures to the public that are required by federal,  
13 state or local law.
- 14 (32) "Personal information" means:  
15 (a) Personal financial information;  
16 (b) Individually identifiable health information; or  
17 (c) Protected health information.
- 18 (33) "Personal insurance" means the following types of insurance products or services that are  
19 to be used primarily for personal, family or household purposes:  
20 (a) Private passenger automobile coverage;  
21 (b) Homeowner, mobile homeowners, manufactured homeowners, condominium owners and  
22 renters coverage;  
23 (c) Personal dwelling property coverage;  
24 (d) Personal liability and theft coverage, including excess personal liability and theft coverage;  
25 and  
26 (e) Personal inland marine coverage.
- 27 (34) "Personal representative" includes but is not limited to:  
28 (a) A person appointed as a guardian under ORS 125.305, 419B.370, 419C.481 or 419C.555 with  
29 authority to make medical and health care decisions;  
30 (b) A person appointed as a health care representative under ORS 127.505 to 127.660 or 127.700  
31 to 127.737 to make health care decisions or mental health treatment decisions;  
32 (c) A person appointed as a personal representative under ORS chapter 113; and  
33 (d) A person described in ORS 746.611.
- 34 (35) "Policyholder" means a person who:  
35 (a) In the case of individual policies of life or health insurance, is a current policyowner;  
36 (b) In the case of individual policies of other kinds of insurance, is currently a named insured;  
37 or  
38 (c) In the case of group policies of insurance under which coverage is individually underwritten,  
39 is a current certificate holder.
- 40 (36) "Pretext interview" means an interview wherein the interviewer, in an attempt to obtain  
41 personal information about a natural person, does one or more of the following:  
42 (a) Pretends to be someone the interviewer is not.  
43 (b) Pretends to represent a person the interviewer is not in fact representing.  
44 (c) Misrepresents the true purpose of the interview.  
45 (d) Refuses upon request to identify the interviewer.

1 (37) "Privileged information" means information that is identifiable with an individual and that:

2 (a) Relates to a claim for insurance benefits or a civil or criminal proceeding involving the in-  
3 dividual; and

4 (b) Is collected in connection with or in reasonable anticipation of a claim for insurance benefits  
5 or a civil or criminal proceeding involving the individual.

6 (38)(a) "Protected health information" means individually identifiable health information that is  
7 transmitted or maintained in any form of electronic or other medium by a covered entity.

8 (b) "Protected health information" does not mean individually identifiable health information in:

9 (A) Education records covered by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20  
10 U.S.C. 1232g);

11 (B) Records described at 20 U.S.C. 1232g(a)(4)(B)(iv); or

12 (C) Employment records held by a covered entity in its role as employer.

13 (39) "Residual market mechanism" means an association, organization or other entity involved  
14 in the insuring of risks under ORS 735.005 to 735.145, 737.312 or other provisions of the Insurance  
15 Code relating to insurance applicants who are unable to procure insurance through normal insur-  
16 ance markets.

17 (40) "Termination of insurance coverage" or "termination of an insurance policy" means either  
18 a cancellation or a nonrenewal of an insurance policy, in whole or in part, for any reason other than  
19 the failure of a premium to be paid as required by the policy.

20 (41) "Treatment" includes but is not limited to:

21 (a) The provision, coordination or management of health care; and

22 (b) Consultations and referrals between health care providers.

23 **SECTION 32. ORS 688.465 and 688.475 are repealed.**

24 **SECTION 33. The amendments to ORS 688.455 by section 7 of this 2009 Act become op-**  
25 **erative on January 1, 2014.**

26 **SECTION 34. This 2009 Act takes effect on July 1, 2010.**

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