

Senate Bill 736

Sponsored by Senator DEVLIN

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 **as introduced**.

Exempts nurses trained outside of United States from nursing licensure requirements if nurse is participating in clinical practice as part of approved program for providing transition to practice nursing in Oregon.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to nursing; amending ORS 678.031.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 678.031 is amended to read:

5 678.031. ORS 678.010 to 678.410 do not apply to:

6 (1) The employment of nurses in institutions or agencies of the federal government.

7 (2) The practice of nursing incidental to the planned program of study for students enrolled in
8 nursing education programs accredited by the Oregon State Board of Nursing or accredited by an-
9 other state or United States territory as described under ORS 678.040 and approved by the board.

10 (3) Nursing practiced outside this state that is incidental to a distance learning program pro-
11 vided by an institution of higher education located in Oregon.

12 (4) The furnishing of nursing assistance in an emergency.

13 (5) The practice of any other occupation or profession licensed under the laws of this state.

14 (6) Care of the sick with or without compensation when performed in connection with the
15 practice of the religious tenets of a well-recognized church or denomination that relies exclusively
16 on treatment by prayer and spiritual means by adherents thereof so long as the adherent does not
17 engage in the practice of nursing as defined in ORS 678.010 to 678.410 and 678.990 or hold oneself
18 out as a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse.

19 (7) Nonresident nurses licensed and in good standing in another state if they are practicing in
20 Oregon on a single, temporary assignment [*of*] **for a period** not to exceed 30 days, renewable for a
21 **period** not to exceed 30 days, for assignments that are for the general public benefit limited to the
22 following:

23 (a) Transport teams;

24 (b) Red Cross Blood Services personnel;

25 (c) Presentation of educational programs;

26 (d) Disaster teams;

27 (e) Staffing a coronary care unit, intensive care unit or emergency department in a hospital that
28 is responding to a temporary staffing shortage and would be otherwise unable to meet its critical
29 care staffing requirements; or

30 (f) Staffing a long term care facility that is responding to a temporary staffing shortage and
31 would be otherwise unable to meet its staffing requirements.

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 **(8) Nurses trained outside of the United States who are participating in clinical practice**
2 **as part of a program approved by the board for providing a transition to practice nursing**
3 **within Oregon.**

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