

Senate Joint Resolution 27

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS (at the request of Senator Frank Morse)

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**.

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to limit liability of physician to amount payable under policy of professional liability insurance if policy provides coverage of at least \$_____ for each claim and \$_____ for all claims within one-year period.

Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at next regular general election.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

PARAGRAPH 1. The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating a new section 12 to be added to and made a part of Article XV, such section to read:

SECTION 12. If a physician has insurance for professional liability with coverage of at least \$_____ for each claim, and \$_____ for all claims within a one-year period, and a claim is made that is covered by the insurance or would be covered by the insurance except for the application of the policy limits, the liability of the physician for the claim is limited to the amount payable under the policy of insurance.

PARAGRAPH 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held throughout this state.

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.