

House Bill 2145

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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 **as introduced**.

Permits denturist to provide removable nonorthodontic dental appliance to be worn in human mouth.

Authorizes Oregon Health Licensing Agency to adopt rules waiving examination requirement for license to practice denture technology and providing for issuance of temporary license to practice denture technology.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to denture technology; amending ORS 680.500, 680.510 and 680.515.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** ORS 680.500 is amended to read:

4 680.500. As used in ORS 680.500 to 680.565[, *unless the context requires otherwise*]:

5 [(1) "Board" means the policy-making body known as the State Board of Denture Technology, es-
6 tablished within the Oregon Health Licensing Agency.]

7 [(2) (1) "Denture" means any removable full [*and/or*] **or** partial upper or lower prosthetic dental
8 appliance to be worn in the human mouth to replace any missing natural teeth.

9 [(3) (2) "Denturist" means a person licensed under ORS 680.500 to 680.565 to engage in the
10 practice of denture technology and who is authorized within [*their*] **the person's** scope of practice
11 to provide to the public full or partial upper or lower dentures **or other removable**
12 **nonorthodontic dental appliances intended** to be worn in the human mouth.

13 [(4) (3) "Practice of denture technology" means:

14 (a) Constructing, repairing, relining, reproducing, duplicating, supplying, fitting or altering
15 [*any*] a denture **or other removable nonorthodontic dental appliance intended to be worn in**
16 **the human mouth** in respect of which a service is performed under paragraph (b) of this sub-
17 section; and

18 (b) **The following services when performed for a purpose listed in paragraph (a) of this**
19 **subsection:**

20 [(b) (A) The taking of impressions[,];

21 (B) **The taking of bite registrations[,];**

22 (C) Try-ins[,] **of dentures or other removable nonorthodontic dental appliances intended**
23 **to be worn in the human mouth; and**

24 (D) Insertions of [*or in any part of the human oral cavity for any of the purposes listed in para-*
25 *graph (a) of this subsection*] **dentures or other removable nonorthodontic dental appliances in-**
26 **tended to be worn in the human mouth.**

27 **SECTION 2.** ORS 680.515 is amended to read:

28 680.515. (1) Subject to the provisions of ORS 676.612, upon application accompanied by payment
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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 of required fees, the Oregon Health Licensing Agency shall issue a license to practice denture
 2 technology to any applicant who submits proof satisfactory to the agency that the applicant has
 3 completed all requirements for licensure, which include, but are not limited to:

4 (a) Providing to the agency official transcripts verifying completion of an associate degree pro-
 5 gram in denture technology, or the equivalent in formal, post-secondary education, approved by the
 6 agency in consultation with the Oregon Student Assistance Commission and the Department of Ed-
 7 ucation. The educational program shall include pertinent courses in anatomy, including histology,
 8 microbiology, physiology, pharmacology, pathology emphasizing periodontology, dental materials,
 9 medical emergencies, geriatrics, professional ethics, clinical denture technology and denture labo-
 10 ratory technology;

11 (b) Providing to the agency documentation of 1,000 hours of supervised clinical practice in
 12 denture technology, completed while enrolled in or after having completed a course of study offered
 13 in a post-secondary educational institution, or through equivalent supervised experience, as deter-
 14 mined by the agency in consultation with the Oregon Student Assistance Commission and the De-
 15 partment of Education; and

16 (c) Passing a written and a practical examination prescribed, recognized or approved by the
 17 State Board of Denture Technology. An applicant who fails the practical examination must com-
 18 plete additional hours of clinical and laboratory training in an approved work experience program,
 19 as determined by the board, to qualify for reexamination.

20 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1)(a) of this section, the board may accept educational training
 21 obtained in any other state or country if, upon review of satisfactory evidence, the agency deter-
 22 mines that the educational program in the other state or country meets the educational standards
 23 prescribed under this section.

24 **(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1)(c) of this section, the agency may adopt rules provid-**
 25 **ing for waiver of the practical examination requirement.**

26 **(4) The agency may adopt rules allowing for issuance of a temporary license to practice**
 27 **denture technology.**

28 **SECTION 3.** ORS 680.510 is amended to read:

29 680.510. The prohibitions of ORS 680.500 to 680.565 do not apply to:

30 (1) Any activity described in ORS 680.500 [(4)(a)] **(3)(a)** by a person acting under the supervision
 31 of a dentist.

32 (2) The practice of dentistry or medicine by persons authorized to do so by this state, or any
 33 other practices allowed under ORS chapters 677 and 679.

34 (3) A student of denture technology in pursuit of clinical studies under an approved school
 35 program, or a person having met the formal educational requirements, who is operating, for no more
 36 than two years, under the direct supervision of a dentist or a licensed dentist in pursuit of prac-
 37 tical clinical experience as required for licensure by ORS 680.515.