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House Bill 2395

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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.

[Regulates use of terms "clinic," "institute" and "specialist" by health professionals.]

Requires individual who uses title "doctor" to designate health care profession in which individual's doctoral degree was earned on specified materials.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to health professionals; amending ORS 676.110; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 676.110 is amended to read:

676.110. (1) An individual practicing a health care profession may not use the title "doctor" in connection with the profession, unless the individual:

(a) Has earned a doctoral degree in the individual's field of practice; and

(b)(A) Is licensed by a health professional regulatory board as defined in ORS 676.160 to practice the particular health care profession in which the individual's doctoral degree was earned; or

(B) Is working under a board-approved residency contract and is practicing under the license of a supervisor who is licensed by a health professional regulatory board as defined in ORS 676.160 to practice the particular health care profession in which the individual's doctoral degree was earned.

(2) *[When]* **If an individual uses the title "doctor" in connection with a health care profession at any time, the individual must designate the health care profession in which the individual's doctoral degree was earned on all written or printed matter [or in connection with], advertising, billboards, signs or professional notices used in connection with the health care profession, [the individual shall designate the health care profession in which the individual's doctoral degree was earned] regardless of whether the individual's name or the title "doctor" appears on the written or printed matter, advertising, billboard, sign or professional notice.** The designation must be in letters or print at least one-fourth the size of the largest letters used *[in]* **on the [title "doctor,"] written or printed matter, advertising, billboard, sign or professional notice,** and in material, color, type or illumination to give display and legibility of at least one-fourth that of the *[title "doctor.,"]* **largest letters used on the written or printed matter, advertising, billboard, sign or professional notice.**

(3) Subsection (1) of this section does not prohibit:

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 (a) A chiropractic physician licensed under ORS chapter 684 from using the title “chiropractic
2 physician”;

3 (b) A naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685 from using the title “naturopathic
4 physician”;

5 (c) A person licensed to practice optometry under ORS chapter 683 from using the title “doctor
6 of optometry” or “optometric physician”; or

7 (d) A podiatric physician licensed under ORS 677.805 to 677.840 from using the title “podiatric
8 physician.”

9 **SECTION 2. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
10 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect
11 on its passage.**

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