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**House Bill 2685**

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CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to attorney-client relationship; amending ORS 9.380 and 9.390.

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

**SECTION 1.** ORS 9.380 is amended to read:

9.380. (1) The attorney in an action[, *suit*] or proceeding may be changed, or the relationship of attorney and client terminated, as follows:

[(1)] (a) Before judgment or final determination, upon the consent of the attorney filed with the clerk or entered in the appropriate record of the court; or

[(2)] (b) At any time, upon the order of the court [*or judge thereof*], based on the application of the client or the attorney, for good and sufficient cause.

**(2) The relationship of attorney and client may be terminated after the entry of a judgment or other final determination in an action or proceeding by the filing of a notice of termination of the relationship in the action or proceeding. The notice must be signed by the attorney and must state that all services required of the attorney under the agreement between the attorney and the client have been provided.**

**SECTION 2.** ORS 9.390 is amended to read:

9.390. When an attorney is changed, **or the relationship of attorney and client is terminated**, as provided in ORS 9.380, written notice of the change [*and of the substitution of a new attorney, or of the appearance of the party in person,*] **or termination** shall be given to the adverse party. Until [*then*] **the notice is given**, the adverse party is bound to recognize the former attorney.

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