Senate Bill 232

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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.**

Clarifies educational requirements for limited access permit dental hygienist. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- Relating to limited access permit dental hygienists; amending ORS 680.200; and declaring an emergency.
 - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
- 5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 680.200 is amended to read:
 - 680.200. (1) Upon application accompanied by the fee established by the Oregon Board of Dentistry, the board shall grant a permit to practice as a limited access permit dental hygienist to any applicant who:
 - (a) Holds a valid, unrestricted Oregon dental hygiene license;
 - (b) Presents proof of current professional liability insurance coverage;
 - (c) Presents documentation satisfactory to the board of successful completion of an emergency life support course for health professionals, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation, from an agency or educational institution approved by the board; and
 - (d) Presents documentation satisfactory to the board that the person has:
 - (A)(i) Completed 2,500 hours of supervised dental hygiene practice; and
 - (ii) After graduation from a dental hygiene program that meets the requirements of ORS 680.040 (1)(b), completed 40 hours of courses related to dental hygiene practice or public health in a formal[, post-secondary] educational program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency and approved by the board; or
 - (B) Completed a course of study approved by the board that includes at least 500 hours of dental hygiene practice on patients described in ORS 680.205 while under the direct supervision of a member of the faculty of a dental program or dental hygiene program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency. Practice hours from before and after graduation from the dental hygiene program may be combined to meet the requirement of this subparagraph.
 - (2) All permits issued pursuant to subsection (1) of this section expire two years following the date of issuance unless renewed on or before that date by:
 - (a) Payment of the renewal fee as set by the board;
- 29 (b) Submission to the board of satisfactory evidence of completion of at least 36 hours of con-30 tinuing education; and

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- (c) Presentation to the board of proof of professional liability insurance coverage.
- (3) The board may refuse to issue or renew a limited access permit or may suspend or revoke the permit of a limited access permit dental hygienist who has been convicted of an offense or been disciplined by a dental licensing body in a manner that bears, in the judgment of the board, a demonstrable relationship to the ability of the applicant to practice limited access permit dental hygiene in accordance with the provisions of this chapter or ORS chapter 679, or who has falsified an application for permit, or any person for any cause described under ORS 679.140 or 679.170.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect on its passage.

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