

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2691

Ordered by the House March 5
Including House Amendments dated March 5

Sponsored by Representative GREENLICK

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.

[Authorizes nonresident physicians and nurses licensed and in good standing in another state to provide volunteer services related to practice of medicine or nursing in this state under specified circumstances.]

Exempts nonresident nurse from Oregon licensing requirement if nurse is licensed and in good standing in another state, nurse is practicing in this state without compensation on no more than two temporary assignments not to exceed five days in any 12-month period and assignments are for general public benefit.

Sunsets January 1, 2020.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to provision of services without compensation; creating new provisions; and amending ORS
3 678.031.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 678.031 is amended to read:

6 678.031. ORS 678.010 to 678.410 do not apply to:

7 (1) The employment of nurses in institutions or agencies of the federal government.

8 (2) The practice of nursing incidental to the planned program of study for students enrolled in
9 nursing education programs accredited by the Oregon State Board of Nursing or accredited by an-
10 other state or United States territory as described under ORS 678.040 and approved by the board.

11 (3) Nursing practiced outside this state that is incidental to a distance learning program pro-
12 vided by an institution of higher education located in Oregon.

13 (4) The furnishing of nursing assistance in an emergency.

14 (5) The practice of any other occupation or profession licensed under the laws of this state.

15 (6) Care of the sick with or without compensation when performed in connection with the
16 practice of the religious tenets of a well-recognized church or denomination that relies exclusively
17 on treatment by prayer and spiritual means by adherents thereof so long as the adherent does not
18 engage in the practice of nursing as defined in ORS 678.010 to 678.410 and 678.990 or hold oneself
19 out as a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse.

20 (7) Nonresident nurses licensed and in good standing in another state if they are practicing in
21 *[Oregon]* **this state** on a single, temporary assignment of not to exceed 30 days, renewable for not
22 to exceed 30 days, for assignments that are for the general public benefit limited to the following:

23 (a) Transport teams;

24 (b) Red Cross Blood Services personnel;

25 (c) Presentation of educational programs;

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 (d) Disaster teams;

2 (e) Staffing a coronary care unit, intensive care unit or emergency department in a hospital that
3 is responding to a temporary staffing shortage and would be otherwise unable to meet its critical
4 care staffing requirements; or

5 (f) Staffing a long term care facility that is responding to a temporary staffing shortage and
6 would be otherwise unable to meet its staffing requirements.

7 **(8)(a) Nonresident nurses licensed and in good standing in another state if they are**
8 **practicing in this state without compensation on no more than two temporary assignments**
9 **not to exceed five days in any 12-month period if the assignments are for the general public**
10 **benefit.**

11 **(b) A nonresident nurse practicing under this subsection may not prescribe drugs unless**
12 **the nonresident nurse applies to the board in a form and manner prescribed by the board**
13 **by rule and the board approves the application.**

14 **SECTION 2.** ORS 678.031, as amended by section 1 of this 2013 Act, is amended to read:

15 678.031. ORS 678.010 to 678.410 do not apply to:

16 (1) The employment of nurses in institutions or agencies of the federal government.

17 (2) The practice of nursing incidental to the planned program of study for students enrolled in
18 nursing education programs accredited by the Oregon State Board of Nursing or accredited by an-
19 other state or United States territory as described under ORS 678.040 and approved by the board.

20 (3) Nursing practiced outside this state that is incidental to a distance learning program pro-
21 vided by an institution of higher education located in Oregon.

22 (4) The furnishing of nursing assistance in an emergency.

23 (5) The practice of any other occupation or profession licensed under the laws of this state.

24 (6) Care of the sick with or without compensation when performed in connection with the
25 practice of the religious tenets of a well-recognized church or denomination that relies exclusively
26 on treatment by prayer and spiritual means by adherents thereof so long as the adherent does not
27 engage in the practice of nursing as defined in ORS 678.010 to 678.410 and 678.990 or hold oneself
28 out as a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse.

29 (7) Nonresident nurses licensed and in good standing in another state if they are practicing in
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31 30 days, for assignments that are for the general public benefit limited to the following:

32 (a) Transport teams;

33 (b) Red Cross Blood Services personnel;

34 (c) Presentation of educational programs;

35 (d) Disaster teams;

36 (e) Staffing a coronary care unit, intensive care unit or emergency department in a hospital that
37 is responding to a temporary staffing shortage and would be otherwise unable to meet its critical
38 care staffing requirements; or

39 (f) Staffing a long term care facility that is responding to a temporary staffing shortage and
40 would be otherwise unable to meet its staffing requirements.

41 *[(8)(a) Nonresident nurses licensed and in good standing in another state if they are practicing in*
42 *this state without compensation on no more than two temporary assignments not to exceed five days in*
43 *any 12-month period if the assignments are for the general public benefit.]*

44 *[(b) A nonresident nurse practicing under this subsection may not prescribe drugs unless the non-*
45 *resident nurse applies to the board in a form and manner prescribed by the board by rule and the*

1 *board approves the application.]*

2 **SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 678.031 by section 2 of this 2013 Act become oper-**
3 **ative on January 1, 2020.**

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