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Senate Bill 572

Ordered by the Senate April 24
Including Senate Amendments dated April 24

Sponsored by Senator MONNES ANDERSON, 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.

Requires hospital to implement safe patient handling policy. Establishes requirements for safe patient handling policy.

[Requires that workers' compensation rates take into consideration anticipated reductions in loss costs due to implementation of safe patient handling policy.]

Requires hospital safety committee to obtain from Department of Consumer and Business Services, annually, claims information regarding disabling compensable injuries due to patient handling and, based on information, make recommendations for changes to policy and for ways to reduce such injuries.

Takes effect February 1, 2015.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the safe handling of hospital patients; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2013 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 654.001 to**
5 **654.295.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

7 (a) "Claim" has the meaning given that term in ORS 656.005.

8 (b) "Disabling compensable injury" has the meaning given that term in ORS 656.005.

9 (c) "Hospital" has the meaning given that term in ORS 442.015.

10 (2) A hospital must have a written safe patient handling policy that is made available to
11 all hospital staff who provide direct patient care. The policy must prescribe the procedures
12 for the safe lifting, transferring and repositioning of patients, including the appropriate use
13 of lift equipment and other assistive devices.

14 (3) The safety committee, as described in ORS 654.182, of each hospital shall annually:

15 (a) Obtain from the Department of Consumer and Business Services the rate of claims
16 for disabling compensable injuries for the hospital and the aggregate rate for all hospitals in
17 this state;

18 (b) Review the claims information for the disabling compensable injuries caused by lift-
19 ing, transferring or repositioning patients and make recommendations to the governing body
20 of the hospital for ways to prevent disabling compensable injuries similar to the injuries for
21 which claims were filed;

22 (c) Review the rate of claims for disabling compensable claims for the hospital in com-
23 parison to the aggregate rate for all hospitals in this state to determine if the safe patient
24 handling policy described in subsection (2) of this section has reduced claims for disabling

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 **compensable injuries; and**

2 **(d) Recommend changes to the safe patient handling policy to further reduce the number**
3 **of injuries due to disabling compensable injuries.**

4 **SECTION 3. This 2013 Act takes effect February 1, 2015.**

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