

HB 2305 – Protection for Workers in Oregon Hospitals

HB 2305 addresses the **prerequisites** that a Polysomnographic Technologist (“Sleep Lab Technician”) must meet in order to apply for a license to practice in Oregon.

Licensing of Polysomnographic Technologists is **relatively new** in Oregon, having been first required by legislation passed in 2011. Most states do not require a license to practice this profession. Only 14 states, plus the District of Columbia, have any regulation (license or registration) of these practitioners.

The **prerequisites for a license in the statute are detailed but straight forward:**

High School graduation;

Completion of an education or training program, or one that includes both education and training, approved by the Board;*

Passing an examination approved by the Board.

The **Board has passed rules that make licensure much more complicated**, and which make it very difficult for hospitals seeking experienced, qualified staff to consider candidates from other states.

HB 2305 **does not expand or continue the grandfathering of “on the job” training** that the Board initially allowed when the licensing program started.

Instead, HB 2305 would allow a **person who has met the current combined education AND training prerequisites for the national Registered Polysomnographic Technologist credential** – a credential the Board already recognizes – and who has maintained that credential to sit for the Board’s examination.

HB 2305 is supported by:

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