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## SUMMARY

Directs Oregon Medical Board and Oregon State Board of Nursing to adopt rules regarding diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to Lyme disease; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Medical Board and the Oregon State Board of Nursing shall each adopt rules regarding the diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease.**

**(2) The rules adopted under this section must:**

**(a) Permit professionals regulated by the boards to diagnose and treat, in manners consistent with the standards of care guidelines developed by the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society, Lyme disease and associated viral, bacterial and parasitic diseases; and**

**(b) Establish disciplinary procedures that consider as a mitigating factor whether, in diagnosing or treating Lyme disease or associated diseases, a professional who is facing discipline followed evidence-based diagnosis and treatment guidelines not recognized by the boards.**

**SECTION 2. The Oregon Medical Board and the Oregon State Board of Nursing shall adopt rules under section 1 of this 2015 Act not later than January 1, 2016.**

**SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**

1 **clared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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