

Enrolled Senate Bill 282

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to the use of the title “nurse”; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 676.120 and 676.130.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 676.110 to 676.130.

SECTION 2. An individual may not use the title “nurse” unless the individual:

(1) Has earned a nursing degree or a nursing certificate from an accredited nursing program; and

(2) Is licensed by a health professional regulatory board as defined in ORS 676.160 to practice the particular health care profession in which the individual’s nursing degree or nursing certificate was earned.

SECTION 3. ORS 676.120 is amended to read:

676.120. Notwithstanding ORS 676.110 **or section 2 of this 2015 Act**, upon the death of any person duly licensed by a health professional regulatory board as defined in ORS 676.160, the executors of the estate or the heirs, assigns, associates or partners may retain the use of the decedent’s name, where it appears other than as a part of an assumed name, for no more than one year after the death of such person or until the estate is settled, whichever is sooner.

SECTION 4. ORS 676.130 is amended to read:

676.130. Each health professional regulatory board as defined in ORS 676.160 shall notify the appropriate district attorney of any violation of ORS 676.110 and 676.120 **and section 2 of this 2015 Act** which may be brought to the attention of such board. The district attorney of the county in which any violation of those sections takes place shall prosecute the violation upon being informed of the violation by any person or by one of such boards.

SECTION 5. Section 6 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 678.010 to 678.410.

SECTION 6. An individual may not use the title “nurse” unless the individual:

(1) Has earned a nursing degree or a nursing certificate from an accredited nursing program; and

(2) Is licensed by a health professional regulatory board as defined in ORS 676.160 to practice the particular health care profession in which the individual’s nursing degree or nursing certificate was earned.

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