

Senate Bill 282

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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 **as introduced**.

Prohibits individual from using title "nurse" unless individual holds nursing degree or certificate and is licensed to practice health care profession in which degree or certificate was earned.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the use of the title "nurse"; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 676.120 and
3 676.130.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 676.110 to**
6 **676.130.**

7 **SECTION 2. An individual may not use the title "nurse" unless the individual:**

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

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

13 **SECTION 3. ORS 676.120 is amended to read:**

14 676.120. Notwithstanding ORS 676.110 **or section 2 of this 2015 Act**, upon the death of any
15 person duly licensed by a health professional regulatory board as defined in ORS 676.160, the exec-
16 utors of the estate or the heirs, assigns, associates or partners may retain the use of the decedent's
17 name, where it appears other than as a part of an assumed name, for no more than one year after
18 the death of such person or until the estate is settled, whichever is sooner.

19 **SECTION 4. ORS 676.130 is amended to read:**

20 676.130. Each health professional regulatory board as defined in ORS 676.160 shall notify the
21 appropriate district attorney of any violation of ORS 676.110 and 676.120 **and section 2 of this 2015**
22 **Act** which may be brought to the attention of such board. The district attorney of the county in
23 which any violation of those sections takes place shall prosecute the violation upon being informed
24 of the violation by any person or by one of such boards.

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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.