

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 547

Ordered by the Senate February 26
Including Senate Amendments dated February 26

Sponsored by Senator MONNES ANDERSON

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.

Creates nurse emeritus license to permit certain retired nurses to engage in volunteer practice of nursing. Directs Oregon State Board of Nursing to adopt rules to issue nurse emeritus license.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to nurse emeritus licenses; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 678.010 to**
5 **678.410.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon State Board of Nursing may issue a nurse emeritus license**
7 **to an applicant who:**

8 (a) **Is a certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, licensed practical**
9 **nurse, nurse practitioner or registered nurse;**

10 (b) **Has been granted retired status by the board as described in ORS 678.050; and**

11 (c) **Pays the license fee as established by rule of the board.**

12 (2) **Notwithstanding ORS 678.050 (6), a nurse emeritus may engage in the practice of**
13 **nursing, practical nursing or registered nursing on a volunteer or other noncompensatory**
14 **basis.**

15 (3) **The board shall adopt rules to establish:**

16 (a) **The annual license fee for the nurse emeritus license described in subsection (1) of**
17 **this section; and**

18 (b) **The method to determine the competency required to practice nursing, practical**
19 **nursing or registered nursing as a nurse emeritus.**

20 **SECTION 3. (1) Section 2 of this 2015 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2016.**

21 (2) **The Oregon State Board of Nursing may take any action necessary before the opera-**
22 **tive date specified in subsection (1) of this section to enable the board to exercise, on and**
23 **after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all the duties, functions**
24 **and powers conferred on the board by section 2 of this 2015 Act.**

25 **SECTION 4. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
26 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
27 **on its passage.**

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