

**Enrolled**  
**Senate Bill 594**

Sponsored by Senator BATES; Senator STEINER HAYWARD

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to credentialing of health care practitioners; creating new provisions; and amending section 9, chapter 603, Oregon Laws 2013.

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

**SECTION 1.** Sections 2 to 7, chapter 603, Oregon Laws 2013, are added to and made a part of ORS chapter 441.

**SECTION 2.** (1) As used in this section, “credentialing information,” “credentialing organization,” “health care practitioner” and “health care regulatory board” have the meanings given those terms in section 2, chapter 603, Oregon Laws 2013.

(2) Notwithstanding section 4 (1), chapter 603, Oregon Laws 2013, a health care practitioner is not required to submit credentialing information to the program established by the Oregon Health Authority under section 3, chapter 603, Oregon Laws 2013, and submission of the credentialing information is not a condition of being authorized to practice a profession in this state, until both of the following have occurred:

(a) The authority has established an operational electronic system through which credentialing information may be submitted; and

(b) The date has passed by which the authority requires by rule that type of health care practitioner to submit the credentialing information.

(3) Before adopting rules under subsection (2) of this section, the authority shall consult the advisory work group described in section 7, chapter 603, Oregon Laws 2013, about the date by which each type of health care practitioner should be required to submit the credentialing information.

(4) Notwithstanding ORS 183.335 (1), notice of a rule adopted under subsection (2) of this section must be provided at least six months before the effective date of the rule:

(a) By electronic mail to credentialing organizations represented in the advisory work group described in section 7, chapter 603, Oregon Laws 2013; and

(b) By electronic mail to the health care regulatory board that is responsible for regulating the type of health care practitioner to whom the rule applies.

**SECTION 3.** Section 9, chapter 603, Oregon Laws 2013, is amended to read:

**Sec. 9.** The Oregon Health Authority shall report on the implementation of the electronic system described in section 3 (1) [of this 2013 Act], **chapter 603, Oregon Laws 2013**, and on the development of rules to be adopted under section 3 (2) [of this 2013 Act], **chapter 603, Oregon Laws 2013, and section 2 of this 2015 Act** to:

(1) The interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health no later than October 1, [2014] **2016**; and

(2) The Legislative Assembly in the manner required by ORS 192.245:  
[(a) *On or before February 1, 2014; and*]  
[(b)] (a) On or before February 1, 2015[.]; and  
(b) **On or before February 1, 2016.**

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