

Senate Bill 905

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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**.

Adds physician assistant to Oregon Medical Board membership.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the Oregon Medical Board; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 677.235.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 677.235 is amended to read:

677.235. (1) The Oregon Medical Board consists of [12] **13** members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate in the manner provided in ORS 171.562 and 171.565. All members of the board must be residents of this state. Of the members of the board:

(a) Seven must have the degree of Doctor of Medicine;

(b) Two must have the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy;

(c) One must have the degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine;

(d) One must be a physician assistant licensed under ORS 677.512; and

[(d)] (e) Two must be members of the public representing health consumers and who are not:

(A) Otherwise eligible for appointment to the board; or

*(B) A spouse, domestic partner, child, parent or sibling of an individual having the degree of Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathy or Doctor of Podiatric Medicine **or of a physician assistant licensed under ORS 677.512.***

(2)(a)(A) Board members required to possess the degree of Doctor of Medicine may be selected by the Governor from a list of three to five candidates for each member of the board described in subsection (1)(a) of this section whose term expires in that year, submitted by the Oregon Medical Association not later than February 1.

(B) Board members required to possess the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy may be selected by the Governor from a list of three to five candidates for each vacancy, submitted by the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon, Inc., not later than February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

(C) The board member required to possess the degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine may be selected by the Governor from a list of three to five candidates submitted by the Oregon Podiatric Medical Association not later than February 1 of each fourth year.

(D) The board member required to be a physician assistant licensed under ORS 677.512 may be selected by the Governor from a list of three to five candidates submitted by the Oregon Society of Physician Assistants not later than February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

(b) The physician members **and the physician assistant member** must have been in the active practice of their profession for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment.

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.

1 (c) Neither the public members nor any person who is a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent
2 or sibling of a public member may be employed as a health professional.

3 (d)(A) In selecting the members of the board, the Governor shall strive to balance the repre-
4 sentation on the board according to geographic areas of this state and ethnic group.

5 (B) Of the seven members who hold the degree of Doctor of Medicine, there shall be at least
6 one member appointed from each federal congressional district.

7 (3)(a) The term of office of each board member is three years, but a member serves at the
8 pleasure of the Governor. The terms must be staggered so that no more than four terms end each
9 year. A term begins on March 1 of the year the member is appointed and ends on the last day of
10 February of the third year thereafter. A member may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

11 (b) If a vacancy occurs on the board, another qualifying member possessing the same profes-
12 sional degree or fulfilling the same public capacity as the person whose position has been vacated
13 shall be appointed as provided in this section to fill the unexpired term.

14 (c) A board member shall be removed immediately from the board if, during the member's term,
15 the member:

16 (A) Is not a resident of this state;

17 (B) Has been absent from three consecutive board meetings, unless at least one absence is ex-
18 cused; or

19 (C) Is not a current licensee or a retired licensee whose license was in good standing at the time
20 of retirement, if the board member was appointed to serve on the board as a licensee.

21 (4) Members of the board are entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495.
22 The board may provide by rule for compensation to board members for the performance of official
23 duties at a rate that is greater than the rate provided in ORS 292.495.

24 **SECTION 2. The Governor shall appoint a physician assistant licensed under ORS 677.512**
25 **as required under section 1 (1)(d) of this 2015 Act to the Oregon Medical Board for a term**
26 **beginning March 1, 2016.**

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