

Senate Bill 916

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE (at the request of Oregon Lyme Disease Network)

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**.

Directs Oregon Medical Board and Oregon State Board of Nursing to adopt rules regarding diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Lyme disease; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Medical Board and the Oregon State Board of Nursing shall**
5 **each adopt rules regarding the diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease.**

6 **(2) The rules adopted under this section must:**

7 **(a) Permit professionals regulated by the boards to diagnose and treat, in manners con-**
8 **sistent with the standards of care guidelines developed by the International Lyme and As-**
9 **sociated Diseases Society, Lyme disease and associated viral, bacterial and parasitic diseases;**
10 **and**

11 **(b) Establish disciplinary procedures that consider as a mitigating factor whether, in di-**
12 **agnosing or treating Lyme disease or associated diseases, a professional who is facing disci-**
13 **pline followed evidence-based diagnosis and treatment guidelines not recognized by the**
14 **boards.**

15 **SECTION 2. The Oregon Medical Board and the Oregon State Board of Nursing shall**
16 **adopt rules under section 1 of this 2015 Act not later than January 1, 2016.**

17 **SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
19 **on its passage.**

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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.