

House Bill 3262

Sponsored by Representative NATHANSON; Senator STEINER HAYWARD

SUMMARY

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Requires Department of Human Services, in collaboration with other agencies, to adopt rules related to prescription of psychotropic medications to elderly persons and persons with disabilities.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to psychotropic medication; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Elderly person" means a person who is 65 years of age or older;

(b) "Person with a disability" has the meaning given that term in ORS 410.040; and

(c) "Psychotropic medication" has the meaning given that term in ORS 418.517.

(2) The Department of Human Services, in collaboration with the State Board of Pharmacy, the Oregon Medical Board, the Oregon State Board of Nursing and the Long Term Care Ombudsman, shall adopt rules related to the prescription of a psychotropic medication to an elderly person or a person with a disability who resides in:

(a) An adult foster home, as defined in ORS 443.705;

(b) A residential care facility, as defined in ORS 443.400; or

(c) A long term care facility, as defined in ORS 442.015.

(3) The requirements of this section do not apply to an elderly person or person with a disability in a hospice program, as defined in ORS 443.850.

(4) The rules adopted under subsection (2) of this section must include, but are not limited to, requirements that:

(a) If a prescription of more than two doses of psychotropic medication is written by a licensed health care practitioner other than the primary care physician of the elderly person or person with a disability, the prescription must be reviewed by the primary care physician of the elderly person or person with a disability to:

(A) Limit the adverse side effects of the psychotropic medication; and

(B) Ensure that the psychotropic medication is prescribed in the lowest possible effective dosage; and

(b) The facility or home in which the elderly person or person with a disability resides demonstrates that:

(A) A person-centered assessment has been performed on the elderly person or person with a disability to determine potential nonpharmacological interventions that could be employed to alleviate the need for psychotropic medications;

(B) The interventions have been employed prior to the prescription of the psychotropic

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 medication; and

2 (C) The facility or home will continue to attempt the interventions in conjunction with
3 the administration of the psychotropic medication.

4 (5) The department may adopt other rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this
5 section.

6 SECTION 2. (1) Section 1 of this 2017 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2018.

7 (2) The Department of Human Services, the State Board of Pharmacy, the Oregon Med-
8 ical Board, the Oregon State Board of Nursing and the Long Term Care Ombudsman may
9 take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is
10 necessary to enable the agencies to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in
11 subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the agen-
12 cies by section 1 of this 2017 Act.

13 SECTION 3. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
14 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
15 on its passage.

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The ability of people with disabilities, who live in adult foster care and need to obtain the necessary medications in the correct dosages, while being overseen by their primary care doctor is very important to those with disabilities.

