

# House Bill 2644

Sponsored by Representative MALSTROM; Senator MONNES ANDERSON (Presession filed.)

## 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**.

Provides that administration of vitamin K to newborn infants must be by injection.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to vitamin K; amending ORS 433.306 and 433.312.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 433.306 is amended to read:

5 433.306. (1) A physician licensed under [*ORS chapters 677, 684 and 685*] **ORS chapter 677, 684**  
6 **or 685** or [*the*] a midwife attending the mother at the birth of [*the*] a child [*shall be*], is responsible  
7 for [*insuring*] **ensuring** that the newborn infant [*shall receive*] **receives an injection of** vitamin K  
8 within 24 hours after birth [*by the most appropriate means, either by injection or orally*].

9 (2) The procedure described in subsection (1) of this section does not apply to any **newborn**  
10 infant whose parents object to the procedure on [*the*] grounds that the procedure conflicts with the  
11 religious tenets and practices of the parents. **To make an objection under this subsection**, the  
12 parents must sign a statement [*saying the infant is being so reared*] **attesting that the procedure**  
13 **conflicts with the religious tenets and practices of the parents**.

14 (3) [*No*] **A newborn** infant [*shall*] **may not** be refused the procedure described in subsection (1)  
15 of this section because of the parent's inability to pay **for the procedure**.

16 **SECTION 2.** ORS 433.312 is amended to read:

17 433.312. (1) The Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with the Oregon Pediatric Society  
18 [*by rule*], shall establish **by rule** the appropriate dosage of vitamin K [*and the procedures for ad-*  
19 *ministering vitamin K which may be either by injection or orally*] **to be administered pursuant to**  
20 **ORS 433.306**.

21 (2) The authority, in cooperation with the licensing boards established in ORS chapters 677, 684  
22 and 685, shall notify [*their*] **the licensing boards'** licensees of [*these*] rules **established under this**  
23 **section. The authority also shall notify** any association of midwives [*shall also be notified*].  
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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.