

Senate Bill 71

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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**.

Clarifies legislative intent related to administration of noninjectable medication in long term care facilities.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to nursing; amending ORS 678.445; repealing ORS 678.157.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 678.445 is amended to read:

5 678.445. (1) It is the intent of the Legislative Assembly that the Oregon State Board of Nursing
6 [*not adopt any standard the practical effect of which is to prohibit a nursing assistant in a long term*
7 *care facility from administering noninjectable medication except under direct supervision of a registered*
8 *nurse*] **adopt by rule, subject to ORS 678.155, standards that allow a nursing assistant in a**
9 **long term care facility to administer noninjectable medication under the direct supervision**
10 **of or as delegated by a registered nurse.**

11 (2) [*Where*] **If** a nurse employed by the long term care facility questions the efficacy, need or
12 safety of continuation of medications [*being*] dispensed by that nurse or by another employee of the
13 facility to a patient [*therein*], the nurse shall report that question to the physician or [*a*] nurse
14 practitioner[, *if authorized to do so, ordering or authorizing*] **who ordered or authorized** the
15 medication and shall seek further instructions concerning the continuation of the medication.

16 **SECTION 2.** ORS 678.157 is repealed.
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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.