

Senate Bill 74

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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**.

Permits registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to execute medical treatment orders from certain other nurses and licensed health care providers.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to nursing; amending ORS 678.010.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 678.010 is amended to read:

5 678.010. As used in ORS 678.010 to 678.410, unless the context requires otherwise:

6 (1) "Board" means the Oregon State Board of Nursing.

7 (2) "Clinical nurse specialist" means a licensed registered nurse who has been certified by the
8 board as qualified to practice the expanded clinical specialty nursing role.

9 (3) "Diagnosing" in the context of the practice of nursing means identification of and discrimi-
10 nation between physical and psychosocial signs and symptoms essential to effective execution and
11 management of the nursing care.

12 (4) "Human responses" means [*those*] signs, symptoms and processes [*which*] **that** denote the
13 person's interaction with an actual or potential health problem.

14 (5) "Long term care facility" means a licensed skilled nursing facility or intermediate care fa-
15 cility as those terms are used in ORS 442.015, an adult foster home as defined in ORS 443.705 that
16 has residents over 60 years of age, **or** a residential care facility, **including an assisted living fa-**
17 **cility**, as defined in ORS 443.400 [*or an assisted living facility*].

18 (6) "Nurse practitioner" means a registered nurse who has been certified by the board as qual-
19 ified to practice in an expanded specialty role within the practice of nursing.

20 (7) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice under ORS chapter 677.

21 (8)(a) "Practice of nursing" means diagnosing and treating human responses to actual or po-
22 tential health problems through [*such*] services **such** as identification thereof, health teaching,
23 health counseling and providing care supportive to or restorative of life and well-being and including
24 the performance of [*such*] additional services requiring education and training [*which*] **that** are re-
25 cognized by the nursing profession as proper to be performed by nurses licensed under ORS 678.010
26 to 678.410 and [*which*] **that** are recognized by rules of the board.

27 (b) "Practice of nursing" includes:

28 (A) Executing medical orders [*as*] prescribed by a physician [*or*], dentist [*but does not include*
29 *such execution by a member of the immediate family for another member or execution by a person*
30 *designated by or on behalf of a person requiring care as provided by board rule where the person ex-*

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 *ecuting the care is not licensed under ORS 678.010 to 678.410. The practice of nursing includes*,
2 **clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner, certified registered nurse anesthetist or other**
3 **licensed health care provider licensed or certified by this state and authorized by the board**
4 **by rule to issue orders for medical treatment; and**

5 (B) Providing supervision of nursing assistants.

6 (c) **“Practice of nursing” does not include the execution of medical orders described in**
7 **this subsection by a member of the immediate family for another member or by a person**
8 **designated by or on behalf of a person requiring care as provided by board rule if the person**
9 **executing the order is not licensed under ORS 678.010 to 678.410.**

10 (9) “Practice of practical nursing” means the application of knowledge drawn from basic edu-
11 cation in the social and physical sciences in planning and giving nursing care and in assisting per-
12 sons toward achieving of health and well-being.

13 (10) “Practice of registered nursing” means the application of knowledge drawn from broad in-
14 depth education in the social and physical sciences in assessing, planning, ordering, giving, deleg-
15 ating, teaching and supervising care [*which*] **that** promotes the person’s optimum health and
16 independence.

17 (11) “Treating” means selection and performance of [*those*] therapeutic measures essential to the
18 effective execution and management of the nursing care and execution of the prescribed medical
19 orders.

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