

Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2527**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “and 689.683” and insert “,  
2 689.683 and 743A.066”.

3 Delete lines 5 through 31 and delete pages 2 through 6 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1.** ORS 689.005 is amended to read:

5 “689.005. As used in this chapter:

6 “(1) ‘Administer’ means the direct application of a drug or device whether  
7 by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means, to the body of a pa-  
8 tient or research subject by:

9 “(a) A practitioner or the practitioner’s authorized agent; or

10 “(b) The patient or research subject at the direction of the practitioner.

11 “(2) ‘Approved continuing pharmacy education program’ means those  
12 seminars, classes, meetings, workshops and other educational programs on  
13 the subject of pharmacy approved by the board.

14 “(3) ‘Board of pharmacy’ or ‘board’ means the State Board of Pharmacy.

15 “(4) ‘Clinical pharmacy agreement’ means an agreement between a  
16 pharmacist or pharmacy and a health care organization or a physician as  
17 defined in ORS 677.010 that permits the pharmacist to engage in the practice  
18 of clinical pharmacy for the benefit of the patients of the health care or-  
19 ganization or physician.

20 “(5) ‘Continuing pharmacy education’ means:

21 “(a) Professional, pharmaceutical post-graduate education in the general

1 areas of socio-economic and legal aspects of health care;

2 “(b) The properties and actions of drugs and dosage forms; and

3 “(c) The etiology, characteristics and therapeutics of the disease state.

4 “(6) ‘Continuing pharmacy education unit’ means the unit of measurement  
5 of credits for approved continuing education courses and programs.

6 “(7) ‘Deliver’ or ‘delivery’ means the actual, constructive or attempted  
7 transfer of a drug or device other than by administration from one person  
8 to another, whether or not for a consideration.

9 “(8) ‘Device’ means an instrument, apparatus, implement, machine,  
10 contrivance, implant, in vitro reagent or other similar or related article, in-  
11 cluding any component part or accessory, which is required under federal  
12 or state law to be prescribed by a practitioner and dispensed by a  
13 pharmacist.

14 “(9) ‘Dispense’ or ‘dispensing’ means the preparation and delivery of a  
15 prescription drug pursuant to a lawful order of a practitioner in a suitable  
16 container appropriately labeled for subsequent administration to or use by  
17 a patient or other individual entitled to receive the prescription drug.

18 “(10) ‘Distribute’ means the delivery of a drug other than by administer-  
19 ing or dispensing.

20 “(11) ‘Drug’ means:

21 “(a) Articles recognized as drugs in the official United States  
22 Pharmacopoeia, official National Formulary, official Homeopathic  
23 Pharmacopoeia, other drug compendium or any supplement to any of them;

24 “(b) Articles intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment  
25 or prevention of disease in a human or other animal;

26 “(c) Articles, other than food, intended to affect the structure or any  
27 function of the body of humans or other animals; and

28 “(d) Articles intended for use as a component of any articles specified in  
29 paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this subsection.

30 “(12) ‘Drug order’ means a written order, in a hospital or other inpatient

1 care facility, for an ultimate user of any drug or device issued and signed  
2 by a practitioner, or an order transmitted by other means of communication  
3 from a practitioner, that is immediately reduced to writing by a pharmacist,  
4 licensed nurse or other practitioner.

5 “(13) ‘Drug outlet’ means [any] a pharmacy, nursing home, shelter home,  
6 convalescent home, extended care facility, drug abuse treatment center, penal  
7 institution, hospital, family planning clinic, student health center, retail  
8 store, wholesaler, manufacturer, mail-order vendor or other establishment  
9 with facilities located within or out of this state that is engaged in dis-  
10 pensing, delivery or distribution of drugs within this state.

11 “(14) ‘Drug room’ means a secure and lockable location within an inpa-  
12 tient care facility that does not have a licensed pharmacy.

13 “(15) ‘Electronically transmitted’ or ‘electronic transmission’ means a  
14 communication sent or received through technological apparatuses, including  
15 computer terminals or other equipment or mechanisms linked by telephone  
16 or microwave relays, or [any] similar apparatus having electrical, digital,  
17 magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic or similar capabilities.

18 “[16] ‘Hormonal contraceptive patch’ means a transdermal patch applied  
19 to the skin of a patient, by the patient or by a practitioner, that releases a drug  
20 composed of a combination of hormones that is approved by the United States  
21 Food and Drug Administration to prevent pregnancy.]

22 “(16) **‘Injectable hormonal contraceptive’ means a drug composed**  
23 **of a hormone or a combination of hormones that is approved by the**  
24 **United States Food and Drug Administration to prevent pregnancy and**  
25 **that a health care practitioner administers to the patient by injection.**

26 “(17) ‘Institutional drug outlet’ means hospitals and inpatient care facili-  
27 ties where medications are dispensed to another health care professional for  
28 administration to patients served by the hospitals or facilities.

29 “(18) ‘Intern’ means a person who is enrolled in or has completed a course  
30 of study at a school or college of pharmacy approved by the board and who

1 is licensed with the board as an intern.

2 “(19) ‘Internship’ means a professional experiential program approved by  
3 the board under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist registered with the  
4 board as a preceptor.

5 “(20) ‘Itinerant vendor’ means a person who sells or distributes  
6 nonprescription drugs by passing from house to house, or by haranguing the  
7 people on the public streets or in public places, or who uses the customary  
8 devices for attracting crowds, recommending their wares and offering them  
9 for sale.

10 “(21) ‘Labeling’ means the process of preparing and affixing of a label to  
11 any drug container exclusive, however, of the labeling by a manufacturer,  
12 packer or distributor of a nonprescription drug or commercially packaged  
13 legend drug or device.

14 “(22) ‘Manufacture’ means the production, preparation, propagation, com-  
15 pounding, conversion or processing of a device or a drug, either directly or  
16 indirectly by extraction from substances of natural origin or independently  
17 by means of chemical synthesis or by a combination of extraction and  
18 chemical synthesis and includes any packaging or repackaging of the sub-  
19 stances or labeling or relabeling of its container, except that this term does  
20 not include the preparation or compounding of a drug by an individual for  
21 their own use or the preparation, compounding, packaging or labeling of a  
22 drug:

23 “(a) By a practitioner as an incident to administering or dispensing of a  
24 drug in the course of professional practice; or

25 “(b) By a practitioner or by the practitioner’s authorization under super-  
26 vision of the practitioner for the purpose of or as an incident to research,  
27 teaching or chemical analysis and not for sale.

28 “(23) ‘Manufacturer’ means a person engaged in the manufacture of drugs.

29 “(24) ‘Nonprescription drug outlet’ means shopkeepers and itinerant ven-  
30 dors registered under ORS 689.305.

1       “(25) ‘Nonprescription drugs’ means drugs which may be sold without a  
2 prescription and which are prepackaged for use by the consumer and labeled  
3 in accordance with the requirements of the statutes and regulations of this  
4 state and the federal government.

5       “(26) ‘Person’ means an individual, corporation, partnership, association  
6 or [any] other legal entity.

7       “(27) ‘Pharmacist’ means an individual licensed by this state to engage in  
8 the practice of pharmacy or to engage in the practice of clinical pharmacy.

9       “(28) ‘Pharmacy’ means a place that meets the requirements of rules of  
10 the board, is licensed and approved by the board where the practice of  
11 pharmacy may lawfully occur and includes apothecaries, drug stores,  
12 dispensaries, hospital outpatient pharmacies, pharmacy departments and  
13 prescription laboratories but does not include a place used by a manufacturer  
14 or wholesaler.

15       “(29) ‘Pharmacy technician’ means a person licensed by the State Board  
16 of Pharmacy who assists the pharmacist in the practice of pharmacy pursu-  
17 ant to rules of the board.

18       “(30) ‘Practice of clinical pharmacy’ means:

19       “(a) The health science discipline in which, in conjunction with the  
20 patient’s other practitioners, a pharmacist provides patient care to optimize  
21 medication therapy and to promote disease prevention and the patient’s  
22 health and wellness;

23       “(b) The provision of patient care services, including but not limited to  
24 post-diagnostic disease state management services; and

25       “(c) The practice of pharmacy by a pharmacist pursuant to a clinical  
26 pharmacy agreement.

27       “(31) ‘Practice of pharmacy’ means:

28       “(a) The interpretation and evaluation of prescription orders;

29       “(b) The compounding, dispensing and labeling of drugs and devices, ex-  
30 cept labeling by a manufacturer, packer or distributor of nonprescription

1 drugs and commercially packaged legend drugs and devices;

2 “(c) The prescribing and administering of vaccines and immunizations and  
3 the providing of patient care services pursuant to ORS 689.645;

4 “(d) The administering of drugs and devices to the extent permitted under  
5 ORS 689.655;

6 “(e) The participation in drug selection and drug utilization reviews;

7 “(f) The proper and safe storage of drugs and devices and the maintenance  
8 of proper records [*therefor*] **regarding the safe storage of drugs and de-**  
9 **vices;**

10 “(g) The responsibility for advising, where necessary or where regulated,  
11 of therapeutic values, content, hazards and use of drugs and devices;

12 “(h) The monitoring of therapeutic response or adverse effect to drug  
13 therapy;

14 “(i) The optimizing of drug therapy through the practice of clinical  
15 pharmacy;

16 “(j) Patient care services, including medication therapy management and  
17 comprehensive medication review;

18 “(k) The offering or performing of those acts, services, operations or  
19 transactions necessary in the conduct, operation, management and control  
20 of pharmacy; and

21 “(L) **The prescribing and administering of injectable hormonal**  
22 **contraceptives and** the prescribing and dispensing of [*hormonal*  
23 *contraceptive patches and*] self-administered [*oral*] hormonal contraceptives  
24 pursuant to ORS 689.683.

25 “(32) ‘Practitioner’ means a person licensed and operating within the  
26 scope of such license to prescribe, dispense, conduct research with respect  
27 to or administer drugs in the course of professional practice or research:

28 “(a) In this state; or

29 “(b) In another state or territory of the United States if the person does  
30 not reside in Oregon and is registered under the federal Controlled Sub-

1 stances Act.

2 “(33) ‘Preceptor’ means a pharmacist or a person licensed by the board to  
3 supervise the internship training of a licensed intern.

4 “(34) ‘Prescription drug’ or ‘legend drug’ means a drug which is:

5 “(a) Required by federal law, prior to being dispensed or delivered, to be  
6 labeled with either of the following statements:

7 “(A) ‘Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription’; or

8 “(B) ‘Caution: Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order  
9 of a licensed veterinarian’; or

10 “(b) Required by any applicable federal or state law or regulation to be  
11 dispensed on prescription only or is restricted to use by practitioners only.

12 “(35) ‘Prescription’ or ‘prescription drug order’ means a written, oral or  
13 electronically transmitted direction, given by a practitioner authorized to  
14 prescribe drugs, for the preparation and use of a drug. When the context  
15 requires, ‘prescription’ also means the drug prepared under such written, oral  
16 or electronically transmitted direction.

17 “(36) ‘Retail drug outlet’ means a place used for the conduct of the retail  
18 sale, administering or dispensing or compounding of drugs or chemicals or  
19 for the administering or dispensing of prescriptions and licensed by the board  
20 as a place [*wherein*] **where** the practice of pharmacy may lawfully occur.

21 “(37) ‘Self-administered [*oral*] hormonal contraceptive’ means a drug com-  
22 posed of a **hormone or a** combination of hormones that is approved by the  
23 United States Food and Drug Administration to prevent pregnancy and that  
24 the patient to whom the drug is prescribed may [*take orally*] **administer to**  
25 **oneself. ‘Self-administered hormonal contraceptive’ includes, but is**  
26 **not limited to, hormonal contraceptive patches and hormonal**  
27 **contraceptive pills.**

28 “(38) ‘Shopkeeper’ means a business or other establishment, open to the  
29 general public, for the sale or nonprofit distribution of drugs.

30 “(39) ‘Unit dose’ means a sealed single-unit container so designed that the

1 contents are administered to the patient as a single dose, direct from the  
2 container. Each unit dose container must bear a separate label, be labeled  
3 with the name and strength of the medication, the name of the manufacturer  
4 or distributor, an identifying lot number and, if applicable, the expiration  
5 date of the medication.

6 “(40) ‘Wholesale drug outlet’ means [*any*] a person who imports, stores,  
7 distributes or sells for resale [*any*] drugs, including legend drugs and  
8 nonprescription drugs.

9 **“SECTION 2.** ORS 689.683 is amended to read:

10 “689.683. (1) In accordance with rules adopted by the State Board of  
11 Pharmacy under ORS 689.205, a pharmacist may **prescribe and administer**  
12 **injectable hormonal contraceptives and** prescribe and dispense [*hormonal*  
13 *contraceptive patches and*] self-administered [*oral*] hormonal contraceptives  
14 to a person who is:

15 “(a) At least 18 years of age, regardless of whether the person has evi-  
16 dence of a previous prescription from a primary care practitioner or women’s  
17 health care practitioner for **an injectable hormonal contraceptive or a**  
18 [*hormonal contraceptive patch or*] self-administered [*oral*] hormonal  
19 contraceptive; or

20 “(b) Under 18 years of age, only if the person has evidence of a previous  
21 prescription from a primary care practitioner or women’s health care prac-  
22 titioner for **an injectable hormonal contraceptive or a** [*hormonal*  
23 *contraceptive patch or*] self-administered [*oral*] hormonal contraceptive.

24 “(2)(a) The board shall adopt rules to establish, in consultation with the  
25 Oregon Medical Board, the Oregon State Board of Nursing and the Oregon  
26 Health Authority, and in consideration of guidelines established by the  
27 American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, standard procedures  
28 for the prescribing of [*hormonal contraceptive patches and*] **injectable**  
29 **hormonal contraceptives and** self-administered [*oral*] hormonal  
30 contraceptives by pharmacists.



1 “(b) The rules adopted under this subsection must require a pharmacist  
2 to:

3 “(A) Complete a training program approved by the State Board of Phar-  
4 macy that is related to prescribing [*hormonal contraceptive patches and*]  
5 **injectable hormonal contraceptives and** self-administered [*oral*] hormonal  
6 contraceptives;

7 “(B) Provide a self-screening risk assessment tool that the patient must  
8 use prior to the pharmacist’s prescribing the [*hormonal contraceptive patch*  
9 *or*] **injectable hormonal contraceptive or** self-administered [*oral*] hormonal  
10 contraceptive;

11 “(C) Refer the patient to the patient’s primary care practitioner or  
12 women’s health care practitioner upon prescribing **and administering the**  
13 **injectable hormonal contraceptive or prescribing** and dispensing the  
14 [*hormonal contraceptive patch or*] self-administered [*oral*] hormonal  
15 contraceptive;

16 “(D) Provide the patient with a written record of the [*hormonal*  
17 *contraceptive patch or*] **injectable hormonal contraceptive prescribed and**  
18 **administered or the** self-administered [*oral*] hormonal contraceptive pre-  
19 scribed and dispensed and advise the patient to consult with a primary care  
20 practitioner or women’s health care practitioner; and

21 “(E) **Administer the injectable hormonal contraceptive or** dispense  
22 the [*hormonal contraceptive patch or*] self-administered [*oral*] hormonal  
23 contraceptive to the patient as soon as practicable after the pharmacist is-  
24 sues the prescription.

25 “(c) The rules adopted under this subsection must prohibit a pharmacist  
26 from:

27 “(A) Requiring a patient to schedule an appointment with the pharmacist  
28 for the prescribing **or administering of an injectable hormonal**  
29 **contraceptive or the prescribing** or dispensing of a [*hormonal contraceptive*  
30 *patch or*] self-administered [*oral*] hormonal contraceptive; and

1       “(B) Prescribing **and administering an injectable hormonal**  
2 **contraceptive or prescribing** and dispensing a [*hormonal contraceptive*  
3 *patch or*] self-administered [*oral*] hormonal contraceptive to a patient who  
4 does not have evidence of a clinical visit for women’s health within the three  
5 years immediately following the initial prescription **and administration of**  
6 **an injectable hormonal contraceptive or the initial prescription** and  
7 dispensation of a [*hormonal contraceptive patch or*] self-administered [*oral*]  
8 hormonal contraceptive by a pharmacist to the patient.

9       “(3) All state and federal laws governing insurance coverage of  
10 contraceptive drugs, devices, products and services shall apply to [*hormonal*  
11 *contraceptive patches and*] **injectable hormonal contraceptives and** self-  
12 administered [*oral*] hormonal contraceptives prescribed by a pharmacist un-  
13 der this section.

14       “**SECTION 3.** ORS 689.683, as amended by section 3, chapter 649, Oregon  
15 Laws 2015, is amended to read:

16       “689.683. (1) In accordance with rules adopted by the State Board of  
17 Pharmacy under ORS 689.205, a pharmacist may **prescribe and administer**  
18 **injectable hormonal contraceptives and** prescribe and dispense [*hormonal*  
19 *contraceptive patches and*] self-administered [*oral*] hormonal contraceptives.

20       “(2)(a) The board shall adopt rules to establish, in consultation with the  
21 Oregon Medical Board, the Oregon State Board of Nursing and the Oregon  
22 Health Authority, and in consideration of guidelines established by the  
23 American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, standard procedures  
24 for the prescribing of [*hormonal contraceptive patches and*] **injectable**  
25 **hormonal contraceptives and** self-administered [*oral*] hormonal  
26 contraceptives by pharmacists.

27       “(b) The rules adopted under this subsection must require a pharmacist  
28 to:

29       “(A) Complete a training program approved by the State Board of Phar-  
30 macy that is related to prescribing [*hormonal contraceptive patches and*]

1 **injectable hormonal contraceptives and** self-administered [*oral*] hormonal  
2 contraceptives;

3 “(B) Provide a self-screening risk assessment tool that the patient must  
4 use prior to the pharmacist’s prescribing the [*hormonal contraceptive patch*  
5 *or*] **injectable hormonal contraceptive or** self-administered [*oral*] hormonal  
6 contraceptive;

7 “(C) Refer the patient to the patient’s primary care practitioner or  
8 women’s health care practitioner upon prescribing **and administering the**  
9 **injectable hormonal contraceptive or prescribing** and dispensing the  
10 [*hormonal contraceptive patch or*] self-administered [*oral*] hormonal  
11 contraceptive;

12 “(D) Provide the patient with a written record of the [*hormonal*  
13 *contraceptive patch or*] **injectable hormonal contraceptive prescribed and**  
14 **administered or the** self-administered [*oral*] hormonal contraceptive pre-  
15 scribed and dispensed and advise the patient to consult with a primary care  
16 practitioner or women’s health care practitioner; and

17 “(E) **Administer the injectable hormonal contraceptive or** dispense  
18 the [*hormonal contraceptive patch or*] self-administered [*oral*] hormonal  
19 contraceptive to the patient as soon as practicable after the pharmacist is-  
20 sues the prescription.

21 “(c) The rules adopted under this subsection must prohibit a pharmacist  
22 from:

23 “(A) Requiring a patient to schedule an appointment with the pharmacist  
24 for the prescribing **or administering of an injectable hormonal**  
25 **contraceptive or the prescribing** or dispensing of a [*hormonal contraceptive*  
26 *patch or*] self-administered [*oral*] hormonal contraceptive; and

27 “(B) Prescribing **and administering an injectable hormonal**  
28 **contraceptive or prescribing** and dispensing a [*hormonal contraceptive*  
29 *patch or*] self-administered [*oral*] hormonal contraceptive to a patient who  
30 does not have evidence of a clinical visit for women’s health within the three

1 years immediately following the initial prescription **and administration of**  
2 **an injectable hormonal contraceptive or the initial prescription** and  
3 dispensation of a [*hormonal contraceptive patch or*] self-administered [*oral*]  
4 hormonal contraceptive by a pharmacist to the patient.

5 “(3) All state and federal laws governing insurance coverage of  
6 contraceptive drugs, devices, products and services shall apply to [*hormonal*  
7 *contraceptive patches and*] **injectable hormonal contraceptives and** self-  
8 administered [*oral*] hormonal contraceptives prescribed by a pharmacist un-  
9 der this section.

10 **“SECTION 4.** ORS 743A.066 is amended to read:

11 “743A.066. (1) A prescription drug benefit program, or a prescription drug  
12 benefit offered under a health benefit plan as defined in ORS 743B.005 or  
13 under a student health insurance policy, must provide payment, coverage or  
14 reimbursement for:

15 “(a) Prescription contraceptives; and

16 “(b) If covered for other drug benefits under the program, plan or policy,  
17 outpatient consultations, **including pharmacist consultations**, examina-  
18 tions, procedures and medical services that are necessary to prescribe, dis-  
19 pense, deliver, distribute, administer or remove a prescription contraceptive.

20 “(2) The coverage required by subsection (1) of this section:

21 “(a) May be subject to provisions of the program, plan or policy that ap-  
22 ply equally to other prescription drugs covered by the program, plan or pol-  
23 icy, including but not limited to required copayments, deductibles and  
24 coinsurance; and

25 “(b) Must reimburse a health care provider or dispensing entity for a  
26 dispensing of contraceptives intended to last for a:

27 “(A) Three-month period for the first dispensing of the contraceptive to  
28 an insured; and

29 “(B) Twelve-month period for subsequent dispensings of the same  
30 contraceptive to the insured regardless of whether the insured was enrolled

1 in the program, plan or policy at the time of the first dispensing.

2 “(3) As used in this section, ‘prescription contraceptive’ means a drug or  
3 device that requires a prescription and is approved by the United States Food  
4 and Drug Administration to prevent pregnancy.

5 “(4) A religious employer is exempt from the requirements of this section  
6 with respect to a prescription drug benefit program or a health benefit plan  
7 it provides to its employees. A ‘religious employer’ is an employer:

8 “(a) Whose purpose is the inculcation of religious values;

9 “(b) That primarily employs persons who share the religious tenets of the  
10 employer;

11 “(c) That primarily serves persons who share the religious tenets of the  
12 employer; and

13 “(d) That is a nonprofit organization under section 6033(a)(3)(A)(i) or (iii)  
14 of the Internal Revenue Code.

15 “(5) This section is exempt from the provisions of ORS 743A.001.

16 **“SECTION 5. (1) The amendments to ORS 689.005, 689.683 and  
17 743A.066 by sections 1 to 4 of this 2017 Act become operative on Janu-  
18 ary 1, 2018.**

19 **“(2) The State Board of Pharmacy may take any action before the  
20 operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is neces-  
21 sary to enable the board to exercise, on or after the operative date  
22 specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions  
23 and powers conferred on the board by the amendments to ORS 689.005,  
24 689.683 and 743A.066 by sections 1 to 4 of this 2017 Act.**

25 **“SECTION 6. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate  
26 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is  
27 declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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