

Senate Bill 599

Sponsored by Senator BEYER (at the request of Kris McAlister) (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Establishes Medical Marijuana Patient Access Committee to study and recommend methods to reduce barriers to accessing medical marijuana and to advise Oregon Health Authority on issues related to accessing medical marijuana. Directs authority to issue permanent registry identification cards to certain persons. Allows authority to increase or waive possession limits on marijuana plants and usable marijuana for certain registry identification cardholders. Limits registry identification card application fee to \$60. Requires authority to approve or deny application for registry identification card within specified number of days for certain applicants. Prohibits professional licensing board from denying or revoking authorization to provide occupational or professional service solely because authorization applicant or holder is registry identification cardholder.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to medical use of marijuana; creating new provisions; amending ORS 475B.797, 475B.804, 475B.831 and 475B.834; and declaring an emergency.

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

MEDICAL MARIJUANA PATIENT ACCESS COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish the Medical Marijuana Patient Access Committee.

(2) The committee consists of seven members appointed by the authority. The members appointed under this subsection must be:

(a) Current or former registry identification cardholders, as that term is defined in ORS 475B.791; and

(b) Individuals who experience a variety of debilitating medical conditions, as that term is defined in ORS 475B.791.

(3) The term of office of each member of the committee is four years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the authority. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the authority shall appoint a successor whose term begins on January 1 of the following year. A member is eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.

(4) The committee shall:

(a) Study barriers to accessing medical marijuana.

(b) Consider methods to reduce barriers to accessing medical marijuana.

(c) Annually report to the authority not later than December 31 of each year on the results of the committee's study under this section, and include recommendations on increasing access to medical marijuana.

(d) Advise the authority on issues related to accessing medical marijuana.

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 (5) Members of the committee are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed
 2 for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of
 3 their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495.

4 (6) The committee shall select one of its members to serve as chairperson and another
 5 as vice chairperson, for terms and with duties and powers necessary for the performance of
 6 the functions of the offices as the committee determines.

7 (7) A majority of the members of the committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction
 8 of business.

9 (8) The committee shall meet at least once each year at a time and place determined by
 10 the committee. The committee may also meet at other times and places specified by the call
 11 of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the committee.

12 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding the term of office specified in section 1 of this 2019 Act, of
 13 the members first appointed to the Medical Marijuana Patient Access Committee:

14 (1) Two shall serve for terms ending January 1, 2022.

15 (2) Two shall serve for terms ending January 1, 2023.

16 (3) Three shall serve for terms ending January 1, 2024.

17 **SECTION 3.** (1) Section 1 of this 2019 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2020.

18 (2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the operative date specified
 19 in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the authority to exercise, on and
 20 after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions
 21 and powers conferred on the authority by section 1 of this 2019 Act.

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 23 **REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDHOLDERS**
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25 **SECTION 4.** Sections 5 and 6 of this 2019 Act are added to and made a part of ORS
 26 475B.785 to 475B.949.

27 **SECTION 5.** (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall issue a permanent registry identifi-
 28 cation card to a registry identification cardholder on the date on which the registry iden-
 29 tification cardholder is first required to renew the registry identification card under ORS
 30 475B.797 if the registry identification cardholder:

31 (a) Has a debilitating medical condition that the registry identification cardholder's at-
 32 tending physician has determined is permanent or unlikely to improve; and

33 (b) Submits to the authority the information described under ORS 475B.797 (6)(b).

34 (2) The authority may:

35 (a) Require a registry identification cardholder described in this section to submit to the
 36 authority annually, commencing one year after the date described in subsection (1) of this
 37 section, written documentation from the registry identification cardholder's attending phy-
 38 sician that the registry identification cardholder's debilitating medical condition remains
 39 unchanged.

40 (b) Adopt rules to carry out this section.

41 **SECTION 6.** (1) The Oregon Health Authority may increase or waive the possession limits
 42 for immature marijuana plants and mature marijuana plants specified in ORS 475B.831 and
 43 usable marijuana specified in ORS 475B.834 for a registry identification cardholder who:

44 (a) Submits to the authority, in a form and manner specified by the authority by rule,
 45 documentation that includes:

1 (A) The registry identification cardholder’s debilitating medical condition;

2 (B) The dosage of marijuana that is in excess of the possession limits described in this
 3 subsection needed to mitigate the symptoms of the registry identification cardholder’s de-
 4 bilitating medical condition; and

5 (C) Other information determined necessary by the authority; and

6 (b) Meets other requirements of the authority established by rule.

7 (2) The authority may adopt other rules as necessary to carry out this section.

8 **SECTION 7.** ORS 475B.797 is amended to read:

9 475B.797. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish a program for the issuance of registry
 10 identification cards to applicants who meet the requirements of this section.

11 (2) The authority shall issue a registry identification card to an applicant who is 18 years of age
 12 or older if the applicant pays a fee in an amount, **not to exceed \$60**, established by the authority
 13 by rule and submits to the authority an application containing the following information:

14 (a) Written documentation from the applicant’s attending physician stating that the attending
 15 physician has diagnosed the applicant as having a debilitating medical condition and that the med-
 16 ical use of marijuana may mitigate the symptoms or effects of the applicant’s debilitating medical
 17 condition **and, if applicable, that the applicant is undergoing chemotherapy treatment or is**
 18 **in the late stages of dementia or cancer;**

19 (b) The name, address and date of birth of the applicant;

20 (c) The name, address and telephone number of the applicant’s attending physician;

21 (d) Proof of residency, submitted in a form required by the authority by rule;

22 (e) The name and address of the applicant’s designated primary caregiver, if the applicant is
 23 designating a primary caregiver under ORS 475B.804; [*and*]

24 (f) The information described in ORS 475B.810 (2), if the applicant is applying to produce
 25 marijuana or designate another person under ORS 475B.810 to produce marijuana[.]; **and**

26 **(g) If applicable, that the applicant is designating an organization that provides hospice,**
 27 **palliative or home health care services, or a residential facility as defined in ORS 443.400, as**
 28 **the applicant’s designated primary caregiver.**

29 (3)(a) The authority shall issue a registry identification card to an applicant who is under 18
 30 years of age if:

31 (A) The applicant pays the fee and submits the application described in subsection (2) of this
 32 section; and

33 (B) The custodial parent or legal guardian who is responsible for the health care decisions of
 34 the applicant signs and submits to the authority a written statement that:

35 (i) The applicant’s attending physician has explained to the applicant and to the custodial parent
 36 or legal guardian the possible risks and benefits of the medical use of marijuana;

37 (ii) The custodial parent or legal guardian consents to the medical use of marijuana by the ap-
 38 plicant;

39 (iii) The custodial parent or legal guardian agrees to serve as the applicant’s designated primary
 40 caregiver; and

41 (iv) The custodial parent or legal guardian agrees to control the acquisition, dosage and fre-
 42 quency of the medical use of marijuana by the applicant.

43 (b) An applicant who is under 18 years of age may not apply to produce marijuana under sub-
 44 section (2)(f) of this section.

45 [~~4~~] (4)(a) The authority shall:

1 [(a)] (A) On the date on which the authority receives an application described in subsection (2)
 2 or (3) of this section, issue a receipt to the applicant verifying that the authority received an ap-
 3 plication under subsection (2) or (3) of this section; and

4 [(b)] (B) Approve or deny an application received under subsection (2) or (3) of this section
 5 within [30] 21 days after receiving the application.

6 **(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a)(B) of this subsection, the authority shall approve or**
 7 **deny an application received under subsection (2) or (3) of this section as soon as practicable**
 8 **upon receiving the application, and not later than five business days after receiving the ap-**
 9 **plication, if the applicant:**

10 (A) Submitted written documentation from the applicant's attending physician stating
 11 that the applicant is undergoing chemotherapy treatment or is in the late stages of dementia
 12 or cancer; or

13 (B) Is designating an organization that provides hospice, palliative or home health care
 14 services, or a residential facility, as the applicant's designated primary caregiver.

15 (5)(a) If the authority approves an application, the authority shall issue a serially numbered
 16 registry identification card to the applicant within five days after approving the application. The
 17 registry identification card must include the following information:

18 (A) The registry identification cardholder's name, address and date of birth;

19 (B) The issuance date and expiration date of the registry identification card;

20 (C) If the registry identification cardholder designated a primary caregiver under ORS 475B.804,
 21 the name and address of the registry identification cardholder's designated primary caregiver; and

22 (D) Any other information required by the authority by rule.

23 (b) If the registry identification cardholder designated a primary caregiver under ORS 475B.804,
 24 the authority shall issue an identification card to the designated primary caregiver. The identifica-
 25 tion card must contain the information required by paragraph (a) of this subsection.

26 (6) A registry identification cardholder shall:

27 (a) In a form and manner prescribed by the authority, notify the authority of any change con-
 28 cerning the registry identification cardholder's:

29 (A) Name, address or attending physician;

30 (B) Designated primary caregiver, including the designation of a primary caregiver made at a
 31 time other than at the time of applying for or renewing a registry identification card; or

32 (C) Person responsible for a marijuana grow site, including the designation of a person respon-
 33 sible for a marijuana grow site made at a time other than at the time of applying for or renewing
 34 a registry identification card.

35 (b) **Except as provided in section 5 of this 2019 Act**, annually renew the registry identifica-
 36 tion card by paying a fee in an amount established by the authority by rule and submitting to the
 37 authority an application that contains the following information:

38 (A) Updated written documentation from the registry identification cardholder's attending phy-
 39 sician stating that the registry identification cardholder still has a debilitating medical condition
 40 and that the medical use of marijuana may mitigate the symptoms or effects of the registry iden-
 41 tification cardholder's debilitating medical condition;

42 (B) The information described in subsection (2)(b) to [(f)] (g) of this section; and

43 (C) If the registry identification cardholder is under 18 years of age, a statement signed by the
 44 custodial parent or legal guardian of the registry identification cardholder that meets the require-
 45 ments of subsection (3) of this section.

1 (7) The authority shall:

2 (a) On the date on which the authority receives an application described in subsection (2) of this
3 section, issue a receipt to the applicant verifying that the authority received an application under
4 subsection (6)(b) of this section; and

5 (b) Approve or deny an application received under subsection (6)(b) of this section within [30]
6 **21** days after receiving the application.

7 (8)(a) If the registry identification cardholder's attending physician determines that the registry
8 identification cardholder no longer has a debilitating medical condition, or determines that the
9 medical use of marijuana is contraindicated for the registry identification cardholder's debilitating
10 medical condition, the registry identification cardholder shall return the registry identification card
11 to the authority within 30 calendar days after receiving notice of the determination.

12 (b) If, because of circumstances beyond the control of the registry identification cardholder, a
13 registry identification cardholder is unable to obtain a second medical opinion about the registry
14 identification cardholder's continuing eligibility for the medical use of marijuana before having to
15 return the registry identification card to the authority, the authority may grant the registry iden-
16 tification cardholder additional time to obtain a second medical opinion.

17 (9)(a) The authority may deny an application for a registry identification card or an application
18 to renew a registry identification card, or may suspend or revoke a registry identification card, if:

19 (A) The applicant or registry identification cardholder does not provide the information required
20 by this section;

21 (B) The authority determines that the applicant or registry identification cardholder provided
22 false information; or

23 (C) The authority determines that the applicant or registry identification cardholder violated a
24 provision of ORS 475B.785 to 475B.949 or a rule adopted under ORS 475B.785 to 475B.949.

25 (b) If a registry identification card is revoked, any associated identification card issued under
26 subsection (5)(b) of this section, or marijuana grow site registration card issued under ORS 475B.810
27 (6), shall also be revoked.

28 (c) A person whose application is denied, or whose registry identification card is revoked, under
29 this subsection may not reapply for a registry identification card for six months from the date of the
30 denial or revocation unless otherwise authorized by the authority.

31 (10)(a) The authority may deny a designation of a primary caregiver made under ORS 475B.804,
32 or suspend or revoke an associated identification card issued under subsection (5)(b) of this section,
33 if the authority determines that the designee or the registry identification cardholder violated a
34 provision of ORS 475B.785 to 475B.949 or a rule adopted under ORS 475B.785 to 475B.949.

35 (b) A person whose designation has been denied, or whose identification card has been revoked,
36 under this subsection may not be designated as a primary caregiver under ORS 475B.804 for six
37 months from the date of the denial or revocation unless otherwise authorized by the authority.

38 (11)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (2) or (6)(b) of this section, if an applicant for a registry
39 identification card, or a registry identification cardholder applying for renewal of a registry iden-
40 tification card, submits to the authority proof of having served in the Armed Forces of the United
41 States, the authority may not impose a fee that is greater than \$20 for the issuance or renewal of
42 the registry identification card.

43 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (6)(b)(A) of this section, the requirement that a registry identifi-
44 cation cardholder include in the application to renew a registry identification card updated written
45 documentation from the cardholder's attending physician regarding the cardholder's continuing de-

1 bilitating medical condition does not apply to a service-disabled veteran who:

2 (A) Has been assigned a total and permanent disability rating for compensation that rates the
3 veteran as unable to secure or follow a substantially gainful occupation as a result of service-
4 connected disabilities as described in 38 C.F.R. 4.16; or

5 (B) Has a United States Department of Veterans Affairs total disability rating of 100 percent
6 as a result of an injury or illness that the veteran incurred, or that was aggravated, during active
7 military service and who received a discharge or release under other than dishonorable conditions.

8 (12) For any purpose described in ORS 475B.785 to 475B.949, including exemption from criminal
9 liability under ORS 475B.907, a receipt issued by the authority verifying that an application has
10 been submitted to the authority under subsection (2), (3) or (6)(b) of this section has the same legal
11 effect as a registry identification card for 30 days following the date on which the receipt was issued
12 to the applicant.

13 **SECTION 8.** ORS 475B.804 is amended to read:

14 475B.804. (1) If a person who is applying for a registry identification card under ORS 475B.797,
15 or who is a registry identification cardholder, chooses to designate, or to change the designation
16 of, a primary caregiver, the person must include the primary caregiver's name and address:

17 (a) On the person's application for a registry identification card;

18 (b) On the person's application to renew a registry identification card; or

19 (c) In a form and manner prescribed by the authority, in a signed statement notifying the Oregon
20 Health Authority of the designation.

21 (2) A registry identification cardholder may have only one designated primary caregiver at any
22 given time.

23 (3) If a registry identification cardholder who previously designated a primary caregiver chooses
24 to designate a different primary caregiver, the authority shall notify the previous designee of the
25 new designation and issue an identification card to the newly designated primary caregiver.

26 (4) **This section applies to:**

27 (a) **Individuals designated or chosen to be designated as primary caregivers; and**

28 (b) **Organizations that provide hospice, palliative or home health care services, or a res-**
29 **idential facility defined in ORS 443.400, that are designated or chosen to be designated as**
30 **primary caregivers.**

31 **SECTION 9.** ORS 475B.831, as amended by section 6, chapter 103, Oregon Laws 2018, and sec-
32 tion 26, chapter 116, Oregon Laws 2018, is amended to read:

33 475B.831. (1) **Except as provided in section 6 of this 2019 Act:**

34 (a) A registry identification cardholder and the designated primary caregiver of the registry
35 identification cardholder may jointly possess:

36 (A) Six or fewer mature marijuana plants; and

37 (B) Twelve or fewer immature marijuana plants.

38 (b)(A) Unless an address is the marijuana grow site of a person designated to produce marijuana
39 by a registry identification cardholder, the address where a registry identification cardholder or the
40 primary caregiver of a registry identification cardholder produces marijuana may be used to produce
41 not more than:

42 (i) Six or fewer mature marijuana plants per registry identification cardholder, up to 12 mature
43 marijuana plants; and

44 (ii) Twelve or fewer immature marijuana plants per registry identification cardholder, up to 24
45 immature marijuana plants.

1 (B) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph, an address that is subject to this
2 paragraph may not be used to produce plants in the genus Cannabis within the plant family
3 Cannabaceae pursuant to ORS 475B.301.

4 (C) Subject to subparagraph (D) of this paragraph, an address that is subject to this paragraph
5 may be used to produce plants in the genus Cannabis within the plant family Cannabaceae pursuant
6 to ORS 475B.301 if a person other than a registry identification cardholder who is using the address
7 to produce marijuana plants pursuant to ORS 475B.785 to 475B.949 resides at the address.

8 (D) An address that is subject to this paragraph may not be used to produce more than 12 total
9 mature marijuana plants.

10 (2)(a) A person may be designated to produce marijuana under ORS 475B.810 by no more than
11 eight registry identification cardholders.

12 (b) A person responsible for a marijuana grow site may produce for a registry identification
13 cardholder who designates the person to produce marijuana no more than:

14 (A) Six mature marijuana plants;

15 (B) 12 immature marijuana plants that are 24 inches or more in height; and

16 (C) The amount, established by the Oregon Health Authority by rule, of immature marijuana
17 plants that are less than 24 inches in height.

18 (3) If the address of a person responsible for a marijuana grow site registered under ORS
19 475B.810 is located within city limits in an area zoned for residential use:

20 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, no more than the following amounts
21 of marijuana plants may be produced at the address:

22 (A) 12 mature marijuana plants;

23 (B) 24 immature marijuana plants that are 24 inches or more in height; and

24 (C) The amount, established by the authority by rule, of immature marijuana plants that are less
25 than 24 inches in height; or

26 (b) Subject to subsection (5) of this section, if each person responsible for a marijuana grow site
27 located at the address first registered with the authority under ORS 475B.810 before January 1,
28 2015, no more than the following amounts of marijuana plants may be produced at the address:

29 (A) The amount of mature marijuana plants located at that address on December 31, 2014, in
30 excess of 12 mature marijuana plants, not to exceed 24 mature marijuana plants;

31 (B) 48 immature marijuana plants that are 24 inches or more in height; and

32 (C) The amount, established by the authority by rule, of immature marijuana plants that are less
33 than 24 inches in height.

34 (4) If the address of a person responsible for a marijuana grow site registered under ORS
35 475B.810 is located in an area other than an area described in subsection (3) of this section:

36 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, no more than the following amounts
37 of marijuana plants may be produced at the address:

38 (A) 48 mature marijuana plants;

39 (B) 96 immature marijuana plants that are 24 inches or more in height; and

40 (C) The amount, established by the authority by rule, of immature marijuana plants that are less
41 than 24 inches in height; or

42 (b) Subject to subsections (5) and (6) of this section, if each person responsible for a marijuana
43 grow site located at the address first registered with the authority under ORS 475B.810 before
44 January 1, 2015, no more than the following amounts of marijuana plants may be produced at the
45 address:

1 (A) The amount of mature marijuana plants located at that address on December 31, 2014, in
2 excess of 48 mature marijuana plants, not to exceed 96 mature marijuana plants;

3 (B) 192 immature marijuana plants that are 24 inches or more in height; and

4 (C) The amount, established by the authority by rule, of immature marijuana plants that are less
5 than 24 inches in height.

6 (5)(a) If the authority suspends or revokes the registration of a person responsible for a
7 marijuana grow site that is located at an address described in subsection (3)(b) of this section, no
8 more than the following amounts of marijuana plants may subsequently be produced at any address
9 described in subsection (3) of this section at which the person responsible for the marijuana grow
10 site produces marijuana:

11 (A) 12 mature marijuana plants;

12 (B) 24 immature marijuana plants that are 24 inches or more in height; and

13 (C) The amount, established by the authority by rule, of immature marijuana plants that are less
14 than 24 inches in height.

15 (b) If the authority suspends or revokes the registration of a person responsible for a marijuana
16 grow site that is located at an address described in subsection (4)(b) of this section, no more than
17 the following amounts of marijuana plants may subsequently be produced at any address described
18 in subsection (4) of this section at which the person responsible for the marijuana grow site
19 produces marijuana:

20 (A) 48 mature marijuana plants;

21 (B) 96 immature marijuana plants that are 24 inches or more in height; and

22 (C) The amount, established by the authority by rule, of immature marijuana plants that are less
23 than 24 inches in height.

24 (6) If a registry identification cardholder who designated a person to produce marijuana for the
25 registry identification cardholder pursuant to ORS 475B.810 terminates the designation, the person
26 responsible for the marijuana grow site whose designation has been terminated may not be desig-
27 nated to produce marijuana by another registry identification cardholder, except that the person
28 may be designated by another registry identification cardholder if no more than 48 mature
29 marijuana plants and no more than 96 immature marijuana plants that are 24 or more inches in
30 height are produced at the address for the marijuana grow site at which the person produces
31 marijuana.

32 (7) Subject to the limits described in subsections (2) to (6) of this section, if multiple persons
33 responsible for a marijuana grow site under ORS 475B.810 are located at the same address, the
34 persons designated to produce marijuana by registry identification cardholders who are located at
35 that address may collectively produce marijuana plants for any number of registry identification
36 cardholders who designate the persons to produce marijuana.

37 (8) If a law enforcement officer determines that there is a number of marijuana plants at an
38 address in excess of the quantities specified in this section, or that an address is being used to
39 produce a number of marijuana plants in excess of the quantities specified in subsection (1)(b) of this
40 section, the law enforcement officer may confiscate only the excess number of marijuana plants.

41 **SECTION 10.** ORS 475B.834 is amended to read:

42 475B.834. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section **and section 6 of this 2019**
43 **Act**, a registry identification cardholder and the designated primary caregiver of the registry iden-
44 tification cardholder may jointly possess no more than 24 ounces of usable marijuana.

45 (2) Subject to subsection (3) of this section, a person designated to produce marijuana by a

1 registry identification cardholder may possess the amount of usable marijuana that the person har-
 2 vests from the person’s mature marijuana plants, provided that the person may not possess usable
 3 marijuana in excess of the amount of usable marijuana in the person’s possession as reported to the
 4 Oregon Health Authority under ORS 475B.816.

5 (3) A person designated to produce marijuana by a registry identification cardholder may not
 6 possess usable marijuana in excess of:

7 (a) For a marijuana grow site located outdoors, 12 pounds of usable marijuana per mature
 8 marijuana plant; or

9 (b) For a marijuana grow site located indoors, six pounds of usable marijuana per mature
 10 marijuana plant.

11 **SECTION 11.** (1) Sections 5 and 6 of this 2019 Act and the amendments to ORS 475B.797,
 12 475B.804, 475B.831 and 475B.834 by sections 7 to 10 of this 2019 Act become operative on
 13 January 1, 2020.

14 (2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the operative date specified
 15 in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the authority, on and after the
 16 operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and
 17 powers conferred on the authority by sections 5 and 6 of this 2019 Act and the amendments
 18 to ORS 475B.797, 475B.804, 475B.831 and 475B.834 by sections 7 to 10 of this 2019 Act.

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 20 **PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS**

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 22 **SECTION 12.** (1) As used in this section:

23 (a) “Occupational or professional service” means a service:

24 (A) That an individual must possess a license, certificate or other form of authorization
 25 to provide under the laws of this state; and

26 (B) Over which a professional licensing board has regulatory oversight.

27 (b) “Professional licensing board” means a state agency or board that licenses, certifies
 28 or otherwise authorizes individuals to provide an occupational or professional service.

29 (c) “Registry identification cardholder” has the meaning given that term in ORS 475B.791.

30 (2) A professional licensing board may not deny or revoke an authorization to provide an
 31 occupational or professional service solely for the reason that the person who has applied for
 32 or holds the authorization is a registry identification cardholder.

33 (3) A professional licensing board may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this
 34 section.

35 **SECTION 13.** Section 12 of this 2019 Act applies to authorizations applied for or issued
 36 before, on and after the operative date specified in section 14 of this 2019 Act.

37 **SECTION 14.** (1) Section 12 of this 2019 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2020.

38 (2) A professional licensing board may take any action before the operative date specified
 39 in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board to exercise, on and
 40 after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions
 41 and powers conferred on the board by section 12 of this 2019 Act.

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 43 **CAPTIONS**

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 45 **SECTION 15.** The unit captions used in this 2019 Act are provided only for the conven-

1 ience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any
2 legislative intent in the enactment of this 2019 Act.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

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6 **SECTION 16.** This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
7 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect
8 on its passage.

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