

Senate Bill 66

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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**.

Authorizes Oregon State Board of Nursing to recognize military education or training programs as sufficient to meet requirements for licensure as licensed practical nurse.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to nursing licenses; creating new provisions; amending ORS 678.040; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 678.040 is amended to read:

6 678.040. *[Each]* **An** applicant for a license under ORS 678.010 to 678.448 shall *[furnish]* **provide**
7 **to the Oregon State Board of Nursing** satisfactory evidence that the applicant's physical and
8 mental health is such that it is safe for the applicant to practice, and that:

9 (1) The applicant has graduated:

10 (a) From a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse nursing education program accredited
11 by the Oregon State Board of Nursing;

12 [(2)] (b) *[The applicant has graduated]* From a nursing program in the United States *[which*
13 *program]* **that:**

14 (A) Is *[either]* accredited by the licensing board for nurses in a particular state or United States
15 territory[,] **and approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing;** or[,]

16 (B) If the licensing board is not the accrediting agency in that state or United States territory,
17 *[the program]* is accredited by the appropriate accrediting agency for that state or United States
18 territory **and approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing;** *[or]*

19 [(3)] (c) *[The applicant has graduated]* In another country and has an education equivalent to
20 that provided by accredited programs in this country; **or**

21 (d) **From a military training program that the board specifies by rule to be qualified as**
22 **a nursing education program for a licensed practical nurse; or**

23 (2) **If the applicant is an applicant for licensure by indorsement, the applicant has been**
24 **licensed as a licensed practical nurse in another state or territory of the United States based**
25 **upon recognition of the applicant's military education.**

26 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 678.040 by section 1 of this 2019 Act apply to ap-
27 plications for licensure received by the Oregon State Board of Nursing on and after the op-
28 erative date specified in section 3 of this 2019 Act.

29 **SECTION 3.** (1) The amendments to ORS 678.040 by section 1 of this 2019 Act become
30 **operative on January 1, 2020.**

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 **(2) The Oregon State Board of Nursing may take any action before the operative date**
2 **specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board to exercise,**
3 **on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties,**
4 **functions and powers conferred on the board by the amendments to ORS 678.040 by section**
5 **1 of this 2019 Act.**

6 **SECTION 4.** **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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