

Senate Bill 67

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SUMMARY

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Defines "ambulatory surgical center" for purposes of duties of circulating nurses.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to ambulatory surgical centers; amending ORS 678.362.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 678.362 is amended to read:

5 678.362. (1) As used in this section:

6 (a) "Circulating nurse" means a registered nurse who is responsible for coordinating the nursing
7 care and safety needs of the patient in the operating room and who also meets the needs of oper-
8 ating room team members during surgery.

9 (b) "[*Type I*] Ambulatory surgical center" [*means a licensed health care facility for the perform-*
10 *ance of outpatient surgical procedures including, but not limited to, cholecystectomies, tonsillectomies*
11 *or urological procedures, involving general anesthesia or a relatively high infection control consider-*
12 *ation*] **has the meaning given that term in ORS 442.015.**

13 (2)(a) The duties of a circulating nurse performed in an operating room of [*a Type I*] **an**
14 ambulatory surgical center or a hospital shall be performed by a registered nurse licensed under
15 ORS 678.010 to 678.410.

16 (b) In any case requiring **general** anesthesia [*or conscious sedation*], a circulating nurse shall
17 be assigned to, and present in, an operating room for the duration of the surgical procedure unless
18 it becomes necessary for the circulating nurse to leave the operating room as part of the surgical
19 procedure. While assigned to a surgical procedure, a circulating nurse may not be assigned to any
20 other patient or procedure.

21 (c) Nothing in this section precludes a circulating nurse from being relieved during a surgical
22 procedure by another circulating nurse assigned to continue the surgical procedure.

23 (3) At the request of [*a Type I*] **an** ambulatory surgical center or a hospital, the Oregon Health
24 Authority may grant a variance from the requirements of this section based on patient care needs
25 or the nursing practices of the surgical center or hospital.

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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.