

Enrolled
Senate Bill 834

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to licensees of the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 679.

SECTION 2. (1) For the purposes of any civil action against a person licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry or against a dental office or clinic, health care institution, health care facility or other entity that employs or grants the person privileges, any expression of regret or apology made by or on behalf of the person, office, clinic, institution, facility or entity, including an expression of regret or apology that is made in writing or by conduct, does not constitute an admission of liability.

(2) A person licensed by the board, or any other person who makes an expression of regret or apology on behalf of a person licensed by the board, may not be examined by deposition or otherwise in any civil or administrative proceeding, including any arbitration or mediation proceeding, with respect to an expression of regret or apology made by or on behalf of the person, including expressions of regret or apology that are made in writing, orally or by conduct.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2019 Act applies to expressions of regret or apology made on or after the effective date of this 2019 Act.

Passed by Senate March 26, 2019

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Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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