

Minority Report
B-Engrossed
House Bill 2528

Ordered by the Senate June 18
Including House Amendments dated April 19 and Senate Minority
Report Amendments dated June 18

Sponsored by nonconcurring members of the Senate Committee on Rules: Senators GIROD, THATCHER

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.

[Directs Oregon Board of Dentistry to issue dental therapist license to qualified applicant. Prohibits unlicensed use of title "dental therapist" and practice of dental therapy. Provides exceptions to prohibition. Requires dental therapist to purchase and maintain liability insurance. Requires dental therapist to dedicate majority of practice to specified patient populations. Directs board to consult with dental therapists and dental therapist organizations in rulemaking.]

[Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.]

Directs Oregon Board of Dentistry to study dental therapy. Requires board to report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to health care.

Sunsets February 1, 2023.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to dental therapy; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall study dental therapy in this state. The**
5 **board shall compare individuals who practice dental therapy with individuals who practice**
6 **expanded practice dental hygiene, compare the quality of care provided by individuals prac-**
7 **ticing in each field, including but not limited to care provided in underserved areas, and de-**
8 **termine whether the individuals who practice in one field provide a superior quality of care**
9 **as compared to the other field. The board shall report its findings and recommendations to**
10 **an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to health care not later than**
11 **January 31, 2023.**

12 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on February 1, 2023.**

13 **SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
14 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**
15 **on its passage.**

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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.