

Senate Bill 567

Sponsored by Senators GELSER, PATTERSON; Senator STEINER HAYWARD (Pre-session filed.)

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**.

Includes as unlawful practice medical provider's denial of treatment that is likely to benefit patient based on patient's race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age or disability.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to discrimination in provision of health care; amending ORS 659A.142; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 659A.142 is amended to read:

6 659A.142. (1) As used in this section[,]:

7 (a) **"Health care facility" has the meaning given that term in ORS 442.015.**

8 (b) **"Health professional regulatory board" has the meaning given that term in ORS**
9 **676.160.**

10 (c) **"Medical resources" includes but is not limited to:**

11 (A) **Medical devices or equipment.**

12 (B) **Prescription drugs.**

13 (C) **Laboratory testing.**

14 (d) **"Provider" means:**

15 (A) **An individual licensed or certified by a health professional regulatory board.**

16 (B) **A health care facility.**

17 (e) **"State government" has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.111.**

18 (2) It is an unlawful employment practice for an employment agency to fail or refuse to refer for
19 employment, or otherwise discriminate against, any individual because that individual has a disa-
20 bility, or to classify or refer for employment any individual because that individual has a disability.

21 (3) It is an unlawful employment practice for a labor organization, because an individual has a
22 disability, to exclude or to expel from its membership such individual or to discriminate in any way
23 against such individual.

24 (4) It is an unlawful practice for any place of public accommodation, resort or amusement as
25 defined in ORS 659A.400, or any person acting on behalf of such place, to make any distinction,
26 discrimination or restriction because a customer or patron is an individual with a disability.

27 (5)(a) It is an unlawful practice for state government to exclude an individual from participation
28 in or deny an individual the benefits of the services, programs or activities of state government or
29 to make any distinction, discrimination or restriction because the individual has a disability.

30 (b) Paragraph (a) of this subsection is intended to ensure equal access to available services,

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 programs and activities of state government.

2 (c) Paragraph (a) of this subsection is not intended to:

3 (A) Create an independent entitlement to any service, program or activity of state government;

4 or

5 (B) Require state government to take any action that state government can demonstrate would
6 result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of a service, program or activity of state govern-
7 ment or would result in undue financial or administrative burdens on state government.

8 **(6)(a) It is an unlawful practice for a provider or any person acting on behalf of a pro-
9 vider, based on the patient's race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender
10 identity, age or disability, to:**

11 **(A) Deny medical treatment to the patient that is likely to benefit the patient based on
12 an individualized assessment of the patient using objective medical evidence; or**

13 **(B) Limit or restrict in any manner the allocation of medical resources to the patient.**

14 **(b) In determining whether medical treatment is likely to benefit a patient under para-
15 graph (a)(A) of this subsection, a provider shall work with the patient, the patient's family
16 and others authorized to act on behalf of the patient, if available.**

17 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) Receipt or alleged receipt of treatment for a mental disorder does not constitute evi-
18 dence of an individual's inability to acquire, rent or maintain property.

19 **SECTION 2. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
20 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect
21 on its passage.**

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