

Requested by Representative HAYDEN

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2528**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “, 679.230”.

2 Delete lines 4 through 25.

3 Delete lines 27 through 30 and delete pages 2 through 15 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 12 of this 2021 Act are added to and made**  
5 **a part of ORS chapter 679.**

6 **“SECTION 2. As used in sections 2 to 12 of this 2021 Act:**

7 **“(1) ‘Collaborative agreement’ means a written and signed agree-**  
8 **ment entered into between a dentist and a dental therapist under**  
9 **section 8 of this 2021 Act.**

10 **“(2) ‘Dental pilot project’ means an Oregon Health Authority dental**  
11 **pilot project developed and operated by the authority.**

12 **“(3) ‘Dentist’ means a person licensed to practice dentistry under**  
13 **this chapter.**

14 **“SECTION 3. (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall issue a license**  
15 **to practice dental therapy to an applicant who:**

16 **“(a) Is at least 18 years of age;**

17 **“(b) Submits to the board a completed application form;**

18 **“(c) Demonstrates the completion of a dental therapy education**  
19 **program that is part of a dental pilot project;**

20 **“(d) Passes an examination described in section 4 of this 2021 Act;**  
21 **and**

1       “(e) Pays the application and licensure fees established by the  
2 board.

3       “(2)(a) An individual who completed a dental therapy education  
4 program in another state or jurisdiction may apply for licensure under  
5 this section if the dental therapy education program is accredited by  
6 the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental As-  
7 sociation, or its successor organization.

8       “(b) The board shall determine whether the training and education  
9 of an applicant described in this subsection is sufficient to meet the  
10 requirements of subsection (1) of this section.

11       “(3) If an applicant holds a current or expired authorization to  
12 practice dental therapy issued by another state, the federal govern-  
13 ment or a tribal authority, the applicant shall include with the appli-  
14 cation a copy of the authorization and an affidavit from the dental  
15 regulatory body of the other jurisdiction that demonstrates the appli-  
16 cant was authorized to practice dental therapy in that jurisdiction.

17       “**SECTION 3a.** Section 3 of this 2021 Act is amended to read:

18       “**Sec. 3.** (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall issue a license to prac-  
19 tice dental therapy to an applicant who:

20       “(a) Is at least 18 years of age;

21       “(b) Submits to the board a completed application form;

22       “(c) Demonstrates the completion of a dental therapy education program  
23 that is [*part of a dental pilot project*] **accredited by the Commission on**  
24 **Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its suc-**  
25 **cessor organization, and approved by the board by rule;**

26       “(d) Passes an examination described in section 4 of this 2021 Act; and

27       “(e) Pays the application and licensure fees established by the board.

28       “(2)(a) An individual who completed a dental therapy education program  
29 in another state or jurisdiction may apply for licensure under this section  
30 if the dental therapy education program is accredited by the Commission on

1 Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its successor  
2 organization.

3 “(b) The board shall determine whether the training and education of an  
4 applicant described in this subsection is sufficient to meet the requirements  
5 of subsection (1) of this section.

6 “(3) If an applicant holds a current or expired authorization to practice  
7 dental therapy issued by another state, the federal government or a tribal  
8 authority, the applicant shall include with the application a copy of the au-  
9 thorization and an affidavit from the dental regulatory body of the other  
10 jurisdiction that demonstrates the applicant was authorized to practice  
11 dental therapy in that jurisdiction.

12 **“SECTION 4. (1)(a) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may require an**  
13 **applicant for a license to practice dental therapy to pass written, lab-**  
14 **oratory or clinical examinations to test the professional knowledge**  
15 **and skills of the applicant.**

16 **“(b) The examinations may not be affiliated with or administered**  
17 **by a dental pilot project or a dental therapy education program de-**  
18 **scribed in section 3 of this 2021 Act.**

19 **“(c) The examinations must:**

20 **“(A) Be elementary and practical in character, and sufficiently**  
21 **thorough to test the fitness of the applicant to practice dental therapy;**

22 **“(B) Be written in English; and**

23 **“(C) Include questions on subjects pertaining to dental therapy.**

24 **“(2) If a test or examination was taken within five years of the date**  
25 **of application and the applicant received a passing score on the test**  
26 **or examination, as established by the board by rule, the board:**

27 **“(a) To satisfy the written examination authorized under this sec-**  
28 **tion, may accept the results of national standardized examinations.**

29 **“(b) To satisfy the laboratory or clinical examination authorized**  
30 **under this section:**

1       “(A) Shall accept the results of regional and national testing agen-  
2       cies or clinical board examinations administered by other states; and

3       “(B) May accept the results of board-recognized testing agencies.

4       “(3) The board shall accept the results of regional and national  
5       testing agencies or of clinical board examinations administered by  
6       other states, and may accept results of board-recognized testing  
7       agencies, in satisfaction of the examinations authorized under this  
8       section for applicants who have engaged in the active practice of  
9       dental therapy in Oregon, another state, the Armed Forces of the  
10       United States, the United States Public Health Service or the United  
11       States Department of Veterans Affairs for a period of at least 3,500  
12       hours in the five years immediately preceding application and who  
13       meet all other requirements for licensure.

14       “(4) The board shall establish rules related to reexamination for an  
15       applicant who fails an examination.

16       “SECTION 5. The Oregon Board of Dentistry may refuse to issue  
17       or renew a license to practice dental therapy if the applicant or  
18       licensee:

19       “(1) Subject to ORS 670.280, has been convicted of a violation of the  
20       law. A certified copy of the record of conviction is conclusive evidence  
21       of conviction.

22       “(2) Has been disciplined by a state licensing or regulatory agency  
23       of this state or another state regarding a health care profession if, in  
24       the judgment of the board, the acts or conduct resulting in the disci-  
25       plinary action bears a demonstrable relationship to the ability of the  
26       applicant or licensee to practice dental therapy in accordance with  
27       sections 2 to 12 of this 2021 Act. A certified copy of the disciplinary  
28       action is conclusive evidence of the disciplinary action.

29       “(3) Has falsified an application for issuance or renewal of licensure.

30       “(4) Has violated any provision of sections 2 to 12 of this 2021 Act

1 or a rule adopted under sections 2 to 12 of this 2021 Act.

2 **“SECTION 6. (1) A person may not practice dental therapy or as-**  
3 **sume or use any title, words or abbreviations, including the title or**  
4 **designation ‘dental therapist,’ that indicate that the person is au-**  
5 **thorized to practice dental therapy unless the person is licensed under**  
6 **section 3 of this 2021 Act.**

7 **“(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not prohibit:**

8 **“(a) The practice of dental therapy by a health care provider per-**  
9 **forming services within the health care provider’s authorized scope of**  
10 **practice.**

11 **“(b) The practice of dental therapy in the discharge of official duties**  
12 **on behalf of the United States government, including but not limited**  
13 **to the Armed Forces of the United States, the United States Coast**  
14 **Guard, the United States Public Health Service, the United States**  
15 **Bureau of Indian Affairs or the United States Department of Veterans**  
16 **Affairs.**

17 **“(c) The practice of dental therapy pursuant to an educational**  
18 **program described in section 3 of this 2021 Act.**

19 **“(d) A dental therapist authorized to practice in another state or**  
20 **jurisdiction from making a clinical presentation sponsored by a bona**  
21 **fide dental or dental therapy association or society or an accredited**  
22 **dental or dental therapy education program approved by the Oregon**  
23 **Board of Dentistry.**

24 **“(e) Bona fide students of dental therapy from engaging in clinical**  
25 **studies during the period of their enrollment and as a part of the**  
26 **course of study in a dental therapy education program described in**  
27 **section 3 (1) of this 2021 Act. The clinical studies may be conducted**  
28 **on the premises of the program or in a clinical setting located off the**  
29 **premises. The facility, instructional staff and course of study at an**  
30 **off-premises location must meet minimum requirements established**

1 by the board by rule. The clinical studies at the off-premises location  
2 must be performed under the indirect supervision of a member of the  
3 program faculty.

4 “(f) Bona fide full-time students of dental therapy, during the pe-  
5 riod of their enrollment and as a part of the course of study in a dental  
6 therapy education program located outside of Oregon that is accred-  
7 ited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American  
8 Dental Association or its successor agency, from engaging in  
9 community-based or clinical studies as an elective or required rotation  
10 in a clinical setting located in Oregon, if the community-based or  
11 clinical studies meet minimum requirements established by the board  
12 by rule and are performed under the indirect supervision of a member  
13 of the faculty of the Oregon Health and Science University School of  
14 Dentistry.

15 “(g) The performance of duties by a federally certified dental health  
16 aide therapist or tribally authorized dental therapist in a clinic oper-  
17 ated by the Indian Health Service, including, as described in 25 U.S.C.  
18 1603, an Indian Health Service Direct Service Tribe clinic, a clinic op-  
19 erated under an Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance  
20 Act of 1975 (P.L. 93-638) contract or a clinic operated under an urban  
21 Indian organization.

22 “SECTION 7. (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may impose  
23 nonrefundable fees for the following:

24 “(a) Application for licensure;

25 “(b) Examinations;

26 “(c) Biennial dental therapy licenses, both active and inactive;

27 “(d) Licensure renewal fees;

28 “(e) Permits; and

29 “(f) Delinquency.

30 “(2) Subject to prior approval of the Oregon Department of Admin-

1 **istrative Services and a report to the Emergency Board prior to**  
2 **adopting fees and charges, the fees and charges established under**  
3 **sections 2 to 12 of this 2021 Act may not exceed the cost of adminis-**  
4 **tering sections 2 to 12 of this 2021 Act as authorized by the Legislative**  
5 **Assembly within the Oregon Board of Dentistry budget and as modi-**  
6 **fied by the Emergency Board.**

7 **“(3)(a) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may waive a license fee for**  
8 **a licensee who provides to the board satisfactory evidence that the**  
9 **licensee has discontinued the practice of dental therapy because of**  
10 **retirement.**

11 **“(b) A licensee described in this subsection may apply to the board**  
12 **for reinstatement of the license pursuant to rules adopted by the**  
13 **board. An application under this paragraph must include a fee. If the**  
14 **licensee has been retired or inactive for more than one year from the**  
15 **date of application, the licensee shall include with the application**  
16 **satisfactory evidence of clinical competence, as determined by the**  
17 **board.**

18 **“(4)(a) A license to practice dental therapy is valid for two years**  
19 **and may be renewed. A licensee shall submit to the board an applica-**  
20 **tion for renewal and payment of the fee.**

21 **“(b) A dental therapist issued a license in an even-numbered year**  
22 **must apply for renewal by September 30 of each even-numbered year**  
23 **thereafter. A dental therapist issued a license in an odd-numbered year**  
24 **must apply for renewal by September 30 of each odd-numbered year**  
25 **thereafter.**

26 **“(c) The board may charge a reasonable fee if the application for**  
27 **renewal or the fee is submitted more than 10 days delinquent.**

28 **“(5) A dental therapist shall inform the board of a change of the**  
29 **dental therapist’s address within 30 days of the change.**

30 **“SECTION 8. (1) A dental therapist may practice dental therapy**

1 only under the supervision of a dentist and pursuant to a collaborative  
2 agreement with the dentist that outlines the supervision logistics and  
3 requirements for the dental therapist’s practice. The collaborative  
4 agreement must include at least the following information:

5 “(a) The level of supervision required for each procedure performed  
6 by the dental therapist;

7 “(b) Circumstances under which the prior knowledge and consent  
8 of the dentist is required to allow the dental therapist to provide a  
9 certain service or perform a certain procedure;

10 “(c) The practice settings in which the dental therapist may provide  
11 care;

12 “(d) Any limitation on the care the dental therapist may provide;

13 “(e) Patient age-specific and procedure-specific practice protocols,  
14 including case selection criteria, assessment guidelines and imaging  
15 frequency;

16 “(f) Procedures for creating and maintaining dental records for pa-  
17 tients treated by the dental therapist;

18 “(g) Guidelines for the management of medical emergencies in each  
19 of the practice settings in which the dental therapist provides care;

20 “(h) A quality assurance plan for monitoring care provided by the  
21 dental therapist, including chart review, patient care review and re-  
22 ferral follow-up;

23 “(i) Protocols for the dispensation and administration of drugs, as  
24 described in section 9 of this 2021 Act, by the dental therapist, includ-  
25 ing circumstances under which the dental therapist may dispense and  
26 administer drugs;

27 “(j) Criteria for the provision of care to patients with specific med-  
28 ical conditions or complex medical histories, including any require-  
29 ments for consultation with the dentist prior to the provision of care;  
30 and



1       “(k) Protocols for when a patient requires treatment outside the  
2 dental therapist’s scope of practice, including for referral of the pa-  
3 tient for evaluation and treatment by the dentist, a physician licensed  
4 under ORS chapter 677, a nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375  
5 to 678.390 or other licensed health care provider.

6       “(2) A dentist who enters into a collaborative agreement with a  
7 dental therapist shall:

8       “(a) Directly provide care to a patient that is outside the scope of  
9 practice of the dental therapist or arrange for the provision of care  
10 by another dentist; and

11       “(b) Ensure that the dentist, or another dentist, is available to the  
12 dental therapist for timely communication during the dental  
13 therapist’s provision of care to a patient.

14       “(3) A dental therapist may perform and provide only those proce-  
15 dures and services authorized by the dentist and set out in the  
16 collaborative agreement, and shall maintain with the dentist an ap-  
17 propriate level of contact, as determined by the dentist.

18       “(4) A dental therapist and a dentist who enter into a collaborative  
19 agreement together shall each maintain a physical copy of the  
20 collaborative agreement.

21       “(5)(a) A dental therapist may enter into collaborative agreements  
22 with more than one dentist if each collaborative agreement includes  
23 the same supervision requirements and scope of practice.

24       “(b) A dentist may supervise and enter into collaborative agree-  
25 ments with up to three dental therapists at any one time.

26       “(6)(a) A collaborative agreement must be signed by the dentist and  
27 dental therapist.

28       “(b) A dental therapist shall annually submit a signed copy of the  
29 collaborative agreement to the Oregon Board of Dentistry. If the  
30 collaborative agreement is revised in between annual submissions, a

1 **signed copy of the revised collaborative agreement must be submitted**  
2 **to the board as soon as practicable after the revision is made.**

3 **“SECTION 9. (1) A dental therapist may perform, pursuant to the**  
4 **dental therapist’s collaborative agreement, the following procedures**  
5 **under the general supervision of the dentist:**

6 **“(a) Identification of conditions requiring evaluation, diagnosis or**  
7 **treatment by a dentist, a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677, a**  
8 **nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390 or other li-**  
9 **censed health care provider;**

10 **“(b) Comprehensive charting of the oral cavity;**

11 **“(c) Oral health instruction and disease prevention education, in-**  
12 **cluding nutritional counseling and dietary analysis;**

13 **“(d) Exposing and evaluation of radiographic images;**

14 **“(e) Dental prophylaxis, including subgingival scaling and polishing**  
15 **procedures;**

16 **“(f) Application of topical preventive or prophylactic agents, in-**  
17 **cluding fluoride varnishes and pit and fissure sealants;**

18 **“(g) Administering local anesthetic;**

19 **“(h) Pulp vitality testing;**

20 **“(i) Application of desensitizing medication or resin;**

21 **“(j) Fabrication of athletic mouth guards;**

22 **“(k) Changing of periodontal dressings;**

23 **“(L) Simple extractions of erupted primary teeth;**

24 **“(m) Emergency palliative treatment of dental pain;**

25 **“(n) Preparation and placement of direct restoration in primary and**  
26 **permanent teeth;**

27 **“(o) Fabrication and placement of single-tooth temporary crowns;**

28 **“(p) Preparation and placement of preformed crowns on primary**  
29 **teeth;**

30 **“(q) Indirect and direct pulp capping on permanent teeth;**

1       **“(r) Indirect pulp capping on primary teeth;**  
2       **“(s) Suture removal;**  
3       **“(t) Minor adjustments and repairs of removable prosthetic devices;**  
4       **“(u) Atraumatic restorative therapy and interim restorative ther-**  
5 **apy;**  
6       **“(v) Oral examination, evaluation and diagnosis of conditions**  
7 **within the supervising dentist’s authorization;**  
8       **“(w) Removal of space maintainers;**  
9       **“(x) The dispensation and oral or topical administration of:**  
10       **“(A) Nonnarcotic analgesics;**  
11       **“(B) Anti-inflammatories; and**  
12       **“(C) Antibiotics; and**  
13       **“(y) Other services as specified by the Oregon Board of Dentistry**  
14 **by rule.**  
15       **“(2) A dental therapist may perform, pursuant to the dental**  
16 **therapist’s collaborative agreement, the following procedures under**  
17 **the indirect supervision of the dentist:**  
18       **“(a) Placement of temporary restorations;**  
19       **“(b) Fabrication of soft occlusal guards;**  
20       **“(c) Tissue reconditioning and soft relines;**  
21       **“(d) Tooth reimplantation and stabilization;**  
22       **“(e) Recementing of permanent crowns;**  
23       **“(f) Pulpotomies on primary teeth;**  
24       **“(g) Simple extractions of periodontally diseased permanent teeth**  
25 **with advanced mobility; and**  
26       **“(h) Brush biopsies.**  
27       **“(3)(a) A dental therapist may supervise a dental assistant and an**  
28 **expanded function dental assistant, as defined by the board by rule, if**  
29 **the dental therapist is authorized to perform the services provided by**  
30 **the dental assistant or expanded function dental assistant.**

1       “(b) A dental therapist may supervise up to two individuals under  
2 this subsection.

3       “SECTION 10. (1) A dental therapist may perform the procedures  
4 listed in section 9 of this 2021 Act so long as the procedures are in-  
5 cluded in an education program described in section 3 (1) of this 2021  
6 Act or the dental therapist has received additional training in the  
7 procedure approved by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

8       “(2) A dental therapist shall purchase and maintain liability insur-  
9 ance as determined sufficient by the board.

10       “(3) A dental therapist shall dedicate at least 51 percent of the  
11 dental therapist’s practice to patients who represent underserved pop-  
12 ulations, as defined by the Oregon Health Authority by rule, or pa-  
13 tients located in dental care health professional shortage areas, as  
14 determined by the authority.

15       “SECTION 11. A person licensed under section 3 of this 2021 Act is  
16 subject to the provisions of ORS 679.140.

17       “SECTION 12. The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall adopt rules  
18 necessary to administer sections 2 to 12 of this 2021 Act. In adopting  
19 rules under this section, the board shall consult with dental therapists  
20 and organizations that represent dental therapists in this state.

21       “SECTION 13. ORS 679.010 is amended to read:

22       “679.010. As used in this chapter and ORS 680.010 to 680.205, unless the  
23 context requires otherwise:

24       “(1) ‘Dental assistant’ means a person who, under the supervision of a  
25 dentist **or dental therapist**, renders assistance to a dentist, **dental thera-**  
26 **pist**, dental hygienist, dental technician or another dental assistant or who,  
27 under the supervision of a dental hygienist, renders assistance to a dental  
28 hygienist providing dental hygiene.

29       “(2) ‘Dental hygiene’ is that portion of dentistry that includes, but is not  
30 limited to:

1       “(a) The rendering of educational, preventive and therapeutic dental ser-  
2 vices and diagnosis and treatment planning for such services;

3       “(b) Prediagnostic risk assessment, scaling, root planing, curettage, the  
4 application of sealants and fluoride and any related intraoral or extraoral  
5 procedure required in the performance of such services; and

6       “(c) Prescribing, dispensing and administering prescription drugs for the  
7 services described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.

8       “(3) ‘Dental hygienist’ means a person who, under the supervision of a  
9 dentist, practices dental hygiene.

10       “(4) ‘Dental technician’ means a person who, at the authorization of a  
11 dentist, makes, provides, repairs or alters oral prosthetic appliances and  
12 other artificial materials and devices that are returned to a dentist and in-  
13 serted into the human oral cavity or that come in contact with its adjacent  
14 structures and tissues.

15       **“(5) ‘Dental therapist’ means a person licensed to practice dental  
16 therapy under section 3 of this 2021 Act.**

17       **“(6) ‘Dental therapy’ means the provision of preventive dental care,  
18 restorative dental treatment and other educational, clinical and  
19 therapeutic patient services as part of a dental care team, including  
20 the services described under section 9 of this 2021 Act.**

21       “[(5)] (7) ‘Dentist’ means a person who may perform any intraoral or  
22 extraoral procedure required in the practice of dentistry.

23       “[(6)] (8) ‘Dentist of record’ means a dentist that either authorizes treat-  
24 ment for, supervises treatment of or provides treatment for a patient in a  
25 dental office or clinic owned or operated by an institution as described in  
26 ORS 679.020 (3).

27       “[(7)(a)] (9)(a) ‘Dentistry’ means the healing art concerned with:

28       “(A) The examination, diagnosis, treatment planning, treatment, care and  
29 prevention of conditions within the human oral cavity and maxillofacial re-  
30 gion, and of conditions of adjacent or related tissues and structures; and

1 “(B) The prescribing, dispensing and administering of prescription drugs  
2 for purposes related to the activities described in subparagraph (A) of this  
3 paragraph.

4 “(b) ‘Dentistry’ includes, but is not limited to:

5 “(A) The cutting, altering, repairing, removing, replacing or repositioning  
6 of hard or soft tissues and other acts or procedures as determined by the  
7 Oregon Board of Dentistry and included in the curricula of:

8 “(i) Dental schools accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation  
9 of the American Dental Association;

10 “(ii) Post-graduate training programs; or

11 “(iii) Continuing education courses.

12 “(B) The prescription and administration of vaccines.

13 “[8] (10) ‘Direct supervision’ means supervision requiring that a dentist  
14 diagnose the condition to be treated, that a dentist authorize the procedure  
15 to be performed, and that a dentist remain in the dental treatment room  
16 while the procedures are performed.

17 “[9] (11) ‘Expanded practice dental hygienist’ means a dental hygienist  
18 who performs dental hygiene services in accordance with ORS 680.205 as  
19 authorized by an expanded practice dental hygienist permit issued by the  
20 board under ORS 680.200.

21 “[10] (12) ‘General supervision’ means supervision requiring that a den-  
22 tist authorize the procedures by standing orders, practice agreements or  
23 collaboration agreements, but not requiring that a dentist be present when  
24 the authorized procedures are performed. The authorized procedures may also  
25 be performed at a place other than the usual place of practice of the dentist.

26 “[11] (13) ‘Indirect supervision’ means supervision requiring that a den-  
27 tist authorize the procedures and that a dentist be on the premises while the  
28 procedures are performed.

29 **“SECTION 14.** ORS 679.140 is amended to read:

30 “679.140. (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may discipline as provided in

1 this section any person licensed to practice dentistry in this state for any  
2 of the following causes:

3 “(a) Conviction of any violation of the law for which the court could  
4 impose a punishment if the board makes the finding required by ORS 670.280.  
5 The record of conviction or a certified copy thereof, certified by the clerk  
6 of the court or by the judge in whose court the conviction is entered, is  
7 conclusive evidence of the conviction.

8 “(b) Renting or lending a license or diploma of the dentist to be used as  
9 the license or diploma of another person.

10 “(c) Unprofessional conduct.

11 “(d) Any violation of this chapter or ORS 680.010 to 680.205, of rules  
12 adopted pursuant to this chapter or ORS 680.010 to 680.205 or of an order  
13 issued by the board.

14 “(e) Engaging in or permitting the performance of unacceptable patient  
15 care by the dentist or by any person working under the supervision of the  
16 dentist due to a deliberate or negligent act or failure to act by the dentist,  
17 regardless of whether actual injury to the patient is established.

18 “(f) Incapacity to practice safely.

19 “(2) ‘Unprofessional conduct’ as used in this chapter includes but is not  
20 limited to the following:

21 “(a) Obtaining any fee by fraud or misrepresentation.

22 “(b) Willfully betraying confidences involved in the patient-dentist re-  
23 lationship.

24 “(c) Employing, aiding, abetting or permitting any unlicensed personnel  
25 to practice dentistry [*or*], dental hygiene **or dental therapy**.

26 “(d) Making use of any advertising statements of a character tending to  
27 deceive or mislead the public or that are untruthful.

28 “(e) Impairment as defined in ORS 676.303.

29 “(f) Obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance in any  
30 manner proscribed by the rules of the board.

1 “(g) Prescribing or dispensing drugs outside the scope of the practice of  
2 dentistry or in a manner that impairs the health and safety of an individual.

3 “(h) Disciplinary action by a state licensing or regulatory agency of this  
4 or another state regarding a license to practice dentistry, dental hygiene,  
5 **dental therapy** or any other health care profession when, in the judgment  
6 of the board, the act or conduct resulting in the disciplinary action bears a  
7 demonstrable relationship to the ability of the licensee or applicant to  
8 practice dentistry [or], dental hygiene **or dental therapy** in accordance with  
9 the provisions of this chapter. A certified copy of the record of the discipli-  
10 nary action is conclusive evidence of the disciplinary action.

11 “(3) The proceedings under this section may be taken by the board from  
12 the matters within its knowledge or may be taken upon the information of  
13 another, but if the informant is a member of the board, the other members  
14 of the board shall constitute the board for the purpose of finding judgment  
15 of the accused.

16 “(4) In determining what constitutes unacceptable patient care, the board  
17 may take into account all relevant factors and practices, including but not  
18 limited to the practices generally and currently followed and accepted by  
19 persons licensed to practice dentistry in this state, the current teachings at  
20 accredited dental schools, relevant technical reports published in recognized  
21 dental journals and the desirability of reasonable experimentation in the  
22 furtherance of the dental arts.

23 “(5) In disciplining a person as authorized by subsection (1) of this sec-  
24 tion, the board may use any or all of the following methods:

25 “(a) Suspend judgment.

26 “(b) Place a licensee on probation.

27 “(c) Suspend a license to practice dentistry in this state.

28 “(d) Revoke a license to practice dentistry in this state.

29 “(e) Place limitations on a license to practice dentistry in this state.

30 “(f) Refuse to renew a license to practice dentistry in this state.



1 “(g) Accept the resignation of a licensee to practice dentistry in this  
2 state.

3 “(h) Assess a civil penalty.

4 “(i) Reprimand a licensee.

5 “(j) Impose any other disciplinary action the board in its discretion finds  
6 proper, including assessment of the costs of the disciplinary proceedings as  
7 a civil penalty.

8 “(6) If the board places any person upon probation as set forth in sub-  
9 section (5)(b) of this section, the board may determine and may at any time  
10 modify the conditions of the probation and may include among them any  
11 reasonable condition for the purpose of protection of the public and for the  
12 purpose of the rehabilitation of the probationer or both. Upon expiration of  
13 the term of probation, further proceedings shall be abated by the board if the  
14 person holding the license furnishes the board with evidence that the person  
15 is competent to practice dentistry and has complied with the terms of pro-  
16 bation. If the evidence fails to establish competence to the satisfaction of the  
17 board or if the evidence shows failure to comply with the terms of the pro-  
18 bation, the board may revoke or suspend the license.

19 “(7) If a license to practice dentistry in this state is suspended, the person  
20 holding the license may not practice during the term of suspension. Upon the  
21 expiration of the term of suspension, the license shall be reinstated by the  
22 board if the board finds, based upon evidence furnished by the person, that  
23 the person is competent to practice dentistry and has not practiced dentistry  
24 in this state during the term of suspension. If the evidence fails to establish  
25 to the satisfaction of the board that the person is competent or if any evi-  
26 dence shows the person has practiced dentistry in this state during the term  
27 of suspension, the board may revoke the license after notice and hearing.

28 “(8) Upon receipt of a complaint under this chapter or ORS 680.010 to  
29 680.205, the board shall conduct an investigation as described under ORS  
30 676.165.

1 “(9) Information that the board obtains as part of an investigation into  
2 licensee or applicant conduct or as part of a contested case proceeding,  
3 consent order or stipulated agreement involving licensee or applicant con-  
4 duct is confidential as provided under ORS 676.175. Notwithstanding ORS  
5 676.165 to 676.180, the board may disclose confidential information regarding  
6 a licensee or an applicant to persons who may evaluate or treat the licensee  
7 or applicant for drug abuse, alcohol abuse or any other health related con-  
8 ditions.

9 “(10) The board may impose against any person who violates the pro-  
10 visions of this chapter or ORS 680.010 to 680.205 or rules of the board a civil  
11 penalty of up to \$5,000 for each violation. Any civil penalty imposed under  
12 this section shall be imposed in the manner provided in ORS 183.745.

13 “(11) Notwithstanding the expiration, suspension, revocation or surrender  
14 of the license, or the resignation or retirement of the licensee, the board  
15 may:

16 “(a) Proceed with any investigation of, or any action or disciplinary pro-  
17 ceedings against, the dentist [*or*], dental hygienist **or dental therapist**; or

18 “(b) Revise or render void an order suspending or revoking the license.

19 “(12)(a) The board may continue with any proceeding or investigation for  
20 a period not to exceed four years from the date of the expiration, suspension,  
21 revocation or surrender of the license, or the resignation or retirement of the  
22 licensee; or

23 “(b) If the board receives a complaint or initiates an investigation within  
24 that four-year period, the board’s jurisdiction continues until the matter is  
25 concluded by a final order of the board following any appeal.

26 “(13) Withdrawing the application for license does not close any investi-  
27 gation, action or proceeding against an applicant.

28 “**SECTION 15.** ORS 679.170 is amended to read:

29 “679.170. [*No person shall*] **A person may not:**

30 “(1) Sell or barter, or offer to sell or barter, any diploma or document

1 conferring or purporting to confer any dental degree, or any certificate or  
2 transcript made or purporting to be made, pursuant to the laws regulating  
3 the license and registration of dentists.

4 “(2) Purchase or procure by barter, any [*such*] diploma, certificate or  
5 transcript **described in subsection (1) of this section**, with intent that it  
6 be used as evidence of the holder’s qualification to practice dentistry, or in  
7 fraud of the laws regulating [*such*] **the practice of dentistry**.

8 “(3) With fraudulent intent, alter in a material regard any [*such*] diploma,  
9 certificate or transcript **described in subsection (1) of this section**.

10 “(4) Use or attempt to use any [*such*] diploma, certificate or transcript  
11 **described in subsection (1) of this section**, which has been purchased,  
12 fraudulently issued, counterfeited or materially altered, either as a license  
13 or color of license to practice dentistry, or in order to procure registration  
14 as a dentist.

15 “(5) Willfully make a false written or recorded oral statement to the  
16 Oregon Board of Dentistry in a material regard.

17 “(6) Within 10 days after demand made by the board, fail to respond to  
18 the board’s written request for information or fail to furnish to the board the  
19 name and address of all persons practicing or assisting in the practice of  
20 dentistry in the office of such person at any time within 60 days prior to the  
21 notice, together with a sworn statement showing under and by what license  
22 or authority such person and employee are and have been practicing  
23 dentistry.

24 “(7) Employ or use the services of any unlicensed person, to practice  
25 dentistry [*or*], dental hygiene **or dental therapy**, except as permitted by ORS  
26 679.025, 679.176 and 680.010 to 680.205.

27 **“SECTION 16.** ORS 679.250 is amended to read:

28 “679.250. The powers and duties of the Oregon Board of Dentistry are as  
29 follows:

30 “(1) To, during the month of April of each year, organize and elect from

1 its membership a president who shall hold office for one year, or until the  
2 election and qualification of a successor.

3 “(2) To authorize all necessary disbursements to carry out the provisions  
4 of this chapter, including but not limited to, payment for necessary supplies,  
5 office equipment, books and expenses for the conduct of examinations, pay-  
6 ment for legal and investigative services rendered to the board, and such  
7 other expenditures as are provided for in this chapter.

8 “(3) To employ such inspectors, examiners, special agents, investigators,  
9 clerical assistants, assistants and accountants as are necessary for the in-  
10 vestigation and prosecution of alleged violations and the enforcement of this  
11 chapter and for such other purposes as the board may require. Nothing in  
12 this chapter shall be construed to prevent assistance being rendered by an  
13 employee of the board in any hearing called by it. However, all obligations  
14 for salaries and expenses incurred under this chapter shall be paid from the  
15 fees accruing to the board under this chapter and not otherwise.

16 “(4)(a) To conduct examinations of applicants for license to practice  
17 dentistry [*and*], dental hygiene **and dental therapy** at least twice in each  
18 year.

19 “(b) In conducting examinations for licensure, the board may enter into  
20 a compact with other states for conducting regional examinations with other  
21 board of dental examiners concerned, or by a testing service recognized by  
22 such boards.

23 “(5) To meet for the transaction of other business at the call of the  
24 president. A majority of board members shall constitute a quorum. A major-  
25 ity vote of those present shall be a decision of the entire board. The board’s  
26 proceedings shall be open to public inspection in all matters affecting public  
27 interest.

28 “(6) To keep an accurate record of all proceedings of the board and of all  
29 its meetings, of all receipts and disbursements, of all prosecutions for vio-  
30 lation of this chapter, of all examinations for license to practice dentistry,

1 with the names and qualifications for examination of any person examined,  
2 together with the addresses of those licensed and the results of such exam-  
3 inations, a record of the names of all persons licensed to practice dentistry  
4 in Oregon together with the addresses of all such persons having paid the  
5 license fee prescribed in ORS 679.120 and the names of all persons whose li-  
6 cense to practice has been revoked or suspended.

7 “(7) To make and enforce rules necessary for the procedure of the board,  
8 for the conduct of examinations, for regulating the practice of dentistry, and  
9 for regulating the services of dental hygienists and dental auxiliary person-  
10 nel not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter. As part of such  
11 rules, the board may require the procurement of a permit or other certificate.  
12 Any permit issued may be subject to periodic renewal. In adopting rules, the  
13 board shall take into account all relevant factors germane to an orderly and  
14 fair administration of this chapter and of ORS 680.010 to 680.205, the prac-  
15 tices and materials generally and currently used and accepted by persons li-  
16 censed to practice dentistry in this state, dental techniques commonly in use,  
17 relevant technical reports published in recognized dental journals, the cur-  
18 riculum at accredited dental schools, the desirability of reasonable exper-  
19 imentation in the furtherance of the dental arts, and the desirability of  
20 providing the highest standard of dental care to the public consistent with  
21 the lowest economic cost.

22 “(8) Upon its own motion or upon any complaint, to initiate and conduct  
23 investigations of and hearings on all matters relating to the practice of  
24 dentistry, the discipline of licensees, or pertaining to the enforcement of any  
25 provision of this chapter. In the conduct of investigations or upon the hear-  
26 ing of any matter of which the board may have jurisdiction, the board may  
27 take evidence, administer oaths, take the depositions of witnesses, including  
28 the person charged, in the manner provided by law in civil cases, and compel  
29 their appearance before it in person the same as in civil cases, by subpoena  
30 issued over the signature of an employee of the board and in the name of the

1 people of the State of Oregon, require answers to interrogatories, and compel  
2 the production of books, papers, accounts, documents and testimony per-  
3 taining to the matter under investigation or to the hearing. In all investi-  
4 gations and hearings, the board and any person affected thereby may have  
5 the benefit of counsel, and all hearings shall be held in compliance with ORS  
6 chapter 183. Notwithstanding ORS 676.165, 676.175 and 679.320, if a licensee  
7 who is the subject of an investigation or complaint is to appear before  
8 members of the board investigating the complaint, the board shall provide  
9 the licensee with a current summary of the complaint or the matter being  
10 investigated not less than five days prior to the date that the licensee is to  
11 appear. At the time the summary of the complaint or the matter being in-  
12 vestigated is provided, the board shall provide to the licensee a current  
13 summary of documents or alleged facts that the board has acquired as a re-  
14 sult of the investigation. The name of the complainant or other information  
15 that reasonably may be used to identify the complainant may be withheld  
16 from the licensee.

17 “(9) To require evidence as determined by rule of continuing education  
18 or to require satisfactory evidence of operative competency before reissuing  
19 or renewing licenses for the practice of dentistry [*or*], dental hygiene **or**  
20 **dental therapy**.

21 “(10) To adopt and enforce rules regulating administration of general  
22 anesthesia and conscious sedation by a dentist or under the supervision of  
23 a dentist in the office of the dentist. As part of such rules, the board may  
24 require the procurement of a permit which must be periodically renewed.

25 “(11) To order an applicant or licensee to submit to a physical examina-  
26 tion, mental examination or a competency examination when the board has  
27 evidence indicating the incapacity of the applicant or licensee to practice  
28 safely.

29 **“SECTION 17.** Section 1, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011, is amended to  
30 read:

1       **“Sec. 1.** (1) The Oregon Health Authority may approve pilot projects to  
2 encourage the development of innovative practices in oral health care deliv-  
3 ery systems with a focus on providing care to populations that evidence-  
4 based studies have shown have the highest disease rates and the least access  
5 to dental care. The authority may approve a pilot project that is designed  
6 to:

7       “(a) Operate for three to five years or a sufficient amount of time to  
8 evaluate the validity of the pilot project;

9       “(b) Evaluate quality of care, access, cost, workforce and efficacy; and

10       “(c) Achieve at least one of the following:

11       “(A) Teach new skills to existing categories of dental personnel;

12       “(B) Develop new categories of dental personnel;

13       “(C) Accelerate the training of existing categories of dental personnel; or

14       “(D) Teach new oral health care roles to previously untrained persons.

15       “(2) The authority shall adopt rules:

16       “(a) Establishing an application process for pilot projects;

17       “(b) Establishing minimum standards, guidelines and instructions for pilot  
18 projects; and

19       “(c) Requiring an approved pilot project to report to the authority on the  
20 progress and outcomes of the pilot project, including:

21       “(A) The process used to evaluate the progress and outcomes of the pilot  
22 project;

23       “(B) The baseline data and information to be collected;

24       “(C) The nature of program data that will be collected and the methods  
25 for collecting and analyzing the data;

26       “(D) The provisions for protecting the safety of patients seen or treated  
27 in the project; and

28       “(E) A statement of previous experience in providing related health care  
29 services.

30       “(3) The authority shall seek the advice of appropriate professional soci-

1 eties and licensing boards before adopting rules under subsection (2) of this  
2 section.

3 “(4)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 679.020 and 680.020, a person may practice  
4 dentistry [*or*], dental hygiene **or dental therapy** without a license as part  
5 of a pilot project approved under this section under the general supervision  
6 of a dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679 and in accordance with rules  
7 adopted by the authority.

8 “(b) A person practicing dentistry [*or*], dental hygiene **or dental therapy**  
9 without a license under this section is subject to the same standard of care  
10 and is entitled to the same immunities as a person performing the services  
11 with a license.

12 “(5) The authority may accept gifts, grants or contributions from any  
13 public or private source for the purpose of carrying out this section. Funds  
14 received under this subsection shall be deposited in the Dental Pilot Projects  
15 Fund established under section 17 [*of this 2011 Act*], **chapter 716, Oregon**  
16 **Laws 2011.**

17 **“SECTION 18. (1) Sections 2, 3 and 4 to 12 of this 2021 Act and the**  
18 **amendments to ORS 679.010, 679.140, 679.170 and 679.250 and section 1,**  
19 **chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011, by sections 13 to 19 of this 2021 Act**  
20 **become operative on January 1, 2022.**

21 **“(2) The amendments to section 3 of this 2021 Act by section 3a of**  
22 **this 2021 Act become operative on January 1, 2025.**

23 **“(3) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may take any action before the**  
24 **operative dates specified in subsections (1) and (2) of this section that**  
25 **is necessary to enable the board to exercise, on and after the operative**  
26 **dates specified in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, all of the du-**  
27 **ties, functions and powers conferred on the board by sections 2, 3 and**  
28 **4 to 12 of this 2021 Act and the amendments to ORS 679.010, 679.140,**  
29 **679.170 and 679.250 and section 1, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011, and**  
30 **section 3 of this 2021 Act by sections 3a and 13 to 17 of this 2021 Act.**



1        **“SECTION 19. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the**  
2 **date on which the 2021 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative**  
3 **Assembly adjourns sine die.”.**

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