House Bill 2825

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Authorizes Oregon Department of Emergency Management to issue temporary professional licenses during states of emergency to individuals formerly licensed by certain professional licensing boards.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to professional licensing during emergencies.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:
(a) “Licensing board” means:
(A) The Board of Medical Imaging;
(B) The Oregon Board of Dentistry;
(C) The Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine;
(D) The Oregon Board of Optometry;
(E) The Oregon Medical Board;
(F) The Oregon State Board of Nursing; and
(G) The State Board of Pharmacy.
(b) “Professional service” means a service that may be provided only by individuals licensed by a licensing board.

(2) During a state of emergency declared under ORS 401.165, an individual may provide a professional service if:
(a) The individual holds a temporary license issued under subsection (3) of this section;
(b) The professional service is within the scope of the temporary license held by the individual; and
(c) The provision of the professional service is related to, or reasonably necessitated by, the state of emergency.

(3) During a state of emergency declared under ORS 401.165, the Oregon Department of Emergency Management may issue temporary licenses to individuals who were formerly licensed by a licensing board. The temporary license authorizes the individual to perform professional services that the individual was formerly licensed to perform, except that the department may limit the types or scope of professional services authorized by the temporary license.

(4) The department may issue a temporary license to an individual under this section only if:
(a) The individual held an active license from a licensing board within 10 years of the provision of the temporary license; and
(b) The individual's former active license was not revoked, suspended, canceled or otherwise removed by a licensing board as a disciplinary measure.

(5) Unless an earlier expiration date is specified by the department, a temporary license issued under this section expires 180 days from the issuance of the temporary license. The department may renew temporary licenses upon expiration.

(6) Temporary licenses issued under this section are not valid after the termination of the state of emergency during which they were issued.

(7) The department and licensing boards may adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.