Senate Bill 971

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

SUMMARY

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Permits minor 15 years of age or older to consent, without parental consent, to chiropractic treatment.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to consent of minors to chiropractic services; amending ORS 109.640 and 109.650.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 109.640, as amended by section 14, chapter 349, Oregon Laws 2021, is amended to read:

109.640. (1) A physician, physician assistant licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525, nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390 or naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685 may provide birth control information and services to any person without regard to the age of the person.

(2) A minor 15 years of age or older may give consent, without the consent of a parent or guardian of the minor, to:

(a) Hospital care, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment by a physician licensed by the Oregon Medical Board [or], a naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685 or a chiropractic physician licensed under ORS chapter 684, and dental or surgical diagnosis or treatment by a dentist licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry, except as provided by ORS 109.660.

(b) Diagnosis or treatment by a physician assistant who is licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525 and who is acting pursuant to a collaboration agreement as defined in ORS 677.495.

(c) Diagnosis and treatment by a nurse practitioner who is licensed by the Oregon State Board of Nursing under ORS 678.375 and who is acting within the scope of practice for a nurse practitioner.

(d) Treatment by a chiropractic assistant who is certified by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners and who is acting within the scope of practice for a certified chiropractic assistant.

[(d)] (e) Except when the minor is obtaining contact lenses for the first time, diagnosis and treatment by an optometrist who is licensed by the Oregon Board of Optometry under ORS 683.010 to 683.340 and who is acting within the scope of practice for an optometrist.

SECTION 2. ORS 109.650 is amended to read:

109.650. A hospital or a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, naturopathic physician, chiropractic physician, chiropractic assistant, dentist or optometrist providing information, services, care, diagnosis or treatment to a minor as described in ORS 109.640 may advise

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.

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the minor’s parent or legal guardian [of a minor] of the care, diagnosis or treatment [of] provided to the minor or the need for any treatment of the minor, without the consent of the minor, and is not liable for advising the parent or legal guardian without the consent of the minor.