

Senate Bill 60

Sponsored by Senator FINDLEY, Representative OWENS (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**.

Prohibits Oregon Health Authority from requiring associate degree or higher for eligibility for licensure as emergency medical services provider.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to emergency medical services providers; creating new provisions; amending ORS 682.208;
3 and prescribing an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 682.208 is amended to read:

6 682.208. (1) [*A person desiring*] To be licensed as an emergency medical services provider, a
7 **person** shall submit an application for licensure to the Oregon Health Authority. The application
8 must be upon forms prescribed by the authority and must contain:

9 (a) The name and address of the applicant.

10 (b) The name and location of the training course successfully completed by the applicant and
11 the date of completion.

12 (c) Evidence that the authority determines is satisfactory to prove that the applicant's physical
13 and mental health is such that it is safe for the applicant to act as an emergency medical services
14 provider.

15 (d) Other information as the authority may reasonably require to determine compliance with
16 applicable provisions of this chapter and the rules adopted under this chapter.

17 (2) The application must be accompanied by proof as prescribed by rule of the authority of the
18 applicant's successful completion of a training course approved by the authority and, if an extended
19 period of time has elapsed since the completion of the course, of a satisfactory amount of continuing
20 education.

21 (3) The authority shall adopt a schedule of minimum educational requirements in emergency and
22 nonemergency care for emergency medical services providers. A course approved by the authority
23 must be designed to protect the welfare of out-of-hospital patients, to promote the health, well-being
24 and saving of the lives of such patients and to reduce their pain and suffering.

25 **(4) The authority may not require that an applicant hold an associate degree or higher**
26 **in order to be eligible for licensure under this section.**

27 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 682.208 by section 1 of this 2023 Act apply to li-
28 censes issued on or after the operative date specified in section 3 of this 2023 Act.

29 **SECTION 3.** (1) The amendments to ORS 682.208 by section 1 of this 2023 Act become
30 operative on January 1, 2024.

31 **(2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the operative date specified**

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 in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the authority to exercise, on and
2 after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions
3 and powers conferred on the authority by the amendments to ORS 682.208 by section 1 of this
4 2023 Act.

5 SECTION 4. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023
6 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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