

Senate Bill 969

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE (at the request of Oregon State Board of Nursing)

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**.

Removes requirement that Oregon State Board of Nursing certify as nursing assistant any qualified applicant. Allows board to deny certificate and place nursing assistant on probation for specified reasons.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to nursing assistants; creating new provisions; amending ORS 678.442; and prescribing an
3 effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 678.442 is amended to read:

6 678.442. (1) The Oregon State Board of Nursing shall establish standards for certifying and
7 *[shall]* **may** certify as a nursing assistant any person who:

8 (a) Submits an application;

9 (b)(A) Shows completion of an approved training program for nursing assistants; or

10 (B) Has military training or experience that the board determines is substantially equivalent to
11 the training required by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; and

12 (c) Passes a board approved examination.

13 (2) In the manner prescribed in ORS chapter 183, the board may revoke *[or]*, suspend **or deny**
14 a certificate issued under this section *[or may]*, reprimand a nursing assistant **or place a nursing**
15 **assistant on probation for a period of time and subject to any conditions specified by the**
16 **board** for the following reasons:

17 (a) Conviction of the certificate holder of a crime *[where such]* **if the** crime bears demonstrable
18 relationship to the duties of a nursing assistant. A copy of the record of *[such]* **the** conviction, cer-
19 tified to by the clerk of the court entering the conviction, shall be conclusive evidence of the con-
20 viction.

21 (b) Any willful fraud or misrepresentation in applying for or procuring a certificate or renewal
22 *[thereof]* **of a certificate**.

23 (c) Impairment as defined in ORS 676.303.

24 (d) Violation of any provisions of ORS 678.010 to 678.448 or rules adopted *[thereunder]* **under**
25 **ORS 678.010 to 678.448**.

26 (e) Physical condition that makes the certificate holder unable to perform safely the duties of
27 a nursing assistant.

28 (f) Conduct unbecoming a nursing assistant in the performance of duties.

29 (3) The board shall establish by rule a procedure for the biennial renewal of nursing assistant
30 certificates. The certificate renewal procedure must be substantially like the procedure established

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 for the licensing of nurses under ORS 678.101.

2 (4) Notwithstanding ORS 192.345, the board may use the results of a nursing assistant exam-
3 ination for the continuing education of applicants for certification as a nursing assistant.

4 **SECTION 2. (1) The amendments to ORS 678.442 by section 1 of this 2023 Act become**
5 **operative on January 1, 2024.**

6 (2) The Oregon State Board of Nursing may take any action before the operative date
7 specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board to exercise,
8 on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties,
9 functions and powers conferred on the board by the amendments to ORS 678.442 by section
10 1 of this 2023 Act.

11 **SECTION 3. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023**
12 **regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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