

House Bill 3279

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act says that ODEM can give short-term licenses during emergencies to people who used to do certain health care jobs. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.6).

Authorizes the 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

1
2 Relating to professional licensing during emergencies.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Licensing board" means:**

6 (A) **The Board of Medical Imaging;**

7 (B) **The Oregon Board of Dentistry;**

8 (C) **The Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine;**

9 (D) **The Oregon Board of Optometry;**

10 (E) **The Oregon Medical Board;**

11 (F) **The Oregon State Board of Nursing; and**

12 (G) **The State Board of Pharmacy.**

13 (b) **"Professional service" means a service that may be provided only by individuals li-**
14 **censed by a licensing board.**

15 (2) **During a state of emergency declared under ORS 401.165, an individual may provide**
16 **a professional service if:**

17 (a) **The individual holds a temporary license issued under subsection (3) of this section;**

18 (b) **The professional service is within the scope of the temporary license held by the in-**
19 **dividual; and**

20 (c) **The provision of the professional service is related to, or reasonably necessitated by,**
21 **the state of emergency.**

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

28 (4) **The department may issue a temporary license to an individual under this section**
29 **only if:**

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 **(a) The individual held an active license from a licensing board within 10 years of the**
2 **provision of the temporary license; and**

3 **(b) The individual's former active license was not revoked, suspended, canceled or oth-**
4 **erwise removed by a licensing board as a disciplinary measure.**

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

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

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

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