

House Bill 3790

Sponsored by Representative NELSON, Senator FREDERICK

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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells the OLCC to certify a person as a cannabis health care technician. The Act also tells the OLCC to give money to a marijuana retailer that hires a cannabis health care technician. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.9).

Directs the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission to issue a cannabis health care technician certification to a qualified individual. Directs the commission to establish a program to provide financial incentives to marijuana retailers that employ certified cannabis health care technicians. Becomes operative on January 1, 2026.

Directs the commission to provide information and assistance related to the interstate commerce of marijuana items to marijuana retailers that employ certified cannabis health care technicians. Becomes operative on the earlier of the date on which the interstate commerce of marijuana items is allowed by federal law, or allowed or tolerated pursuant to a memorandum issued by the United States Department of Justice.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to cannabis health care technicians; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2025 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**
5 **475C.005 to 475C.525.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission shall issue a cannabis**
7 **health care technician certification to a person who:**

8 (a) **Has completed and is certified by a registered apprenticeship program in cannabis**
9 **health care technology that:**

10 (A) **Is approved by the commission;**

11 (B) **Is approved under ORS 660.002 to 660.210;**

12 (C) **Includes at least 2,000 hours of supervised work experience; and**

13 (D) **Includes at least 145 hours of technical instruction on cannabis science and**
14 **pharmacology, health care ethics and patient care, compliance and regulatory frameworks**
15 **and clinical applications and dosing;**

16 (b) **Demonstrates to the satisfaction of the commission competency in cannabis safety**
17 **protocols, compliance and patient care; and**

18 (c) **Meets any other requirements established by the commission.**

19 (2) **The commission may establish requirements for the renewal of a cannabis health care**
20 **technician certification, including but not limited to requirements related to the completion**
21 **of continuing education.**

22 (3) **The commission may impose a fee for the issuance and renewal of a cannabis health**
23 **care technician certification under this section. Fees adopted under this subsection:**

24 (a) **May not exceed, together with other fees collected under ORS 475C.005 to 475C.525,**

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 the cost of administering ORS 475C.005 to 475C.525; and

2 (b) Shall be deposited in the Marijuana Control and Regulation Fund established under
3 ORS 475C.297.

4 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission shall establish a program
5 to provide financial incentives to qualified marijuana retailers licensed under ORS 475C.097.
6 In order to qualify for financial incentives provided through the program, a marijuana
7 retailer shall employ cannabis health care technicians certified under section 2 of this 2025
8 Act and meet other requirements established by the commission by rule.

9 (2) In establishing the program described in this section, the commission may consult
10 with the Oregon Health Authority, the Office of Rural Health and other state agencies that
11 operate incentive programs.

12 **SECTION 4.** (1) Sections 2 and 3 of this 2025 Act become operative on January 1, 2026.

13 (2) The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission may take any action before the opera-
14 tive date specified in subsection (1) of this section necessary to enable the commission to
15 exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the
16 duties, functions and powers conferred on the commission by sections 2 and 3 of this 2025
17 Act.

18 **SECTION 5.** Section 6 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 475C.005 to
19 475C.525.

20 **SECTION 6.** In addition to the financial incentives provided under section 3 of this 2025
21 Act, the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission shall provide to a qualified marijuana
22 retailer, as described in section 3 of this 2025 Act:

23 (1) Notification of any opportunities to engage in the interstate commerce of marijuana
24 items;

25 (2) Technical assistance in obtaining any licensing required for engaging in the interstate
26 commerce of marijuana items; and

27 (3) Expedited review of a qualified marijuana retailer's application for any licensing re-
28 quired to engage in the interstate commerce of marijuana items.

29 **SECTION 7.** (1) Section 6 of this 2025 Act becomes operative on the earlier of the date
30 on which:

31 (a) Federal law is amended to allow for the interstate commerce of marijuana items be-
32 tween authorized marijuana-related businesses; or

33 (b) The United States Department of Justice issues an opinion or memorandum allowing
34 or tolerating the interstate commerce of marijuana items between authorized marijuana-
35 related businesses.

36 (2) The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission shall notify the interim committees of
37 the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary and the Legislative Counsel upon the oc-
38 currence of an event described in subsection (1) of this section.

39 **SECTION 8.** This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025
40 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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