

Senate Bill 964

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE (at the request of Oregon Society of Physician Assistants)

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**.

Allows physician assistants to use hospital facilities for patient care.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to physician assistants; amending ORS 441.064.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 441.064 is amended to read:

441.064. (1) As used in this section[,]:

(a) **“Nurse practitioner” has the meaning given that term in ORS 678.010;**

(b) **“Physician” has the meaning given that term in ORS 677.010; and**

(c) **“Physician assistant” has the meaning given that term in ORS 677.495.**

(2) The rules of any hospital in this state may grant privileges to nurse practitioners [*licensed and certified under ORS 678.375*] **and physician assistants** for purposes of patient care.

(3) Rules [*shall*] **must** be in writing and may include, but need not be limited to:

(a) Limitations on the scope of privileges;

(b) Monitoring and supervision of nurse practitioners **and physician assistants** in the hospital by physicians who are members of the medical staff;

(c) A requirement that a nurse practitioner **or physician assistant** co-admit patients with a physician who is a member of the medical staff; and

(d) Qualifications of nurse practitioners **and physician assistants** to be eligible for privileges including but not limited to requirements of prior clinical and hospital experience.

(4) The rules may also regulate credentialing and the conduct of nurse practitioners **and physician assistants** while using the facilities of the hospital and may prescribe procedures whereby a nurse practitioner's **or physician assistant's** privileges may be suspended or terminated. The hospital may refuse such privileges to nurse practitioners **or physician assistants** only upon the same basis that privileges are refused to other medical providers.

(5) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, rules adopted by a hospital that grant privileges to licensed registered nurses who are certified by the Oregon State Board of Nursing as nurse midwife nurse practitioners must:

(a) Include admitting privileges;

(b) Be consistent with the privileges of the other medical staff; and

(c) Permit the nurse midwife nurse practitioner to exercise the voting rights of the other members of the medical staff.

(6) Rules described in this section are subject to hospital and medical staff bylaws and rules governing credentialing and staff privileges.

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.

