

# Senate Bill 136

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## 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 10-day supply limitation on prescriptions for certain controlled substances issued by certified registered nurse anesthetists.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to prescribing authority of certified registered nurse anesthetists; creating new provisions;  
3 amending ORS 678.282; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 678.282 is amended to read:

6 678.282. (1)(a) Subject to paragraph (b) of this subsection, the Oregon State Board of Nursing  
7 may authorize a certified registered nurse anesthetist to prescribe prescription drugs, including  
8 prescriptions for controlled substances listed in Schedules II, III, III N, IV and V.

9 (b) A certified registered nurse anesthetist may prescribe prescription drugs under paragraph (a)  
10 of this subsection only[.]

11 [(A) For a supply of not more than 10 days with no refills; and]

12 [(B)] for an individual for whom the certified registered nurse anesthetist has, at the time of the  
13 prescription, established a client or patient record.

14 (2) For the purpose of authorizing certified registered nurse anesthetists to prescribe pre-  
15 scription drugs, the board shall adopt rules establishing:

16 (a) That the scope of practice of a certified registered nurse anesthetist includes the authority  
17 to prescribe prescription drugs.

18 (b) Educational requirements for certified registered nurse anesthetists applying for the author-  
19 ity to prescribe prescription drugs. Educational requirements adopted under this subsection must  
20 include:

21 (A) At least 45 contact hours in pharmacology; and

22 (B) Clinical education in pharmacotherapeutics, including management of patients that is  
23 congruent with the specialty role sought.

24 (c) The form and manner of applying for and renewing the authority to prescribe prescription  
25 drugs.

26 (d) Application and renewal fees.

27 (e) Record keeping requirements for certified registered nurse anesthetists who prescribe pre-  
28 scription drugs that are the same as the record keeping requirements for pharmacies licensed under  
29 ORS chapter 689.

30 (3) In accordance with ORS chapter 183, the board may deny, suspend or revoke the authority

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1 to prescribe prescription drugs under this section if the board finds that a certified registered nurse  
2 anesthetist has abused the authority.

3 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 678.282 by section 1 of this 2019 Act apply to pre-  
4 scriptions issued on and after the operative date specified in section 3 of this 2019 Act.

5 **SECTION 3.** (1) The amendments to ORS 678.282 by section 1 of this 2019 Act become  
6 operative on January 1, 2020.

7 (2) The Oregon State Board of Nursing may take any action before the operative date  
8 specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board to exercise,  
9 on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties,  
10 functions and powers conferred on the board by the amendments to ORS 678.282 by section  
11 1 of this 2019 Act.

12 **SECTION 4.** This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
13 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect  
14 on its passage.  
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