

Senate Bill 834

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

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**.

Provides that expression of regret or apology made by or on behalf of person licensed by Oregon Board of Dentistry does not constitute admission of liability in civil action and that person who makes expression may not be examined with respect to expression.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to licensees of the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 679.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) For the purposes of any civil action against a person licensed by the**
6 **Oregon Board of Dentistry or against a dental office or clinic, health care institution, health**
7 **care facility or other entity that employs or grants the person privileges, any expression of**
8 **regret or apology made by or on behalf of the person, office, clinic, institution, facility or**
9 **entity, including an expression of regret or apology that is made in writing or by conduct,**
10 **does not constitute an admission of liability.**

11 **(2) A person licensed by the board, or any other person who makes an expression of re-**
12 **gret or apology on behalf of a person licensed by the board, may not be examined by deposi-**
13 **tion or otherwise in any civil or administrative proceeding, including any arbitration or**
14 **mediation proceeding, with respect to an expression of regret or apology made by or on be-**
15 **half of the person, including expressions of regret or apology that are made in writing, orally**
16 **or by conduct.**

17 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2019 Act applies to expressions of regret or apology made**
18 **on or after the effective date of this 2019 Act.**

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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.