

Enrolled House Bill 2627

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to membership of the Oregon Medical Board; creating new provisions; amending ORS 677.235; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 677.235 is amended to read:

677.235. (1) The Oregon Medical Board consists of 14 members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate in the manner provided in ORS 171.562 and 171.565. All members of the board must be residents of this state. Of the members of the board:

- (a) [*Seven*] **Six** must have the degree of Doctor of Medicine;
 - (b) Two must have the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine;
 - (c) One must have the degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine;
 - [(d) *One must be a physician assistant licensed under ORS 677.512 or a retired physician assistant;*
- and]*

(d) Two must be physician assistants licensed under ORS 677.512; and

- (e) Three must be members of the public who represent health consumers.

(2)(a)(A) Board members required to possess the degree of Doctor of Medicine may be selected by the Governor from a list of three to five candidates for each member described in subsection (1)(a) of this section whose term expires in that year, submitted by the Oregon Medical Association not later than February 1.

(B) Board members required to possess the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine may be selected by the Governor from a list of three to five candidates for each member described in subsection (1)(b) of this section whose term expires in that year, submitted by the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon, Inc., not later than February 1.

(C) The board member required to possess the degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine may be selected by the Governor from a list of three to five candidates for the member described in subsection (1)(c) of this section whose term expires in that year, submitted by the Oregon Podiatric Medical Association not later than February 1.

[(D) *The board member required to be a physician assistant licensed under ORS 677.512 or a retired physician assistant may be selected by the Governor from a list of three to five candidates for the member described in subsection (1)(d) of this section whose term expires in that year, submitted by the Oregon Society of Physician Assistants not later than February 1.*]

[(b) Members who are physicians and the member who is a physician assistant or a retired physician assistant must have been in the active practice of their profession for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment.]

(D) The board members required to be physician assistants licensed under ORS 677.512 may be selected by the Governor from a list of three to five candidates for each member described in subsection (1)(d) of this section whose term expires in that year, submitted by the Oregon Society of Physician Assistants not later than February 1.

(b) Members who are physicians or physician assistants must have been in the active practice of their profession for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment.

(c)(A) A public member may not be otherwise eligible for appointment to the board.

(B) A public member, or the spouse, domestic partner, child, parent or sibling of a public member, may not be a licensed health care professional in this state.

(d)(A) In selecting the members of the board, the Governor shall strive to balance the representation on the board according to geographic areas of this state and ethnicity.

(B) Of the members described in subsection (1)(a) to (d) of this section, at least one member must be appointed from each federal congressional district.

(3)(a) The term of office of each board member is three years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the Governor. The terms must be staggered so that no more than five terms end each year. A term begins on March 1 of the year the member is appointed and ends on the last day of February of the third year after the member is appointed. A member may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

(b) If a vacancy occurs on the board, another qualifying member possessing the same professional degree[,] or license [*or retired status*] or fulfilling the same public capacity as the person whose position has been vacated shall be appointed as provided in this section to fill the unexpired term.

(c) A board member shall be removed immediately from the board if, during the member's term, the member:

(A) Is not a resident of this state;

(B) Has been absent from three consecutive board meetings, unless at least one absence is excused; or

[(C) Is not a current licensee or a retired licensee whose license was in good standing at the time of retirement, if the board member was appointed to serve on the board as a licensee.]

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(4) Members of the board are entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495. The board may provide by rule for compensation to board members for the performance of official duties at a rate that is greater than the rate provided in ORS 292.495.

[(5)(a) The chairperson shall select at least one but no more than three former board members to serve as emeritus board members. A person selected to serve as an emeritus board member is subject to approval by the Governor.]

[(b) A person may serve as an emeritus board member for up to three years after the date on which the person's term as a board member ended.]

[(c) An emeritus board member serves at the pleasure of the Governor.]

[(d) The board shall publish a list of emeritus board members on a website maintained by the board.]

[(e) If a board member will be absent from a meeting of the board and has provided notice to the chairperson or executive director of the board in advance of the member's absence, an emeritus board member who holds the same degree or professional license, or who fulfills the same public capacity, as the absent member may take the place of the absent member during the absence.]

SECTION 2. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, nothing in the amendments to ORS 677.235 by section 1 of this 2023 Act affects the term of office of any member of the Oregon Medical Board appointed prior to and serving on the operative date

specified in section 3 of this 2023 Act. However, as vacancies occur, appointments shall be made in accordance with the qualifications specified in ORS 677.235, as amended by section 1 of this 2023 Act.

(2) The term of an emeritus board member expires on the operative date specified in section 3 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 677.235 by section 1 of this 2023 Act become operative on January 1, 2024.

SECTION 4. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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