

# House Bill 2825

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session filed.)

## 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**.

Authorizes Oregon Department of Emergency Management to issue temporary professional licenses during states of emergency to individuals formerly licensed by certain professional licensing boards.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to professional licensing during emergencies.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Licensing board" means:**

6 (A) **The Board of Medical Imaging;**

7 (B) **The Oregon Board of Dentistry;**

8 (C) **The Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine;**

9 (D) **The Oregon Board of Optometry;**

10 (E) **The Oregon Medical Board;**

11 (F) **The Oregon State Board of Nursing; and**

12 (G) **The State Board of Pharmacy.**

13 (b) **"Professional service" means a service that may be provided only by individuals li-**  
14 **censed by a licensing board.**

15 (2) **During a state of emergency declared under ORS 401.165, an individual may provide**  
16 **a professional service if:**

17 (a) **The individual holds a temporary license issued under subsection (3) of this section;**

18 (b) **The professional service is within the scope of the temporary license held by the in-**  
19 **dividual; and**

20 (c) **The provision of the professional service is related to, or reasonably necessitated by,**  
21 **the state of emergency.**

22 (3) **During a state of emergency declared under ORS 401.165, the Oregon Department of**  
23 **Emergency Management may issue temporary licenses to individuals who were formerly li-**  
24 **censed by a licensing board. The temporary license authorizes the individual to perform**  
25 **professional services that the individual was formerly licensed to perform, except that the**  
26 **department may limit the types or scope of professional services authorized by the tempo-**  
27 **rary license.**

28 (4) **The department may issue a temporary license to an individual under this section**  
29 **only if:**

30 (a) **The individual held an active license from a licensing board within 10 years of the**  
31 **provision of the temporary license; and**

**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       **(b) The individual's former active license was not revoked, suspended, canceled or oth-**  
2 **erwise removed by a licensing board as a disciplinary measure.**

3       **(5) Unless an earlier expiration date is specified by the department, a temporary license**  
4 **issued under this section expires 180 days from the issuance of the temporary license. The**  
5 **department may renew temporary licenses upon expiration.**

6       **(6) Temporary licenses issued under this section are not valid after the termination of**  
7 **the state of emergency during which they were issued.**

8       **(7) The department and licensing boards may adopt rules necessary to carry out the**  
9 **provisions of this section.**

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