

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2996**

Ordered by the House March 13  
Including House Amendments dated March 13

Sponsored by Representatives PHAM H, JAVADI, BYNUM; Senator STEINER (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.

Prohibits Oregon Board of Dentistry from requiring applicant for certification as dental assistant to pass written examination for radiological proficiency. **Prohibits Oregon Health Authority from requiring dental assistant to pass written examination in order to operate X-ray machine.**

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

Relating to dental assistants; and prescribing an effective date.

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

**SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 679.**

**SECTION 2. In adopting rules related to the requirements for certification as a dental assistant, the Oregon Board of Dentistry may not require an applicant for certification to pass a written examination for radiological proficiency.**

**SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2023 Act applies to applications for certification as a dental assistant submitted on or after the effective date of this 2023 Act.**

**SECTION 4. In adopting rules related to X-ray operator training requirements for dental assistants, the Oregon Health Authority may not require a dental assistant to pass a written examination in order to operate an X-ray machine.**

**SECTION 5. Section 4 of this 2023 Act applies to applications for dental assistant certification in radiological proficiency submitted on or after the effective date of this 2023 Act.**

**SECTION 6. (1) Sections 2 and 4 of this 2023 Act become operative on January 1, 2024.**

**(2) The Oregon Board of Dentistry and the Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the authority and the board to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the authority and the board by sections 2 and 4 of this 2023 Act.**

**SECTION 7. 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.**

**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.