

House Bill 2538

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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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act says that the OMB has to tell physicians and physician associates to take some classes on lethal means counseling. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.6).

Directs the Oregon Medical Board to require physicians and physician associates to complete continuing education regarding lethal means counseling.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to continuing education for Oregon Medical Board licensees.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 677.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1)(a) The Oregon Medical Board shall adopt rules requiring that a physician**
6 **or a physician associate complete at least two hours every six years of continuing education**
7 **regarding suicide risk assessment, treatment and management as described in ORS 676.860**
8 **that includes lethal means counseling as defined by the board.**

9 **(b) The rules adopted under this subsection must require a physician or physician asso-**
10 **ciate to report the completion of the continuing education described in this subsection to the**
11 **board.**

12 **(2)(a) The board shall document completion of the continuing education described in**
13 **subsection (1) of this section by a physician or physician associate as required by ORS**
14 **676.860. The board shall remove any personally identifiable information from the data sub-**
15 **mitted to the board under this subsection, except for the personally identifiable information**
16 **of physicians and physician associates willing to share such information with the Oregon**
17 **Health Authority.**

18 **(b) In the manner and at the time required by ORS 676.860, the board shall report to the**
19 **authority on the data documented under this subsection.**

20 **(3) The board shall approve continuing education opportunities that meet the require-**
21 **ments of subsection (1) of this section.**

22 **SECTION 3. The requirements of section 2 of this 2025 Act apply to licenses to practice**
23 **as a physician or physician associate issued or renewed on or after the effective date of this**
24 **2025 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.