

House Bill 3912

Sponsored by Representative JAVADI

SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act makes a person who says they are a doctor on some materials say in what health care profession they are a doctor. (Flesch Readability Score: 69.6).

Requires an individual who uses the title "doctor" in connection with a health care profession to designate on specified material, including social media and professional name badges, the health care profession in which the individual earned a doctoral degree.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to use of the title "doctor"; amending ORS 676.110.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 676.110 is amended to read:

676.110. (1) An individual practicing a health care profession may not use the title "doctor" in connection with the profession, unless the individual:

(a) Has earned a doctoral degree in the individual's field of practice; and

(b)(A) Is licensed by a health professional regulatory board to practice the particular health care profession in which the individual's doctoral degree was earned; or

(B) Is working under a board-approved residency contract and is practicing under the license of a supervisor who is licensed by *[a]* **the** health professional regulatory board to practice the particular health care profession in which the individual's doctoral degree was earned.

[(2) If an individual uses the title "doctor" in connection with a health care profession at any time, the individual must designate the health care profession in which the individual's doctoral degree was earned on all written or printed matter, advertising, billboards, signs or professional notices used in connection with the health care profession, regardless of whether the individual's name or the title "doctor" appears on the written or printed matter, advertising, billboard, sign or professional notice. The designation must be in letters or print at least one-fourth the size of the largest letters used on the written or printed matter, advertising, billboard, sign or professional notice, and in material, color, type or illumination to give display and legibility of at least one-fourth that of the largest letters used on the written or printed matter, advertising, billboard, sign or professional notice.]

(2)(a) As used in this subsection, "material" means electronic or printed matter, social media, advertising, billboards, signs, professional notices and professional name badges.

(b) An individual who uses the title "doctor" in connection with the health care profession the individual practices shall designate the health care profession in which the individual earned a doctoral degree on all material used in connection with the health care profession.

The designation must:

(A) Be in letters or print at least one-fourth the size of the largest letters or print used on the material; 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) Be in color, type, illumination or matter so as to give display and legibility of at least**
2 **one-fourth that of the largest letters used on the material.**

3 (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not prohibit:

4 (a) A chiropractic physician licensed under ORS chapter 684 from using the title “chiropractic
5 physician”;

6 (b) A naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685 from using the title “naturopathic
7 physician”;

8 (c) A person licensed to practice optometry under ORS chapter 683 from using the title “doctor
9 of optometry” or “optometric physician”; or

10 (d) A physician licensed under ORS 677.805 to 677.840 from using the title “podiatric
11 physician.”