

Requested by Senator JAMA

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 476**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “677.132” and insert “677.010
2 and 677.100”.

3 On page 2, delete lines 12 through 45.

4 On page 3, delete lines 1 through 36 and insert:

5 **“SECTION 4. Sections 5 and 6 of this 2025 Act are added to and
6 made a part of ORS chapter 677.**

7 **“SECTION 5. Not later than February 1 of each odd-numbered year,
8 the Oregon Medical Board shall report, in the manner provided in ORS
9 192.245, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related
10 to health care, on the provisional licensure of internationally trained
11 physicians under section 6 of this 2025 Act. The report must include
12 the following information from the two immediately preceding calen-
13 dar years:**

14 **“(1) The number of applications for provisional licensure received;**

15 **“(2) The numbers of provisional licenses issued or denied;**

16 **“(3) An aggregated list of employers that employed provisionally
17 licensed internationally trained physicians; and**

18 **“(4) Any disciplinary or remedial actions taken against provisionally
19 licensed internationally trained physicians.**

20 **“SECTION 6. (1) The Oregon Medical Board may issue a provisional
21 license to a qualified internationally trained physician. To be consid-**

1 **ered for a provisional license under this section, an internationally**
2 **trained physician must have:**

3 **“(a) Graduated from a school of medicine with a degree substan-**
4 **tially similar to a degree of Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of**
5 **Osteopathic Medicine, as determined by the board;**

6 **“(b) Completed a training program that is substantially similar to**
7 **an approved training program, as determined by the board;**

8 **“(c) Obtained certification from the Educational Council for For-**
9 **oreign Medical Graduates, or its successor organization, as approved by**
10 **the board;**

11 **“(d) Practiced medicine in another country or jurisdiction for at**
12 **least three years;**

13 **“(e) An offer of employment at a clinical facility located in this**
14 **state that will provide supervision and assessment of the applicant in**
15 **accordance with standards established by the board by rule;**

16 **“(f) Complied with all board rules that apply to similar applicants**
17 **for a license to practice medicine in this state; and**

18 **“(g) Provided evidence, as determined sufficient by the board, that**
19 **the applicant is of good moral character consistent with the require-**
20 **ments of ORS 677.100 and in good standing in each country or juris-**
21 **isdiction in which the applicant practiced and received education and**
22 **training.**

23 **“(2) An applicant for a provisional license under this section shall:**

24 **“(a) Apply to the board in the form and manner required by the**
25 **board;**

26 **“(b) Pay the fee established by the board by rule; and**

27 **“(c) Provide to the board any further information required by the**
28 **board.**

29 **“(3) An internationally trained physician provisionally licensed un-**
30 **der this section shall practice:**

1 “(a) Under the supervision of a physician licensed under ORS 677.100
2 who is in good standing with the board and meets the requirements
3 established by the board relating to supervision; and

4 “(b)(A) In a facility in this state with an approved training pro-
5 gram;

6 “(B) In a federally qualified health center that provides primary
7 care and other services to underserved populations, as determined by
8 the board; or

9 “(C) In any other clinical location that demonstrates that the lo-
10 cation meets the requirements established by the board by rule.

11 “(4) An internationally trained physician provisionally licensed un-
12 der this section:

13 “(a) Is considered a fully licensed physician in this state for all
14 purposes, including but not limited to credentialing and insurance
15 billing;

16 “(b) Is subject to all the provisions of this chapter and to rules of
17 the board adopted under this chapter; and

18 “(c) Has the same duties and responsibilities, and is subject to the
19 same penalties and sanctions, as any other physician licensed under
20 this chapter.

21 “(5) An internationally trained physician provisionally licensed un-
22 der this section may, after completion of four years of full-time
23 equivalent practice under subsection (3) of this section, successful
24 completion of a clinical assessment evaluation as determined by the
25 board by rule and satisfaction of the requirements for licensure under
26 ORS 677.100, apply for licensure under ORS 677.100.

27 “(6) The board may adopt rules as necessary to carry out this sec-
28 tion.

29 “**SECTION 7.** ORS 677.010 is amended to read:

30 “677.010. As used in this chapter, subject to the exemptions in ORS

1 677.060 and unless the context requires otherwise:

2 “(1) ‘Approved internship’ means the first year of post-graduate training
3 [*served in a hospital that is approved by the board or*] **that is accredited** by
4 the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education, the American
5 Osteopathic Association or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of
6 Canada, **and approved by the Oregon Medical Board.**

7 “(2) ‘Approved school of medicine’ means a school offering a full-time
8 resident program of study in medicine or osteopathic medicine leading to a
9 degree of Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, [*such pro-*
10 *gram having been*] **if the program of study is** fully accredited or condi-
11 tionally approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, or its
12 successor agency, or the American Osteopathic Association, or its successor
13 agency, **or the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical**
14 **Schools, or its successor agency,** or [*having been otherwise*] **has other-**
15 **wise been** determined by the board to meet the association standards as
16 specifically incorporated into board rules.

17 “[*(3) ‘Board’ means the Oregon Medical Board.*]

18 “(3) ‘Approved training program’ means a residency program that
19 **is accredited by the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Edu-**
20 **cation, or its successor organization, the American Osteopathic Asso-**
21 **ciation, or its successor organization, or the Royal College of**
22 **Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or its successor organization, and**
23 **approved by the board.**

24 “(4) ‘Diagnose’ means to examine another person in any manner to de-
25 termine the source or nature of a disease or other physical or mental con-
26 dition, or to hold oneself out or represent that a person is so examining
27 another person. It is not necessary that the examination be made in the
28 presence of such other person; it may be made on information supplied either
29 directly or indirectly by such other person.

30 “(5) ‘Dispense’ means the preparation and delivery of a prescription drug,

1 pursuant to a lawful order of a practitioner, in a suitable container appro-
2 priately labeled for subsequent administration to or use by a patient or other
3 individual entitled to receive the prescription drug.

4 “(6) ‘Dispensing physician’ means a physician or podiatric physician and
5 surgeon who purchases prescription drugs for the purpose of dispensing them
6 to patients or other individuals entitled to receive the prescription drug and
7 who dispenses them accordingly.

8 “(7) ‘Drug’ means all medicines and preparations for internal or external
9 use of humans, intended to be used for the cure, mitigation or prevention of
10 diseases or abnormalities of humans, which are recognized in any published
11 United States Pharmacopoeia or National Formulary, or otherwise estab-
12 lished as a drug.

13 “(8) ‘Fellow’ means an individual who has not qualified under ORS 677.100
14 (1) and (2) and who is pursuing some special line of study as part of a
15 supervised program of a school of medicine, a hospital approved for
16 internship or residency training, or an institution for medical research or
17 education that provides for a period of study under the supervision of a re-
18 sponsible member of that hospital or institution, such school, hospital or
19 institution having been approved by the board.

20 “(9) ‘Intern’ means an individual who has entered into a hospital or hos-
21 pitals for the first year of post-graduate training.

22 “(10) ‘**Internationally trained physician**’ means a physician who
23 **graduated from a medical school that is not an approved school of**
24 **medicine and who completed a training program that is not an ap-**
25 **proved training program.**

26 “[10] (11) ‘License’ means permission to practice, whether by license,
27 registration or certification.

28 “[11] (12) ‘Licensee’ means an individual holding a valid license issued
29 by the board.

30 “[12] (13) ‘Physical incapacity’ means a condition that renders an indi-

1 vidual licensed under this chapter unable to practice under that license with
2 professional skill and safety by reason of physical illness or physical deteri-
3 oration that adversely affects cognition, motor or perceptive skill.

4 “[~~(13)~~] **(14)** ‘Physician’ means a person who holds a degree of Doctor of
5 Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, or a person who holds a degree
6 of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine if the context in which the term
7 ‘physician’ is used does not authorize or require the person to practice out-
8 side the scope of a license issued under ORS 677.805 to 677.840.

9 “[~~(14)~~] **(15)** ‘Podiatric physician and surgeon’ means a physician licensed
10 under ORS 677.805 to 677.840 to practice podiatry.

11 “[~~(15)(a)~~] **(16)(a)** ‘Podiatry’ means:

12 “(A) The diagnosis or the medical, physical or surgical treatment of
13 ailments of the human foot, ankle and tendons directly attached to and
14 governing the function of the foot and ankle, and treatment involving the
15 use of a general or spinal anesthetic if that treatment is performed in a
16 hospital licensed under ORS 441.025 or in an ambulatory surgical center li-
17 censed by the Oregon Health Authority and is under the supervision of or
18 in collaboration with a podiatric physician and surgeon;

19 “(B) Assisting in the performance of surgery, as provided in ORS 677.814;
20 and

21 “(C) The treatment of skin, skin-related structures and subcutaneous
22 masses, and wounds involving skin, skin-related structures and subcutaneous
23 masses, on the human leg no further proximal than the tibial tubercle.

24 “(b) ‘Podiatry’ does not include administering general or spinal anesthet-
25 ics or the amputation of the entire foot.

26 “[~~(16)~~] **(17)** ‘Prescribe’ means to direct, order or designate the use of or
27 manner of using by spoken or written words or other means.

28 “[~~(17)~~] **(18)** ‘Resident’ means an individual who, after the first year of
29 post-graduate training, in order to qualify for some particular specialty in
30 the field of medicine, pursues a special line of study as part of a supervised

1 program of a hospital approved by the board.

2 **“SECTION 8.** ORS 677.100 is amended to read:

3 “677.100. (1) An applicant for a license to practice medicine in this state,
4 except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, must possess
5 the following qualifications:

6 “(a) Have attended and graduated from a school of medicine.

7 “(b) Have satisfactorily completed the following post-graduate require-
8 ment:

9 “(A) Satisfactory completion of an approved rotating internship if a
10 graduate of an approved school of medicine;

11 “(B) One year of training in an approved program if a graduate of an
12 approved school of medicine; [or]

13 “(C) Three years of training in an approved program if a graduate of an
14 unapproved school of medicine; **or**

15 **“(D) Four years of provisional licensure under section 6 of this 2025**
16 **Act.**

17 “(c) Have complied with each rule of the Oregon Medical Board which
18 applies to all similar applicants for a license to practice medicine in this
19 state.

20 “(d) Have provided evidence sufficient to prove to the satisfaction of the
21 board that the applicant is of good moral character. For purposes of this
22 section, the lack of good moral character may be established by reference to
23 acts or conduct that reflect moral turpitude or to acts or conduct which
24 would cause a reasonable person to have substantial doubts about the
25 individual’s honesty, fairness and respect for the rights of others and for the
26 laws of the state and the nation. The acts or conduct in question must be
27 rationally connected to the applicant’s fitness to practice medicine.

28 “(2) If an applicant establishes that the applicant is of good moral char-
29 acter and has qualifications which the board determines are the equivalent
30 of the qualifications required by subsection (1)(a) to (c) of this section, the

1 applicant satisfies the requirements of subsection (1) of this section.

2 “(3) An applicant for a license to practice medicine [*must make written*
3 *application*] **shall apply** to the board **in a manner** showing compliance with
4 this section, ORS 677.110, 677.120 and the rules of the board, and containing
5 [*such*] **any** further information as the rules of the board may require.

6 **“SECTION 9. (1) Section 5 of this 2025 Act and the amendments to**
7 **ORS 677.010 by section 7 of this 2025 Act become operative on January**
8 **1, 2026.**

9 **“(2) Section 6 of this 2025 Act and the amendments to ORS 677.100**
10 **by section 8 of this 2025 Act become operative on January 1, 2027.**

11 **“(3) The Oregon Medical Board may take any action before the op-**
12 **erative dates specified in subsections (1) and (2) of this section that is**
13 **necessary for the board to exercise, on and after the operative dates**
14 **specified in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, all of the duties,**
15 **functions and powers conferred on the board by sections 5 and 6 of this**
16 **2025 Act and the amendments to ORS 677.010 and 677.100 by sections 7**
17 **and 8 of this 2025 Act.”.**

18 In line 40, delete “9” and insert “10”.

19 On page 5, delete lines 2 through 38 and insert:

20 **“SECTION 11. No later than June 30, 2026, the Department of Hu-**
21 **man Services shall begin to award grants under the Internationally**
22 **Educated Workforce Reentry Grant Program established under section**
23 **10 of this 2025 Act.**

24 **“SECTION 12. Section 11 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2,**
25 **2027.**

26 **“SECTION 13. No later than September 1, 2028, the Department of**
27 **Human Services shall prepare and submit a report in the manner**
28 **provided in ORS 192.245 on the implementation and success of the**
29 **Internationally Educated Workforce Reentry Grant Program estab-**
30 **lished in section 10 of this 2025 Act, which may include recommen-**

1 dations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative
2 Assembly related to labor and business. The report submitted under
3 this section must include information regarding:

4 “(1) The total number of internationally educated professionals who
5 were served by the program;

6 “(2) The specific types of direct services provided to professionals,
7 including but not limited to the costs of providing the services and the
8 number of professionals who received the services;

9 “(3) The total amount of financial assistance provided to profes-
10 sionals;

11 “(4) The types of financial assistance that were provided to profes-
12 sionals; and

13 “(5) Any identified barriers that prevent internationally educated
14 professionals from participating in the Oregon workforce.

15 “SECTION 14. Section 13 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2,
16 2029.

17 “SECTION 15. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-
18 ation, there is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for
19 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the
20 amount of \$10,000,000 for the purpose of operating the Internationally
21 Educated Workforce Reentry Grant Program established in section 10
22 of this 2025 Act.

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“CAPTIONS

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26 “SECTION 16. The unit captions used in this 2025 Act are provided
27 only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the
28 statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the
29 enactment of this 2025 Act.

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“SECTION 17. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect July 1, 2025.”
