

Senate Bill 668

Sponsored by Senator SHIELDS; Senators GEORGE, MORRISETTE, C STARR (at the request of Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians)

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**.

Defines term "physician" for purposes of Oregon statutes. Prohibits public bodies from discriminating against physicians unless specific statute requires application of limited definition of term.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the definition of the term "physician."

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in the statute laws of this state, unless the context or a specif-**
5 **ically applicable definition requires otherwise, "physician" means a:**

6 **(a) Chiropractic physician licensed by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners;**

7 **(b) Naturopathic physician licensed by the Board of Naturopathic Examiners;**

8 **(c) Physician holding a degree of Doctor of Medicine licensed by the Board of Medical**
9 **Examiners;**

10 **(d) Physician holding a degree of Doctor of Osteopathy licensed by the Board of Medical**
11 **Examiners; or**

12 **(e) Podiatric physician and surgeon licensed by the Board of Medical Examiners.**

13 **(2) Public bodies may not discriminate against any classification of physician unless a**
14 **specifically applicable statute requires use of a limited definition of the term that results in**
15 **the exclusion of certain physicians who do not fall under the specifically applicable definition.**
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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.