

Use Of Titles Importing Health Care Profession (DOCTORS TITLE ACT)

676.100 Definitions for ORS 676.100 to 676.130. As used in ORS 676.100 to 676.130, unless the context requires otherwise, “person” means and includes any “clinic,” “institute,” “specialist” or any group or combination of persons.

676.110 Practitioner to designate particular business or profession. Any person practicing a health care profession who uses the title “doctor,” or any contraction thereof, “clinic,” “institute,” “specialist” or any other assumed or artificial name or title, in connection with the business or profession, on any written or printed matter, or in connection with any advertising, billboards, signs or professional notices, shall add after the name of the person, or after any such assumed or artificial names, one of the following respective designations in letters or print which shall be at least one-fourth the size of the largest letters used in the title or name, and in material, color, type or illumination to give display and legibility of at least one-fourth that of the title or name:

(1) In the case of a person practicing podiatry, the word “podiatrist” or the words “podiatric physician” or “podiatric physician and surgeon.”

(2) In the case of a person practicing chiropractic, the word “chiropractor” or the words “chiropractic physician.”

(3) In the case of a person practicing dentistry, the word “dentist” or “dentistry.”

(4) In the case of a person practicing naturopathic medicine, the word “naturopath” or the words “naturopathic physician.”

(5) In the case of a person practicing optometry, the word “optometrist” or the words “doctor of optometry” or “optometric physician.”

(6) In the case of a person licensed to practice medicine by the Board of Medical Examiners for the State of Oregon who holds the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy, or the equivalent, the word “osteopath” or the words “osteopathic physician” or “osteopathic physician and surgeon.”

(7) In the case of a person licensed to practice medicine by the Board of Medical Examiners for the State of Oregon who holds the degree of Doctor of Medicine, or the equivalent, the word “physician” or the word “surgeon” or the words “physician and surgeon.”

(8) In the case of a person practicing veterinary medicine, the word “veterinarian.”

(9) In the case of a person practicing acupuncture, the word “acupuncturist.” [Amended by 1967 c.470 §66; 1983 c.169 §29; 1983 c.486 §1a; 1983 c.769 §1; 1991 c.314 §4; 1995 c.765 §1]

676.120 Use of business or professional designation by unlicensed person prohibited; use of deceased licensee’s name. No person shall use any of the designations stated in ORS 676.110 (1) to (9), in connection with the name, business or profession of the person or in connection with an assumed or artificial name, or “clinic,” “institute” or “specialist,” unless the person is licensed under the laws of this state to practice the particular health care profession indicated by such designation, as stated in ORS 676.110. However, upon the death of any person duly licensed by any board empowered to license any practitioner of a health care profession, the executors of the estate or the heirs, assigns, associates or partners may retain the use of the decedent’s name, where it appears other than as a part of an assumed name, for no more than one year after the death of such person or until the estate is settled, whichever is sooner. [Amended by 1953 c.137 §2; 1983 c.769 §2; 1991 c.314 §5]

676.130 Enforcement of ORS 676.100 to 676.120. Each board licensing any of the health care professions, within this state, shall notify the appropriate district attorney of any violation of ORS 676.100 to 676.120 which may be brought to the attention of such board. The district attorney of the county in which any violation of those sections takes place shall prosecute the violation upon being informed of the violation by any person or by one of such boards. [Amended by 1983 c.769 §3]

676.140 [Repealed by 1967 c.470 §68]