

SENATE BILL NO. 117—COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE, LABOR AND ENERGY

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE)

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Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the licensure of certain physicians. (BDR 54-194)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to physicians; allowing a resident who is enrolled in a progressive postgraduate training program in the United States or Canada to be considered for a license to practice medicine after completing 24 months of the program and committing in writing to complete the program; requiring an applicant for a license to practice medicine to submit proof of satisfactory completion of a progressive postgraduate training program under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Existing law authorizes the Board of Medical Examiners to issue a license to  
2 practice medicine to any person who meets certain requirements. (NRS 630.160)  
3 **Section 1** of this bill revises the requirements that must be met before applying  
4 for a license to practice medicine to allow a resident who is enrolled in a  
5 progressive postgraduate training program in the United States or Canada and who  
6 has completed certain other existing requirements to be considered for a license  
7 after completing 24 months of the program and committing in writing to complete  
8 the program. **Section 2** of this bill requires such an applicant for a license to submit  
9 proof of satisfactory completion of the program within 60 days after the scheduled  
10 completion of the program.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1       **Section 1.** NRS 630.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2       630.160 1. Every person desiring to practice medicine must,  
3 before beginning to practice, procure from the Board a license  
4 authorizing the person to practice.  
5       2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 630.1605, 630.161  
6 and 630.258 to 630.266, inclusive, a license may be issued to any  
7 person who:  
8       (a) Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to  
9 remain and work in the United States;  
10       (b) Has received the degree of doctor of medicine from a  
11 medical school:  
12           (1) Approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical  
13 Education of the American Medical Association and Association of  
14 American Medical Colleges; or  
15           (2) Which provides a course of professional instruction  
16 equivalent to that provided in medical schools in the United States  
17 approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education;  
18       (c) Is currently certified by a specialty board of the American  
19 Board of Medical Specialties and who agrees to maintain the  
20 certification for the duration of the licensure, or has passed:  
21           (1) All parts of the examination given by the National Board  
22 of Medical Examiners;  
23           (2) All parts of the Federation Licensing Examination;  
24           (3) All parts of the United States Medical Licensing  
25 Examination;  
26           (4) All parts of a licensing examination given by any state or  
27 territory of the United States, if the applicant is certified by a  
28 specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties;  
29           (5) All parts of the examination to become a licentiate of the  
30 Medical Council of Canada; or  
31           (6) Any combination of the examinations specified in  
32 subparagraphs (1), (2) and (3) that the Board determines to be  
33 sufficient;  
34       (d) Is currently certified by a specialty board of the American  
35 Board of Medical Specialties in the specialty of emergency  
36 medicine, preventive medicine or family practice and who agrees to  
37 maintain certification in at least one of these specialties for the  
38 duration of the licensure, or:  
39           (1) Has completed 36 months of progressive postgraduate:  
40               (I) Education as a resident in the United States or Canada  
41 in a program approved by the Board, the Accreditation Council for



1 Graduate Medical Education or the Coordinating Council of  
2 Medical Education of the Canadian Medical Association; or

3 (II) Fellowship training in the United States or Canada  
4 approved by the Board or the Accreditation Council for Graduate  
5 Medical Education; ~~or~~

6 (2) Has completed at least 36 months of postgraduate  
7 education, not less than 24 months of which must have been  
8 completed as a resident after receiving a medical degree from a  
9 combined dental and medical degree program approved by the  
10 Board; ~~and~~ or

11 (3) *Is a resident who is enrolled in a progressive*  
12 *postgraduate training program in the United States or Canada*  
13 *approved by the Board, the Accreditation Council for Graduate*  
14 *Medical Education or the Coordinating Council of Medical*  
15 *Education of the Canadian Medical Association, has completed at*  
16 *least 24 months of the program and has committed, in writing, to*  
17 *the Board that he or she will complete the program; and*

18 (e) Passes a written or oral examination, or both, as to his or her  
19 qualifications to practice medicine and provides the Board with a  
20 description of the clinical program completed demonstrating that the  
21 applicant's clinical training met the requirements of paragraph (b).

22 3. The Board may issue a license to practice medicine after  
23 the Board verifies, through any readily available source, that the  
24 applicant has complied with the provisions of subsection 2. The  
25 verification may include, but is not limited to, using the Federation  
26 Credentials Verification Service. If any information is verified by a  
27 source other than the primary source of the information, the Board  
28 may require subsequent verification of the information by the  
29 primary source of the information.

30 4. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the  
31 contrary, if , after issuing a license to practice medicine , the Board  
32 obtains information from a primary or other source of information  
33 and that information differs from the information provided by the  
34 applicant or otherwise received by the Board, the Board may:

35 (a) Temporarily suspend the license;

36 (b) Promptly review the differing information with the Board as  
37 a whole or in a committee appointed by the Board;

38 (c) Declare the license void if the Board or a committee  
39 appointed by the Board determines that the information submitted  
40 by the applicant was false, fraudulent or intended to deceive the  
41 Board;

42 (d) Refer the applicant to the Attorney General for possible  
43 criminal prosecution pursuant to NRS 630.400; or



1 (e) If the Board temporarily suspends the license, allow the  
2 license to return to active status subject to any terms and conditions  
3 specified by the Board, including:

4 (1) Placing the licensee on probation for a specified period  
5 with specified conditions;

6 (2) Administering a public reprimand;

7 (3) Limiting the practice of the licensee;

8 (4) Suspending the license for a specified period or until  
9 further order of the Board;

10 (5) Requiring the licensee to participate in a program to  
11 correct alcohol or drug dependence or any other impairment;

12 (6) Requiring supervision of the practice of the licensee;

13 (7) Imposing an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000;

14 (8) Requiring the licensee to perform community service  
15 without compensation;

16 (9) Requiring the licensee to take a physical or mental  
17 examination or an examination testing his or her competence to  
18 practice medicine;

19 (10) Requiring the licensee to complete any training or  
20 educational requirements specified by the Board; and

21 (11) Requiring the licensee to submit a corrected application,  
22 including the payment of all appropriate fees and costs incident to  
23 submitting an application.

24 5. If the Board determines after reviewing the differing  
25 information to allow the license to remain in active status, the action  
26 of the Board is not a disciplinary action and must not be reported to  
27 any national database. If the Board determines after reviewing the  
28 differing information to declare the license void, its action shall be  
29 deemed a disciplinary action and shall be reportable to national  
30 databases.

31 **Sec. 2.** NRS 630.171 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 630.171 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 630.263, in  
33 addition to the other requirements for licensure, an applicant for a  
34 license to practice medicine shall cause to be submitted to the Board  
35 **[a], if applicable:**

36 1. A certificate of completion of progressive postgraduate  
37 training from the residency program where the applicant received  
38 training **[H]; and**

39 2. ***Proof of satisfactory completion of a progressive***  
40 ***postgraduate training program specified in subparagraph (3) of***  
41 ***paragraph (d) of subsection 2 of NRS 630.160 within 60 days after***  
42 ***the scheduled completion of the program.***

