

SENATE BILL NO. 350—SENATOR RAWSON

MARCH 17, 2003

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Authorizes dentist who holds a medical degree to identify himself by that degree under certain circumstances. (BDR 54-928)

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 dentists; authorizing a dentist licensed to practice dentistry in this state who holds a medical degree to identify himself by that degree under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1     **Section 1.** NRS 630.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     630.020 “Practice of medicine” means:  
3     1. To diagnose, treat, correct, prevent or prescribe for any  
4 human disease, ailment, injury, infirmity, deformity or other  
5 condition, physical or mental, by any means or instrumentality.  
6     2. To apply principles or techniques of medical science in the  
7 diagnosis or the prevention of any such conditions.  
8     3. To perform any of the acts described in subsections 1 and 2  
9 by using equipment that transfers information concerning the  
10 medical condition of the patient electronically, telephonically or by  
11 fiber optics.  
12     4. To offer, undertake, attempt to do or hold oneself out as able  
13 to do any of the acts described in subsections 1 and 2.  
14     5. To use in connection with a person’s name the words or  
15 letters “M.D.,” or any other title, word, letter or other designation  
16 intended to imply or designate him as a practitioner of medicine in



1 any of its branches, except in the manner authorized by NRS  
2 630A.220 ~~H~~ *or section 2 of this act.*

3 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 631 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
4 thereto a new section to read as follows:

5 *A dentist licensed pursuant to this chapter who holds a degree*  
6 *as a doctor of medicine and is not licensed as a physician pursuant*  
7 *to chapter 630 of NRS may identify himself as a doctor of*  
8 *medicine and use the letters "M.D." or any other appropriate*  
9 *abbreviation if the dentist clearly identifies himself as a*  
10 *practitioner of dentistry.*

11 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

