

Amendment No. 635

Assembly Amendment to Senate Bill No. 184 First Reprint	(BDR 54-25)
Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor	
Amends: Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes	

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of **green bold underlining** is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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S.B. No. 184—Revises provisions relating to the practice of medicine.
(BDR 54-25)



SENATE BILL NO. 184—SENATOR HARDY

MARCH 8, 2021

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the practice of medicine. (BDR 54-25)

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

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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 professions; ~~authorizing the Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine to issue a license to practice medicine or a license to practice osteopathic medicine, respectively, to certain persons;~~ providing that a person may be simultaneously licensed as a physician assistant by the ~~respective Boards;~~ **Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine;** providing for a fee for a simultaneous license; requiring the respective Boards to supply a list of physician assistants licensed by the respective Boards; revising the requirements governing licensure as a physician assistant; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law establishes requirements that govern the supervision of physician assistants
2 by: (1) allopathic physicians who engage in the practice of medicine pursuant to chapter 630
3 of NRS; and (2) osteopathic physicians who engage in the practice of osteopathic medicine
4 pursuant to chapter 633 of NRS. (NRS 630.271-630.2752, 633.432-633.469) ~~Existing law~~
5 ~~requires an applicant for a license to practice medicine or for a license to practice osteopathic~~
6 ~~medicine to satisfy various requirements, including educational requirements. (NRS 630.160,~~
7 ~~633.305, 633.311) Sections 2 and 24 of this bill authorize the Board of Medical Examiners~~
8 ~~and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine to issue a license to practice medicine or a~~
9 ~~license to practice osteopathic medicine, respectively, to a person who: (1) has received a~~
10 ~~doctorate degree from a medical school or a school of osteopathic medicine located in the~~
11 ~~United States or Canada and who has completed 2 years of postgraduate residency training; or~~
12 ~~(2) has received a doctorate degree from a medical school or a school of osteopathic medicine~~
13 ~~located outside of the United States and Canada and who has completed 3 years of~~
14 ~~postgraduate residency training. Section 13 of this bill exempts such an applicant for a license~~
15 ~~to practice medicine as an allopathic physician who is a graduate of a foreign medical school~~
16 ~~from a requirement that the graduate must have passed the examination given by the~~
17 ~~Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates. Sections 15 and 33 of this bill~~
18 ~~authorize the issuance of a special volunteer medical license to practice allopathic or~~
19 ~~osteopathic medicine to a physician who meets the requirements prescribed in section 2 or 24,~~
20 ~~as applicable. Sections 12, 31 and 32 of this bill make conforming changes by exempting~~

~~persons who meet the requirements of section 2 or 24 from the general requirements for licensure as an allopathic physician or osteopathic physician, as applicable.]~~

Existing law **also** authorizes an osteopathic physician to supervise a physician assistant in person, electronically, telephonically or by fiber optics. (NRS 633.469) **Section 19** of this bill removes the authority of the Board of Medical Examiners to adopt regulations relating to the supervision of a physician assistant electronically, telephonically or by fiber optics.

Sections 6 and 25 of this bill require a person who is applying for a license to practice as a physician assistant under chapter 630 or 633 of NRS and wishes to be simultaneously licensed as a physician assistant under both chapters 630 and 633 of NRS to: (1) indicate in his or her application that he or she wishes to hold a simultaneous license; (2) submit an application for a license to the Board of Medical Examiners under chapter 630 of NRS and to the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine under chapter 633 of NRS; and (3) pay the fee for the application and issuance of a simultaneous license as a physician assistant to both Boards.

Sections 7 and 26 of this bill require a person who is applying to renew a license to practice as a physician assistant under chapter 630 or 633 of NRS and wishes to be simultaneously licensed as a physician assistant under both chapters 630 and 633 of NRS to: (1) indicate in his or her application that he or she wishes to hold a simultaneous license; (2) submit an application to renew a license to practice as a physician assistant with the Board under which he or she is currently licensed and submit an application for a license to practice as a physician assistant to the Board under which he or she is not currently licensed; and (3) pay the fee for simultaneous registration of a physician assistant to both Boards. Existing law provides certain fees for a physician assistant. (NRS 630.268, 633.501) **Sections 16 and 44** of this bill provide that the fee that each Board charges for simultaneous registration is equal to half of the fee each Board would charge for registration for a person who is licensed by only one Board.

Sections 8 and 27 of this bill require a person who is licensed to practice as a physician assistant who is not applying for a renewal of his or her license and who wishes to be simultaneously licensed as a physician assistant under both chapters 630 and 633 of NRS to: (1) apply for a license to the Board under which he or she is not licensed; and (2) pay the fee for application and issuance of a simultaneous license as a physician assistant to both Boards. **Section 39** of this bill makes a conforming change to exempt a physician assistant from certain requirements governing the supervision of a physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 633 of NRS by an allopathic physician licensed pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS.

Sections 9 and 28 of this bill require the Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine to provide to the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine or the Board of Medical Examiners, respectively, a list of all physician assistants who are licensed by the respective Boards.

Existing law provides that the provisions governing allopathic physicians, physician assistants, medical assistants, perfusionists and practitioners of respiratory care and osteopathic medicine do not apply to certain persons and in certain circumstances. (NRS 630.047, 633.171) **Sections 11 and 30** of this bill provide that such provisions do not apply to: (1) the performance of medical services by a student enrolled in an educational program for a physician assistant which is accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc., as part of such a program; and (2) a physician assistant of any division or department of the United States in the discharge of his or her official duties.

Existing law authorizes a person holding a license as an allopathic or osteopathic physician, physician assistant, perfusionist or practitioner of respiratory care to place his or her license on inactive status. (NRS 630.255, 633.491) **Section 14** of this bill authorizes the Board of Medical Examiners to place any physician assistant who notifies the Board in writing on inactive status. **Sections 14 and 43** of this bill: (1) prohibit a physician assistant with a license on inactive status from practicing as a physician assistant; and (2) require the Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, respectively, to exempt a physician assistant with a license on inactive status from paying certain fees.

Existing law prescribes certain requirements relating to the renewal of a license to practice as a physician assistant. (NRS 630.275, 633.471) **Sections 19 and 42** of this bill prohibit the Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine from requiring a physician assistant to receive or maintain certification by the National Commission

79 on Certification of Physician Assistants to satisfy any continuing education requirements for
 80 the renewal of a license.

81 Existing law authorizes an applicant for the issuance of a license by endorsement to
 82 practice as a physician assistant to submit to the Board of Medical Examiners or the State
 83 Board of Osteopathic Medicine an application for such a license if the applicant satisfies
 84 certain requirements, including being certified in a specialty recognized by certain
 85 professional organizations. (NRS 630.2751, 630.2752, 633.4335, 633.4336) **Sections 20, 21,**
 86 **35 and 36** of this bill remove the requirement that an applicant for the issuance of a license by
 87 endorsement be certified in a specialty recognized by such organizations.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 630 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the
 2 provisions set forth as sections 2 to 10, inclusive, of this act.

3 **Sec. 2.** ~~1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 630.161, the Board may~~
 4 ~~issue a license to any person who:~~

5 ~~(a) Has received a degree of doctor of medicine from a medical school~~
 6 ~~approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the American~~
 7 ~~Medical Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges and has~~
 8 ~~completed 2 years of postgraduate residency training; or~~

9 ~~(b) Has received a degree of doctor of medicine from a medical school which~~
 10 ~~provides a course of professional instruction equivalent to that provided in~~
 11 ~~medical schools in the United States and is approved by the Liaison Committee~~
 12 ~~on Medical Education and has completed 3 years of postgraduate residency~~
 13 ~~training.~~

14 ~~2. The Board may issue a license to practice medicine after the Board~~
 15 ~~verifies, through any readily available source, that the applicant has complied~~
 16 ~~with the provisions of subsection 1. The verification may include, without~~
 17 ~~limitation, using the Federation Credentials Verification Service. If any~~
 18 ~~information is verified by a source other than the primary source of the~~
 19 ~~information, the Board may require subsequent verification of the information by~~
 20 ~~the primary source of the information.~~

21 ~~3. The provisions of subsections 4 and 5 of NRS 630.160 apply to a license~~
 22 ~~issued pursuant to this section.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

23 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)

24 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)

25 **Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)

26 **Sec. 6.** *A person applying for a license to practice as a physician assistant*
 27 *pursuant to the provisions of this chapter who wishes to hold a simultaneous*
 28 *license to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter*
 29 *633 of NRS must:*

30 *1. Indicate in the application that he or she wishes to hold a simultaneous*
 31 *license to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter*
 32 *633 of NRS;*

33 *2. Apply for a license to practice as a physician assistant to:*

34 *(a) The Board pursuant to this chapter; and*

35 *(b) The State Board of Osteopathic Medicine pursuant to chapter 633 of*
 36 *NRS; and*

37 *3. Pay all applicable fees, including, without limitation:*

38 *(a) The fee for application for and issuance of a simultaneous license as a*
 39 *physician assistant pursuant to NRS 630.268; and*

1 ***(b) The application and initial simultaneous license fee for a physician***
2 ***assistant pursuant to NRS 633.501.***

3 **Sec. 7. A person applying to renew a license to practice as a physician**
4 ***assistant pursuant to the provisions of this chapter who wishes to hold a***
5 ***simultaneous license to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to the***
6 ***provisions of chapter 633 of NRS must:***

7 ***1. Indicate in the application that he or she wishes to hold a simultaneous***
8 ***license to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter***
9 ***633 of NRS;***

10 ***2. Apply:***

11 ***(a) To renew a license to practice as a physician assistant to the Board***
12 ***pursuant to this chapter; and***

13 ***(b) For a license to practice as a physician assistant to the State Board of***
14 ***Osteopathic Medicine pursuant to chapter 633 of NRS; and***

15 ***3. Pay all applicable fees, including, without limitation:***

16 ***(a) The fee for biennial simultaneous registration of a physician assistant***
17 ***pursuant to NRS 630.268; and***

18 ***(b) The application and initial simultaneous license fee for a physician***
19 ***assistant pursuant to NRS 633.501.***

20 **Sec. 8. If a person licensed to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to**
21 ***the provisions of this chapter is not applying to renew his or her license and***
22 ***wishes to hold a simultaneous license to practice as a physician assistant***
23 ***pursuant to the provisions of chapter 633 of NRS, the person must:***

24 ***1. Apply for a license to practice as a physician assistant to the State Board***
25 ***of Osteopathic Medicine pursuant to chapter 633 of NRS; and***

26 ***2. Pay all applicable fees, including, without limitation:***

27 ***(a) The fee for biennial simultaneous registration of a physician assistant***
28 ***pursuant to NRS 630.268; and***

29 ***(b) The application and initial simultaneous license fee for a physician***
30 ***assistant pursuant to NRS 633.501.***

31 **Sec. 9. On or before the last day of each quarter, the Board shall provide to**
32 ***the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine a list of all physician assistants licensed***
33 ***by the Board.***

34 **Sec. 10.** (Deleted by amendment.)

35 **Sec. 11.** NRS 630.047 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 630.047 1. This chapter does not apply to:

37 **(a) A medical officer or perfusionist or practitioner of respiratory care of the**
38 **Armed Forces or a medical officer or perfusionist or practitioner of respiratory care**
39 **of any division or department of the United States in the discharge of his or her**
40 **official duties, including, without limitation, providing medical care in a hospital in**
41 **accordance with an agreement entered into pursuant to NRS 449.2455;**

42 **(b) Physicians who are called into this State, other than on a regular basis, for**
43 **consultation with or assistance to a physician licensed in this State, and who are**
44 **legally qualified to practice in the state where they reside;**

45 **(c) Physicians who are legally qualified to practice in the state where they**
46 **reside and come into this State on an irregular basis to:**

47 **(1) Obtain medical training approved by the Board from a physician who is**
48 **licensed in this State; or**

49 **(2) Provide medical instruction or training approved by the Board to**
50 **physicians licensed in this State;**

51 **(d) Physicians who are temporarily exempt from licensure pursuant to NRS**
52 **630.2665 and are practicing medicine within the scope of the exemption;**

1 (e) Any person permitted to practice any other healing art under this title who
2 does so within the scope of that authority, or healing by faith or Christian Science;

3 (f) The practice of respiratory care by a student as part of a program of study in
4 respiratory care that is approved by the Board, or is recognized by a national
5 organization which is approved by the Board to review such programs, if the
6 student is enrolled in the program and provides respiratory care only under the
7 supervision of a practitioner of respiratory care;

8 (g) The practice of respiratory care by a student who:

9 (1) Is enrolled in a clinical program of study in respiratory care which has
10 been approved by the Board;

11 (2) Is employed by a medical facility, as defined in NRS 449.0151; and

12 (3) Provides respiratory care to patients who are not in a critical medical
13 condition or, in an emergency, to patients who are in a critical medical condition
14 and a practitioner of respiratory care is not immediately available to provide that
15 care and the student is directed by a physician to provide respiratory care under the
16 supervision of the physician until a practitioner of respiratory care is available;

17 (h) The practice of respiratory care by a person on himself or herself or
18 gratuitous respiratory care provided to a friend or a member of a person's family if
19 the provider of the care does not represent himself or herself as a practitioner of
20 respiratory care;

21 (i) A person who is employed by a physician and provides respiratory care or
22 services as a perfusionist under the supervision of that physician;

23 (j) The maintenance of medical equipment for perfusion or respiratory care that
24 is not attached to a patient; ~~and~~

25 (k) A person who installs medical equipment for respiratory care that is used in
26 the home and gives instructions regarding the use of that equipment if the person is
27 trained to provide such services and is supervised by a provider of health care who
28 is acting within the authorized scope of his or her practice ~~and~~;

29 *(l) The performance of medical services by a student enrolled in an*
30 *educational program for a physician assistant which is accredited by the*
31 *Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc.,*
32 *or its successor organization, as part of such a program; and*

33 *(m) A physician assistant of any division or department of the United States*
34 *in the discharge of his or her official duties unless licensure by a state is required*
35 *by the division or department of the United States.*

36 2. This chapter does not repeal or affect any statute of Nevada regulating or
37 affecting any other healing art.

38 3. This chapter does not prohibit:

39 (a) Gratuitous services outside of a medical school or medical facility by a
40 person who is not a physician, perfusionist, physician assistant or practitioner of
41 respiratory care in cases of emergency.

42 (b) The domestic administration of family remedies.

43 **Sec. 12.** ~~[NRS 630.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

44 ~~630.160 1. Every person desiring to practice medicine must, before~~
45 ~~beginning to practice, procure from the Board a license authorizing the person to~~
46 ~~practice.~~

47 ~~2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 630.1605 to 630.161, inclusive, and~~
48 ~~630.258 to 630.2665, inclusive, and section 2 of this act, a license may be issued to~~
49 ~~any person who:~~

50 ~~(a) Has received the degree of doctor of medicine from a medical school;~~

51 ~~(1) Approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the~~
52 ~~American Medical Association and Association of American Medical Colleges; or~~

~~(2) Which provides a course of professional instruction equivalent to that provided in medical schools in the United States approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education;~~

~~(b) Is currently certified by a specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties and who agrees to maintain the certification for the duration of the licensure, or has passed;~~

~~(1) All parts of the examination given by the National Board of Medical Examiners;~~

~~(2) All parts of the Federation Licensing Examination;~~

~~(3) All parts of the United States Medical Licensing Examination;~~

~~(4) All parts of a licensing examination given by any state or territory of the United States, if the applicant is certified by a specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties;~~

~~(5) All parts of the examination to become a licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada; or~~

~~(6) Any combination of the examinations specified in subparagraphs (1), (2) and (3) that the Board determines to be sufficient;~~

~~(c) Is currently certified by a specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties in the specialty of emergency medicine, preventive medicine or family medicine and who agrees to maintain certification in at least one of these specialties for the duration of the licensure, or:~~

~~(1) Has completed 36 months of progressive postgraduate:~~

~~(I) Education as a resident in the United States or Canada in a program approved by the Board, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the Collège des médecins du Québec or the College of Family Physicians of Canada, or, as applicable, their successor organizations; or~~

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

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

~~(3) Is a resident who is enrolled in a progressive postgraduate training program in the United States or Canada approved by the Board, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the Collège des médecins du Québec or the College of Family Physicians of Canada, or, as applicable, their successor organizations, has completed at least 24 months of the program and has committed, in writing, to the Board that he or she will complete the program; and~~

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

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

~~4. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, if, after issuing a license to practice medicine, the Board obtains information from a primary or other source of information and that information differs from the~~

1 ~~information provided by the applicant or otherwise received by the Board, the~~
2 ~~Board may:~~

3 ~~— (a) Temporarily suspend the license;~~

4 ~~— (b) Promptly review the differing information with the Board as a whole or in a~~
5 ~~committee appointed by the Board;~~

6 ~~— (c) Declare the license void if the Board or a committee appointed by the~~
7 ~~Board determines that the information submitted by the applicant was false,~~
8 ~~fraudulent or intended to deceive the Board;~~

9 ~~— (d) Refer the applicant to the Attorney General for possible criminal~~
10 ~~prosecution pursuant to NRS 630.400; or~~

11 ~~— (e) If the Board temporarily suspends the license, allow the license to return to~~
12 ~~active status subject to any terms and conditions specified by the Board, including:~~

13 ~~— (1) Placing the licensee on probation for a specified period with specified~~
14 ~~conditions;~~

15 ~~— (2) Administering a public reprimand;~~

16 ~~— (3) Limiting the practice of the licensee;~~

17 ~~— (4) Suspending the license for a specified period or until further order of~~
18 ~~the Board;~~

19 ~~— (5) Requiring the licensee to participate in a program to correct an alcohol~~
20 ~~or other substance use disorder;~~

21 ~~— (6) Requiring supervision of the practice of the licensee;~~

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

23 ~~— (8) Requiring the licensee to perform community service without~~
24 ~~compensation;~~

25 ~~— (9) Requiring the licensee to take a physical or mental examination or an~~
26 ~~examination testing his or her competence to practice medicine;~~

27 ~~— (10) Requiring the licensee to complete any training or educational~~
28 ~~requirements specified by the Board; and~~

29 ~~— (11) Requiring the licensee to submit a corrected application, including the~~
30 ~~payment of all appropriate fees and costs incident to submitting an application.~~

31 ~~— 5. If the Board determines after reviewing the differing information to allow~~
32 ~~the license to remain in active status, the action of the Board is not a disciplinary~~
33 ~~action and must not be reported to any national database. If the Board determines~~
34 ~~after reviewing the differing information to declare the license void, its action shall~~
35 ~~be deemed a disciplinary action and shall be reportable to national databases.]~~

36 ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

37 **Sec. 13.** ~~[NRS 630.195 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

38 ~~— 630.195 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 630.1606 and 630.1607 [,]~~
39 ~~and section 2 of this act, in addition to the other requirements for licensure, an~~
40 ~~applicant for a license to practice medicine who is a graduate of a foreign medical~~
41 ~~school shall submit to the Board proof that the applicant has received:~~

42 ~~— (a) The degree of doctor of medicine or its equivalent, as determined by the~~
43 ~~Board; and~~

44 ~~— (b) The standard certificate of the Educational Commission for Foreign~~
45 ~~Medical Graduates or a written statement from that Commission that the applicant~~
46 ~~passed the examination given by the Commission.~~

47 ~~— 2. The proof of the degree of doctor of medicine or its equivalent must be~~
48 ~~submitted directly to the Board by the medical school that granted the degree. If~~
49 ~~proof of the degree is unavailable from the medical school that granted the degree,~~
50 ~~the Board may accept proof from any other source specified by the Board.]~~

51 ~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

1 **Sec. 14.** NRS 630.255 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 630.255 1. Any licensee who changes the location of his or her practice of
3 medicine from this State to another state or country, has never engaged in the
4 practice of medicine in this State after licensure or has ceased to engage in the
5 practice of medicine in this State for 12 consecutive months may be placed on
6 inactive status by order of the Board. *Any physician assistant who notifies the*
7 *Board of his or her desire to be placed on inactive status in writing on a form*
8 *prescribed by the Board may be placed on inactive status by order of the Board.*

9 2. Each inactive licensee shall maintain a permanent mailing address with the
10 Board to which all communications from the Board to the licensee must be sent. An
11 inactive licensee who changes his or her permanent mailing address shall notify the
12 Board in writing of the new permanent mailing address within 30 days after the
13 change. If an inactive licensee fails to notify the Board in writing of a change in his
14 or her permanent mailing address within 30 days after the change, the Board may
15 impose upon the licensee a fine not to exceed \$250.

16 3. In addition to the requirements of subsection 2, any licensee who changes
17 the location of his or her practice of medicine from this State to another state or
18 country shall maintain an electronic mail address with the Board to which all
19 communications from the Board to him or her may be sent.

20 4. *An inactive physician assistant shall not practice as a physician assistant.*
21 *The Board shall consider an inactive physician assistant who practices as a*
22 *physician assistant to be practicing without a license. Such practice constitutes*
23 *grounds for disciplinary action against the physician assistant in accordance with*
24 *the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to NRS 630.275.*

25 5. *The Board shall exempt an inactive physician assistant from paying the*
26 *applicable fee for biennial registration prescribed by NRS 630.268.*

27 6. Before resuming the practice of medicine *or practice as a physician*
28 *assistant* in this State, the inactive licensee must:

29 (a) Notify the Board in writing of his or her intent to resume the practice of
30 medicine *or practice as a physician assistant, as applicable*, in this State;

31 (b) File an affidavit with the Board describing the activities of the licensee
32 during the period of inactive status;

33 (c) Complete the form for registration for active status;

34 (d) Pay the applicable fee for biennial registration; and

35 (e) Satisfy the Board of his or her competence to practice medicine ~~+~~

36 ~~— 5.1~~ *or practice as a physician assistant, as applicable.*

37 7. If the Board determines that the conduct or competence of the licensee
38 during the period of inactive status would have warranted denial of an application
39 for a license to practice medicine *or practice as a physician assistant* in this State,
40 the Board may refuse to place the licensee on active status.

41 **Sec. 15.** ~~[NRS 630.258 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

42 ~~— 630.258 1. A physician who is retired from active practice and who~~

43 ~~— (a) Wishes to donate his or her expertise for the medical care and treatment of~~
44 ~~persons in this State who are indigent, uninsured or unable to afford health care; or~~

45 ~~— (b) Wishes to provide services for any disaster relief operations conducted by a~~
46 ~~governmental entity or nonprofit organization,~~

47 ~~— may obtain a special volunteer medical license by submitting an application to~~
48 ~~the Board pursuant to this section.~~

49 ~~— 2. An application for a special volunteer medical license must be on a form~~
50 ~~provided by the Board and must include:~~

51 ~~— (a) Documentation of the history of medical practice of the physician;~~

~~1 (b) Proof that the physician previously has been issued an unrestricted license
2 to practice medicine in any state of the United States and that the physician has
3 never been the subject of disciplinary action by a medical board in any jurisdiction;~~

~~4 (c) Proof that the physician satisfies the requirements for licensure set forth in
5 NRS 630.160 or section 2 of this act, as applicable, or the requirements for
6 licensure by endorsement set forth in NRS 630.1605, 630.1606 or 630.1607;~~

~~7 (d) Acknowledgment that the practice of the physician under the special
8 volunteer medical license will be exclusively devoted to providing medical care;~~

~~9 (1) To persons in this State who are indigent, uninsured or unable to afford
10 health care; or~~

~~11 (2) As part of any disaster relief operations conducted by a governmental
12 entity or nonprofit organization; and~~

~~13 (e) Acknowledgment that the physician will not receive any payment or
14 compensation, either direct or indirect, or have the expectation of any payment or
15 compensation, for providing medical care under the special volunteer medical
16 license, except for payment by a medical facility at which the physician provides
17 volunteer medical services of the expenses of the physician for necessary travel,
18 continuing education, malpractice insurance or fees of the State Board of
19 Pharmacy;~~

~~20 3. If the Board finds that the application of a physician satisfies the
21 requirements of subsection 2 and that the retired physician is competent to practice
22 medicine, the Board must issue a special volunteer medical license to the physician.~~

~~23 4. The initial special volunteer medical license issued pursuant to this section
24 expires 1 year after the date of issuance. The license may be renewed pursuant to
25 this section, and any license that is renewed expires 2 years after the date of
26 issuance of the renewed license.~~

~~27 5. The Board shall not charge a fee for:~~

~~28 (a) The review of an application for a special volunteer medical license; or~~

~~29 (b) The issuance or renewal of a special volunteer medical license pursuant to
30 this section.~~

~~31 6. A physician who is issued a special volunteer medical license pursuant to
32 this section and who accepts the privilege of practicing medicine in this State
33 pursuant to the provisions of the special volunteer medical license is subject to all
34 the provisions governing disciplinary action set forth in this chapter.~~

~~35 7. A physician who is issued a special volunteer medical license pursuant to
36 this section shall comply with the requirements for continuing education adopted by
37 the Board.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

Sec. 16. NRS 630.268 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.268 1. The Board shall charge and collect not more than the following fees:

For application for and issuance of a license to practice as a physician, including a license by endorsement	\$600
For application for and issuance of a temporary, locum tenens, limited, restricted, authorized facility, special, special purpose or special event license.....	400
For renewal of a limited, restricted, authorized facility or special license	400
For application for and issuance of a license as a physician assistant, including a license by endorsement.....	400
<i>For application for and issuance of a simultaneous license as a physician assistant.....</i>	<i>200</i>
For biennial registration of a physician assistant	800

For biennial simultaneous registration of a physician assistant..... 400

For biennial registration of a physician..... 800

For application for and issuance of a license as a perfusionist or practitioner of respiratory care 400

For biennial renewal of a license as a perfusionist..... 600

For biennial registration of a practitioner of respiratory care..... 600

For biennial registration for a physician who is on inactive status..... 400

For written verification of licensure..... 50

For a duplicate identification card..... 25

For a duplicate license 50

For computer printouts or labels 500

For verification of a listing of physicians, per hour 20

For furnishing a list of new physicians 100

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5, in addition to the fees prescribed in subsection 1, the Board shall charge and collect necessary and reasonable fees for the expedited processing of a request or for any other incidental service the Board provides.

3. The cost of any special meeting called at the request of a licensee, an institution, an organization, a state agency or an applicant for licensure must be paid for by the person or entity requesting the special meeting. Such a special meeting must not be called until the person or entity requesting it has paid a cash deposit with the Board sufficient to defray all expenses of the meeting.

4. If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to:

(a) NRS 630.1607, and the applicant is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license. As used in this paragraph, “veteran” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

(b) NRS 630.2752, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.

5. If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to NRS 630.1606 or 630.2751, as applicable, the Board shall charge and collect not more than the fee specified in subsection 1 for the application for and initial issuance of a license.

Sec. 17. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 18. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 19. NRS 630.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.275 The Board shall adopt regulations regarding the licensure of a physician assistant, including, but not limited to:

1. The educational and other qualifications of applicants.
2. The required academic program for applicants.
3. The procedures for applications for and the issuance of licenses.
4. The procedures deemed necessary by the Board for applications for and the initial issuance of licenses by endorsement pursuant to NRS 630.2751 or 630.2752.
5. The tests or examinations of applicants *required* by the Board.
6. The medical services which a physician assistant may perform, except that a physician assistant may not perform those specific functions and duties delegated or restricted by law to persons licensed as dentists, chiropractors, podiatric

1 physicians and optometrists under chapters 631, 634, 635 and 636, respectively, of
2 NRS, or as hearing aid specialists.

3 7. The duration, renewal and termination of licenses, including licenses by
4 endorsement. *The Board shall not require a physician assistant to receive or*
5 *maintain certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician*
6 *Assistants, or its successor organization, or by any other nationally recognized*
7 *organization for the accreditation of physician assistants to satisfy any*
8 *continuing education requirements for the renewal of licenses.*

9 8. The grounds and procedures respecting disciplinary actions against
10 physician assistants.

11 9. The supervision of medical services of a physician assistant by a
12 supervising physician . ~~[including, without limitation, supervision that is~~
13 ~~performed electronically, telephonically or by fiber optics from within or outside~~
14 ~~this State or the United States.]~~

15 10. A physician assistant's use of equipment that transfers information
16 concerning the medical condition of a patient in this State electronically,
17 telephonically or by fiber optics, including, without limitation, through telehealth,
18 from within or outside this State or the United States.

19 **Sec. 20.** NRS 630.2751 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 630.2751 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice as a
21 physician assistant to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this
22 section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if
23 the applicant ~~is~~

24 ~~—(a) Holds]~~ **holds** a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice as a
25 physician assistant in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United
26 States . ~~is; and~~

27 ~~—(b) Is certified in a specialty recognized by the American Board of Medical~~
28 ~~Specialties.]~~

29 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must
30 submit to the Board with his or her application:

31 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

32 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

33 (2) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
34 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or any state or territory in which
35 the applicant currently holds or has held a license to practice as a physician
36 assistant; and

37 (3) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
38 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

39 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board
40 to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 630.167;

41 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
42 any accompanying material is true and correct; and

43 (d) Any other information required by the Board.

44 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license
45 by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to this section, the
46 Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information
47 required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the
48 application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a
49 license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant to the applicant not later
50 than:

51 (a) Forty-five days after receiving the application; or

52 (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background
53 based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

1 ↳ whichever occurs later.

2 4. A license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant may be issued
3 at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President and Executive
4 Director of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5 **Sec. 21.** NRS 630.2752 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 630.2752 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice as a
7 physician assistant to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this
8 section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if
9 the applicant:

10 (a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice as a
11 physician assistant in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United
12 States; **and**

13 (b) ~~Is certified in a specialty recognized by the American Board of Medical~~
14 ~~Specialties; and~~

15 ~~—(e)~~ Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed
16 Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

17 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must
18 submit to the Board with his or her application:

19 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

20 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

21 (2) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
22 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the
23 applicant holds a license to practice as a physician assistant; and

24 (3) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
25 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

26 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board
27 to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 630.167;

28 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
29 any accompanying material is true and correct; and

30 (d) Any other information required by the Board.

31 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license
32 by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to this section, the
33 Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information
34 required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the
35 application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a
36 license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant to the applicant not later
37 than:

38 (a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by the
39 Board to complete the application; or

40 (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background
41 based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

42 ↳ whichever occurs later.

43 4. A license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant may be issued
44 at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President and Executive
45 Director of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

46 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
47 by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional license
48 authorizing an applicant to practice as a physician assistant in accordance with
49 regulations adopted by the Board.

50 6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
51 417.005.

52 **Sec. 22.** (Deleted by amendment.)

1 **Sec. 23.** Chapter 633 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the
2 provisions set forth as sections 24 to 29, inclusive, of this act.

3 **Sec. 24.** ~~1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 633.315, the Board may~~
4 ~~issue a license to any person who:~~

5 ~~— (a) Has received a degree of doctor of medicine from a school of osteopathic~~
6 ~~medicine located in the United States or Canada and has completed 2 years of~~
7 ~~postgraduate residency training; or~~

8 ~~— (b) Has received a degree of doctor of medicine from a school of osteopathic~~
9 ~~medicine located outside of the United States and Canada and has completed 3~~
10 ~~years of postgraduate residency training.~~

11 ~~2. The applicant for a license shall submit verified proof satisfactory to the~~
12 ~~Board that the applicant meets the requirements of subsection 1.~~ **(Deleted by**
13 **amendment.)**

14 **Sec. 25.** *A person applying for a license to practice as a physician assistant*
15 *pursuant to the provisions of this chapter who wishes to hold a simultaneous*
16 *license to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter*
17 *630 of NRS must:*

18 1. *Indicate in the application that he or she wishes to hold a simultaneous*
19 *license to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter*
20 *630 of NRS;*

21 2. *Apply for a license to practice as a physician assistant to:*

22 (a) *The Board pursuant to this chapter; and*

23 (b) *The Board of Medical Examiners pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS; and*

24 3. *Pay all applicable fees, including, without limitation:*

25 (a) *The application and initial simultaneous license fee for a physician*
26 *assistant pursuant to NRS 633.501; and*

27 (b) *The fee for application for and issuance of a simultaneous license as a*
28 *physician assistant pursuant to NRS 630.268.*

29 **Sec. 26.** *A person applying to renew a license to practice as a physician*
30 *assistant pursuant to the provisions of this chapter who wishes to hold a*
31 *simultaneous license to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to the*
32 *provisions of chapter 630 of NRS must:*

33 1. *Indicate in the application that he or she wishes to hold a simultaneous*
34 *license to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter*
35 *630 of NRS;*

36 2. *Apply:*

37 (a) *To renew a license to practice as a physician assistant to the Board*
38 *pursuant to this chapter; and*

39 (b) *For a license to practice as a physician assistant to the Board of Medical*
40 *Examiners pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS; and*

41 3. *Pay all applicable fees, including, without limitation:*

42 (a) *The annual simultaneous registration fee for a physician assistant*
43 *pursuant to NRS 633.501; and*

44 (b) *The fee for application for and issuance of a simultaneous license as a*
45 *physician assistant pursuant to NRS 630.268.*

46 **Sec. 27.** *If a person licensed to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to*
47 *the provisions of this chapter is not applying to renew his or her license and*
48 *wishes to hold a simultaneous license to practice as a physician assistant*
49 *pursuant to the provisions of chapter 630 of NRS, the person must:*

50 1. *Apply for a license to practice as a physician assistant to the Board of*
51 *Medical Examiners pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS; and*

52 2. *Pay all applicable fees, including, without limitation:*

1 (a) *The annual simultaneous registration fee for a physician assistant*
2 *pursuant to NRS 633.501; and*

3 (b) *The fee for application for and issuance of a simultaneous license as a*
4 *physician assistant pursuant to NRS 630.268.*

5 **Sec. 28.** *On or before the last day of each quarter, the Board shall provide*
6 *to the Board of Medical Examiners a list of all physician assistants licensed by*
7 *the Board.*

8 **Sec. 29.** (Deleted by amendment.)

9 **Sec. 30.** NRS 633.171 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 633.171 1. This chapter does not apply to:

11 (a) The practice of medicine or perfusion pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS,
12 dentistry, chiropractic, podiatry, optometry, respiratory care, faith or Christian
13 Science healing, nursing, veterinary medicine or fitting hearing aids.

14 (b) A medical officer of the Armed Forces or a medical officer of any division
15 or department of the United States in the discharge of his or her official duties,
16 including, without limitation, providing medical care in a hospital in accordance
17 with an agreement entered into pursuant to NRS 449.2455.

18 (c) Osteopathic physicians who are called into this State, other than on a
19 regular basis, for consultation or assistance to a physician licensed in this State, and
20 who are legally qualified to practice in the state where they reside.

21 (d) Osteopathic physicians who are temporarily exempt from licensure
22 pursuant to NRS 633.420 and are practicing osteopathic medicine within the scope
23 of the exemption.

24 (e) *The performance of medical services by a student enrolled in an*
25 *educational program for a physician assistant which is accredited by the*
26 *Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc.,*
27 *or its successor organization, as part of such a program.*

28 (f) *A physician assistant of any division or department of the United States in*
29 *the discharge of his or her official duties unless licensure by a state is required by*
30 *the division or department of the United States.*

31 2. This chapter does not repeal or affect any law of this State regulating or
32 affecting any other healing art.

33 3. This chapter does not prohibit:

34 (a) Gratuitous services of a person in cases of emergency.

35 (b) The domestic administration of family remedies.

36 **Sec. 31.** ~~[NRS 633.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

37 ~~633.305 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 633.399, 633.400, 633.4335~~
38 ~~and 633.4336 [.] and section 24 of this act:~~

39 ~~1. Every applicant for a license shall:~~

40 ~~(a) File an application with the Board in the manner prescribed by regulations~~
41 ~~of the Board;~~

42 ~~(b) Submit verified proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant meets any~~
43 ~~age, citizenship and educational requirements prescribed by this chapter; and~~

44 ~~(c) Pay in advance to the Board the application and initial license fee specified~~
45 ~~in NRS 633.501.~~

46 ~~2. An application filed with the Board pursuant to subsection 1 must include~~
47 ~~all information required to complete the application.~~

48 ~~3. The Board may hold hearings and conduct investigations into any matter~~
49 ~~related to the application and, in addition to the proofs required by subsection 1,~~
50 ~~may take such further evidence and require such other documents or proof of~~
51 ~~qualifications as it deems proper.~~

~~4. The Board may reject an application if the Board has cause to believe that any credential or information submitted by the applicant is false, misleading, deceptive or fraudulent. (Deleted by amendment.)~~

Sec. 32. ~~[NRS 633.311 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

~~633.311 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 633.315 and 633.381 to 633.419, inclusive, and section 24 of this act, an applicant for a license to practice osteopathic medicine may be issued a license by the Board if:~~

- ~~(a) The applicant is 21 years of age or older;~~
- ~~(b) The applicant is a graduate of a school of osteopathic medicine;~~
- ~~(c) The applicant:~~
 - ~~(1) Has graduated from a school of osteopathic medicine before 1995 and has completed:~~

- ~~(I) A hospital internship; or~~
- ~~(II) One year of postgraduate training that complies with the standards of intern training established by the American Osteopathic Association;~~

~~(2) Has completed 3 years, or such other length of time as required by a specific program, of postgraduate medical education as a resident in the United States or Canada in a program approved by the Board, the Bureau of Professional Education of the American Osteopathic Association or the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; or~~

~~(3) Is a resident who is enrolled in a postgraduate training program in this State, has completed 24 months of the program and has committed, in writing, that he or she will complete the program;~~

- ~~(d) The applicant applies for the license as provided by law;~~
- ~~(e) The applicant passes:~~

~~(1) All parts of the licensing examination of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners;~~

~~(2) All parts of the licensing examination of the Federation of State Medical Boards;~~

~~(3) All parts of the licensing examination of the Board, a state, territory or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, and is certified by a specialty board of the American Osteopathic Association or by the American Board of Medical Specialties; or~~

~~(4) A combination of the parts of the licensing examinations specified in subparagraphs (1), (2) and (3) that is approved by the Board;~~

- ~~(f) The applicant pays the fees provided for in this chapter; and~~
- ~~(g) The applicant submits all information required to complete an application for a license.~~

~~2. An applicant for a license to practice osteopathic medicine may satisfy the requirements for postgraduate education or training prescribed by paragraph (e) of subsection 1:~~

~~(a) In one or more approved postgraduate programs, which may be conducted at one or more facilities in this State or, except for a resident who is enrolled in a postgraduate training program in this State pursuant to subparagraph (3) of paragraph (e) of subsection 1, in the District of Columbia or another state or territory of the United States;~~

- ~~(b) In one or more approved specialties or disciplines;~~
- ~~(c) In nonconsecutive months; and~~
- ~~(d) At any time before receiving his or her license.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

Sec. 33. ~~[NRS 633.416 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

~~633.416 1. An osteopathic physician who is retired from active practice and who:~~

~~1 (a) Wishes to donate his or her expertise for the medical care and treatment of
2 persons in this State who are indigent, uninsured or unable to afford health care; or~~

~~3 (b) Wishes to provide services for any disaster relief operations conducted by a
4 governmental entity or nonprofit organization;~~

~~5 may obtain a special volunteer license to practice osteopathic medicine by
6 submitting an application to the Board pursuant to this section.~~

~~7 2. An application for a special volunteer license to practice osteopathic
8 medicine must be on a form provided by the Board and must include:~~

~~9 (a) Documentation of the history of medical practice of the osteopathic
10 physician;~~

~~11 (b) Proof that the osteopathic physician previously has been issued an
12 unrestricted license to practice osteopathic medicine in any state of the United
13 States and that the osteopathic physician has never been the subject of disciplinary
14 action by a medical board in any jurisdiction;~~

~~15 (c) Proof that the osteopathic physician satisfies the requirements for licensure
16 set forth in NRS 633.311 or section 24 of this act, as applicable, or the
17 requirements for licensure by endorsement set forth in NRS 633.399 or 633.400;~~

~~18 (d) Acknowledgment that the practice of the osteopathic physician under the
19 special volunteer license to practice osteopathic medicine will be exclusively
20 devoted to providing medical care;~~

~~21 (1) To persons in this State who are indigent, uninsured or unable to afford
22 health care; or~~

~~23 (2) As part of any disaster relief operations conducted by a governmental
24 entity or nonprofit organization; and~~

~~25 (e) Acknowledgment that the osteopathic physician will not receive any
26 payment or compensation, either direct or indirect, or have the expectation of any
27 payment or compensation, for providing medical care under the special volunteer
28 license to practice osteopathic medicine, except for payment by a medical facility at
29 which the osteopathic physician provides volunteer medical services of the
30 expenses of the osteopathic physician for necessary travel, continuing education,
31 malpractice insurance or fees of the State Board of Pharmacy.~~

~~32 3. If the Board finds that the application of an osteopathic physician satisfies
33 the requirements of subsection 2 and that the retired osteopathic physician is
34 competent to practice osteopathic medicine, the Board shall issue a special
35 volunteer license to practice osteopathic medicine to the osteopathic physician.~~

~~36 4. The initial special volunteer license to practice osteopathic medicine issued
37 pursuant to this section expires 1 year after the date of issuance. The license may be
38 renewed pursuant to this section, and any license that is renewed expires 2 years
39 after the date of issuance.~~

~~40 5. The Board shall not charge a fee for:~~

~~41 (a) The review of an application for a special volunteer license to practice
42 osteopathic medicine; or~~

~~43 (b) The issuance or renewal of a special volunteer license to practice
44 osteopathic medicine pursuant to this section.~~

~~45 6. An osteopathic physician who is issued a special volunteer license to
46 practice osteopathic medicine pursuant to this section and who accepts the privilege
47 of practicing osteopathic medicine in this State pursuant to the provisions of the
48 special volunteer license to practice osteopathic medicine is subject to all the
49 provisions governing disciplinary action set forth in this chapter.~~

~~50 7. An osteopathic physician who is issued a special volunteer license to
51 practice osteopathic medicine pursuant to this section shall comply with the
52 requirements for continuing education adopted by the Board.] (Deleted by
53 amendment.)~~

1 **Sec. 34.** (Deleted by amendment.)

2 **Sec. 35.** NRS 633.4335 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 633.4335 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice as a
4 physician assistant to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this
5 section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if
6 the applicant ~~f;~~

7 ~~—(a) Holds~~ **holds** a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice as a
8 physician assistant in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United
9 States. ~~f; and~~

10 ~~—(b) Is certified in a specialty recognized by the American Board of Medical
11 Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association.]~~

12 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must
13 submit to the Board with his or her application:

14 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

15 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

16 (2) Has not been disciplined and is not currently under investigation by the
17 corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or any state or
18 territory in which the applicant currently holds or has held a license to practice as a
19 physician assistant; and

20 (3) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
21 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

22 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board
23 to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 633.309;

24 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
25 any accompanying material is true and correct;

26 (d) The application and initial license fee specified in this chapter; and

27 (e) Any other information required by the Board.

28 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license
29 by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to this section, the
30 Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information
31 required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the
32 application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a
33 license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant to the applicant not later
34 than:

35 (a) Forty-five days after receiving the application; or

36 (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background
37 based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

38 ↳ whichever occurs later.

39 4. A license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant may be issued
40 at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President and Executive
41 Director of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

42 **Sec. 36.** NRS 633.4336 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 633.4336 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice as a
44 physician assistant to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this
45 section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if
46 the applicant:

47 (a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice as a
48 physician assistant in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United
49 States; **and**

50 (b) ~~Is certified in a specialty recognized by the American Board of Medical
51 Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association; and~~

52 ~~—(c) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed
53 Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.~~

1 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must
2 submit to the Board with his or her application:

3 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

4 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

5 (2) Has not been disciplined and is not currently under investigation by the
6 corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or
7 territory in which the applicant holds a license to practice as a physician assistant;
8 and

9 (3) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
10 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

11 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board
12 to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 633.309;

13 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
14 any accompanying material is true and correct;

15 (d) The application and initial license fee specified in this chapter; and

16 (e) Any other information required by the Board.

17 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license
18 by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to this section, the
19 Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information
20 required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the
21 application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a
22 license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant to the applicant not later
23 than:

24 (a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by the
25 Board to complete the application; or

26 (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background
27 based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,
28 ↳ whichever occurs later.

29 4. A license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant may be issued
30 at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President and Executive
31 Director of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

32 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
33 by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional license
34 authorizing an applicant to practice as a physician assistant in accordance with
35 regulations adopted by the Board.

36 6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
37 417.005.

38 **Sec. 37.** (Deleted by amendment.)

39 **Sec. 38.** (Deleted by amendment.)

40 **Sec. 39.** NRS 633.466 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 633.466 1. A physician assistant *who does not hold a simultaneous license*
42 *to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter 630 of*
43 *NRS* may be supervised by a physician licensed to practice medicine in this State
44 pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS in place of his or her supervising osteopathic
45 physician if:

46 (a) The physician assistant works in a geographical area where the physician
47 assistant can be conveniently supervised only by such a physician; and

48 (b) The supervising osteopathic physician and the physician licensed pursuant
49 to chapter 630 of NRS agree to the arrangement.

50 2. A physician assistant so supervised is not a physician assistant for the
51 purposes of chapter 630 of NRS solely because of that supervision.

1 3. The State Board of Osteopathic Medicine shall adopt jointly with the Board
2 of Medical Examiners regulations necessary to administer the provisions of this
3 section.

4 **Sec. 40.** (Deleted by amendment.)

5 **Sec. 41.** (Deleted by amendment.)

6 **Sec. 42.** NRS 633.471 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 633.471 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 10 and NRS
8 633.491, every holder of a license , *except a physician assistant*, issued under this
9 chapter, except a temporary or a special license, may renew the license on or before
10 January 1 of each calendar year after its issuance by:

11 (a) Applying for renewal on forms provided by the Board;

12 (b) Paying the annual license renewal fee specified in this chapter;

13 (c) Submitting a list of all actions filed or claims submitted to arbitration or
14 mediation for malpractice or negligence against the holder during the previous year;
15 (d) ~~[Submitting]~~ *Subject to subsection 11, submitting* evidence to the Board
16 that in the year preceding the application for renewal the holder has attended
17 courses or programs of continuing education approved by the Board in accordance
18 with regulations adopted by the Board totaling a number of hours established by the
19 Board which must not be less than 35 hours nor more than that set in the
20 requirements for continuing medical education of the American Osteopathic
21 Association; and

22 (e) Submitting all information required to complete the renewal.

23 2. The Secretary of the Board shall notify each licensee of the requirements
24 for renewal not less than 30 days before the date of renewal.

25 3. The Board shall request submission of verified evidence of completion of
26 the required number of hours of continuing medical education annually from no
27 fewer than one-third of the applicants for renewal of a license to practice
28 osteopathic medicine or a license to practice as a physician assistant. ~~[Upon]~~
29 *Subject to subsection 11, upon* a request from the Board, an applicant for renewal
30 of a license to practice osteopathic medicine or a license to practice as a physician
31 assistant shall submit verified evidence satisfactory to the Board that in the year
32 preceding the application for renewal the applicant attended courses or programs of
33 continuing medical education approved by the Board totaling the number of hours
34 established by the Board.

35 4. The Board shall require each holder of a license to practice osteopathic
36 medicine to complete a course of instruction within 2 years after initial licensure
37 that provides at least 2 hours of instruction on evidence-based suicide prevention
38 and awareness as described in subsection 8.

39 5. The Board shall encourage each holder of a license to practice osteopathic
40 medicine to receive, as a portion of his or her continuing education, training
41 concerning methods for educating patients about how to effectively manage
42 medications, including, without limitation, the ability of the patient to request to
43 have the symptom or purpose for which a drug is prescribed included on the label
44 attached to the container of the drug.

45 6. The Board shall encourage each holder of a license to practice osteopathic
46 medicine or as a physician assistant to receive, as a portion of his or her continuing
47 education, training and education in the diagnosis of rare diseases, including,
48 without limitation:

49 (a) Recognizing the symptoms of pediatric cancer; and

50 (b) Interpreting family history to determine whether such symptoms indicate a
51 normal childhood illness or a condition that requires additional examination.

52 7. The Board shall require, as part of the continuing education requirements
53 approved by the Board, the biennial completion by a holder of a license to practice

1 osteopathic medicine of at least 2 hours of continuing education credits in ethics,
2 pain management or care of persons with addictive disorders.

3 8. The Board shall require each holder of a license to practice osteopathic
4 medicine to receive as a portion of his or her continuing education at least 2 hours
5 of instruction every 4 years on evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness
6 which may include, without limitation, instruction concerning:

7 (a) The skills and knowledge that the licensee needs to detect behaviors that
8 may lead to suicide, including, without limitation, post-traumatic stress disorder;

9 (b) Approaches to engaging other professionals in suicide intervention; and

10 (c) The detection of suicidal thoughts and ideations and the prevention of
11 suicide.

12 9. A holder of a license to practice osteopathic medicine may not substitute
13 the continuing education credits relating to suicide prevention and awareness
14 required by this section for the purposes of satisfying an equivalent requirement for
15 continuing education in ethics.

16 10. Members of the Armed Forces of the United States and the United States
17 Public Health Service are exempt from payment of the annual license renewal fee
18 during their active duty status.

19 ***11. The Board shall not require a physician assistant to receive or maintain
20 certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician
21 Assistants, or its successor organization, or by any other nationally recognized
22 organization for the accreditation of physician assistants to satisfy any
23 continuing education requirement pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 1 and
24 subsection 3.***

25 **Sec. 43.** NRS 633.491 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 633.491 1. A licensee who retires from practice is not required annually to
27 renew his or her license after filing with the Board an affidavit stating the date on
28 which he or she retired from practice and any other evidence that the Board may
29 require to verify the retirement.

30 2. An osteopathic physician or physician assistant who retires from practice
31 and who desires to return to practice may apply to renew his or her license by
32 paying all back annual license renewal fees ***or annual registration fees*** from the
33 date of retirement and submitting verified evidence satisfactory to the Board that
34 the licensee has attended continuing education courses or programs approved by the
35 Board which total:

36 (a) Twenty-five hours if the licensee has been retired 1 year or less.

37 (b) Fifty hours within 12 months of the date of the application if the licensee
38 has been retired for more than 1 year.

39 3. A licensee who wishes to have a license placed on inactive status must
40 provide the Board with an affidavit stating the date on which the licensee will cease
41 the practice of osteopathic medicine or cease to practice as a physician assistant in
42 Nevada and any other evidence that the Board may require. The Board shall place
43 the license of the licensee on inactive status upon receipt of:

44 (a) The affidavit required pursuant to this subsection; and

45 (b) Payment of the inactive license fee prescribed by NRS 633.501.

46 4. An osteopathic physician or physician assistant whose license has been
47 placed on inactive status:

48 (a) Is not required to annually renew the license.

49 (b) ~~Shall~~ ***Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, shall*** annually pay
50 the inactive license fee prescribed by NRS 633.501.

51 (c) Shall not practice osteopathic medicine or practice as a physician assistant
52 in this State.

1 5. *A physician assistant whose license has been placed on inactive status*
 2 *shall not practice as a physician assistant. The Board shall consider a physician*
 3 *assistant whose license has been placed on inactive status and who practices as a*
 4 *physician assistant to be practicing without a license. Such practice constitutes*
 5 *grounds for disciplinary action against the physician assistant in accordance with*
 6 *the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to NRS 633.434.*

7 6. *The Board shall exempt a physician assistant whose license has been*
 8 *placed on inactive status from paying the inactive license fee prescribed by NRS*
 9 *633.501.*

10 7. An osteopathic physician or physician assistant whose license is on inactive
 11 status and who wishes to renew his or her license to practice osteopathic medicine
 12 or license to practice as a physician assistant must:

13 (a) Provide to the Board verified evidence satisfactory to the Board of
 14 completion of the total number of hours of continuing medical education required
 15 for:

16 (1) The year preceding the date of the application for renewal of the
 17 license; and

18 (2) Each year after the date the license was placed on inactive status.

19 (b) Provide to the Board an affidavit stating that the applicant has not withheld
 20 from the Board any information which would constitute grounds for disciplinary
 21 action pursuant to this chapter.

22 (c) Comply with all other requirements for renewal.

23 **Sec. 44.** NRS 633.501 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 633.501 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the Board shall
 25 charge and collect fees not to exceed the following amounts:

26	(a) Application and initial license fee for an osteopathic physician	\$800
27	(b) Annual license renewal fee for an osteopathic physician.....	500
28	(c) Temporary license fee.....	500
29	(d) Special or authorized facility license fee	200
30	(e) Special event license fee	200
31	(f) Special or authorized facility license renewal fee.....	200
32	(g) Reexamination fee	200
33	(h) Late payment fee	300
34	(i) Application and initial license fee for a physician assistant.....	400
35	(j) [Annual license renewal] <i>Application and initial simultaneous</i>	
36	<i>license fee for a physician assistant</i>	<i>200</i>
37	(k) <i>Annual registration</i> fee for a physician assistant	<i>400</i>
38	[(k)] (l) <i>Annual simultaneous registration fee for a physician</i>	
39	<i>assistant.....</i>	<i>200</i>
40	(m) Inactive license fee	200

41 2. The Board may prorate the initial license fee for a new license issued
 42 pursuant to paragraph (a) or (i) of subsection 1 which expires less than 6 months
 43 after the date of issuance.

44 3. The cost of any special meeting called at the request of a licensee, an
 45 institution, an organization, a state agency or an applicant for licensure must be
 46 paid by the person or entity requesting the special meeting. Such a special meeting
 47 must not be called until the person or entity requesting the meeting has paid a cash
 48 deposit with the Board sufficient to defray all expenses of the meeting.

49 4. If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement
 50 pursuant to:

51 (a) NRS 633.399 or 633.400 and is an active member of, or the spouse of an
 52 active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving
 53 spouse of a veteran, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set

1 forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license. As used in this
2 paragraph, “veteran” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

3 (b) NRS 633.4336, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set
4 forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.

5 **Sec. 45.** (Deleted by amendment.)

6 **Sec. 46.** (Deleted by amendment.)

7 **Sec. 47.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.

8 2. Sections 1 to 46, inclusive, of this act become effective:

9 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purposes of adopting regulations and
10 performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry
11 out the provisions of this act; and

12 (b) January 1, 2022, for all other purposes.