

SENATE BILL NO. 184—SENATOR HARDY

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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; 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
2 assistants by: (1) allopathic physicians who engage in the practice of medicine
3 pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS; and (2) osteopathic physicians who engage in the
4 practice of osteopathic medicine pursuant to chapter 633 of NRS. (NRS 630.271-
5 630.2752, 633.432-633.469) Existing law requires an applicant for a license to
6 practice medicine or for a license to practice osteopathic medicine to satisfy various
7 requirements, including educational requirements. (NRS 630.160, 633.305,
8 633.311) **Sections 2 and 24** of this bill authorize the Board of Medical Examiners
9 and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine to issue a license to practice medicine
10 or a license to practice osteopathic medicine, respectively, to a person who: (1) has
11 received a doctorate degree from a medical school or a school of osteopathic
12 medicine located in the United States or Canada and who has completed 2 years of
13 postgraduate residency training; or (2) has received a doctorate degree from a
14 medical school or a school of osteopathic medicine located outside of the United
15 States and Canada and who has completed 3 years of postgraduate residency
16 training. **Section 13** of this bill exempts such an applicant for a license to practice
17 medicine as an allopathic physician who is a graduate of a foreign medical school



18 from a requirement that the graduate must have passed the examination given by
19 the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates. **Sections 15 and 33** of
20 this bill authorize the issuance of a special volunteer medical license to practice
21 allopathic or osteopathic medicine to a physician who meets the requirements
22 prescribed in **section 2 or 24**, as applicable. **Sections 12, 31 and 32** of this bill
23 make conforming changes by exempting persons who meet the requirements of
24 **section 2 or 24** from the general requirements for licensure as an allopathic
25 physician or osteopathic physician, as applicable.

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

31 **Sections 6 and 25** of this bill require a person who is applying for a license to
32 practice as a physician assistant under chapter 630 or 633 of NRS and wishes to be
33 simultaneously licensed as a physician assistant under both chapters 630 and 633 of
34 NRS to: (1) indicate in his or her application that he or she wishes to hold a
35 simultaneous license; (2) submit an application for a license to the Board of
36 Medical Examiners under chapter 630 of NRS and to the State Board of
37 Osteopathic Medicine under chapter 633 of NRS; and (3) pay the fee for the
38 application and issuance of a simultaneous license as a physician assistant to both
39 Boards. **Sections 7 and 26** of this bill require a person who is applying to renew a
40 license to practice as a physician assistant under chapter 630 or 633 of NRS and
41 wishes to be simultaneously licensed as a physician assistant under both chapters
42 630 and 633 of NRS to: (1) indicate in his or her application that he or she wishes
43 to hold a simultaneous license; (2) submit an application to renew a license to
44 practice as a physician assistant with the Board under which he or she is currently
45 licensed and submit an application for a license to practice as a physician assistant
46 to the Board under which he or she is not currently licensed; and (3) pay the fee for
47 simultaneous registration of a physician assistant to both Boards. Existing law
48 provides certain fees for a physician assistant. (NRS 630.268, 633.501) **Sections 16**
49 **and 44** of this bill provide that the fee that each Board charges for simultaneous
50 registration is equal to half of the fee each Board would charge for registration for a
51 person who is licensed by only one Board.

52 **Sections 8 and 27** of this bill require a person who is licensed to practice as a
53 physician assistant who is not applying for a renewal of his or her license and who
54 wishes to be simultaneously licensed as a physician assistant under both chapters
55 630 and 633 of NRS to: (1) apply for a license to the Board under which he or she
56 is not licensed; and (2) pay the fee for application and issuance of a simultaneous
57 license as a physician assistant to both Boards. **Section 39** of this bill makes a
58 conforming change to exempt a physician assistant from certain requirements
59 governing the supervision of a physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 633
60 of NRS by an allopathic physician licensed pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS.

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

65 Existing law provides that the provisions governing allopathic physicians,
66 physician assistants, medical assistants, perfusionists and practitioners of
67 respiratory care and osteopathic medicine do not apply to certain persons and in
68 certain circumstances. (NRS 630.047, 633.171) **Sections 11 and 30** of this bill
69 provide that such provisions do not apply to: (1) the performance of medical
70 services by a student enrolled in an educational program for a physician assistant
71 which is accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the
72 Physician Assistant, Inc., as part of such a program; and (2) a physician assistant of



73 any division or department of the United States in the discharge of his or her
74 official duties.

75 Existing law authorizes a person holding a license as an allopathic or
76 osteopathic physician, physician assistant, perfusionist or practitioner of respiratory
77 care to place his or her license on inactive status. (NRS 630.255, 633.491) **Section**
78 **14** of this bill authorizes the Board of Medical Examiners to place any physician
79 assistant who notifies the Board in writing on inactive status. **Sections 14 and 43** of
80 this bill: (1) prohibit a physician assistant with a license on inactive status from
81 practicing as a physician assistant; and (2) require the Board of Medical Examiners
82 and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, respectively, to exempt a physician
83 assistant with a license on inactive status from paying certain fees.

84 Existing law prescribes certain requirements relating to the renewal of a license
85 to practice as a physician assistant. (NRS 630.275, 633.471) **Sections 19 and 42** of
86 this bill prohibit the Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of
87 Osteopathic Medicine from requiring a physician assistant to receive or maintain
88 certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants
89 to satisfy any continuing education requirements for the renewal of a license.

90 Existing law authorizes an applicant for the issuance of a license by
91 endorsement to practice as a physician assistant to submit to the Board of Medical
92 Examiners or the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine an application for such a
93 license if the applicant satisfies certain requirements, including being certified in a
94 specialty recognized by certain professional organizations. (NRS 630.2751,
95 630.2752, 633.4335, 633.4336) **Sections 20, 21, 35 and 36** of this bill remove the
96 requirement that an applicant for the issuance of a license by endorsement be
97 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
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 10, inclusive, of this
3 act.

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

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

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

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



1 *a source other than the primary source of the information, the*
2 *Board may require subsequent verification of the information by*
3 *the primary source of the information.*

4 *3. The provisions of subsections 4 and 5 of NRS 630.160*
5 *apply to a license issued pursuant to this section.*

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

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

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

9 **Sec. 6.** *A person applying for a license to practice as a*
10 *physician assistant pursuant to the provisions of this chapter who*
11 *wishes to hold a simultaneous license to practice as a physician*
12 *assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter 633 of NRS must:*

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

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

17 *(a) This Board pursuant to this chapter; and*

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

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

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

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

25 **Sec. 7.** *A person applying to renew a license to practice as a*
26 *physician assistant pursuant to the provisions of this chapter who*
27 *wishes to hold a simultaneous license to practice as a physician*
28 *assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter 633 of NRS must:*

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

32 *2. Apply:*

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

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

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

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

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

43 **Sec. 8.** *If a person licensed to practice as a physician*
44 *assistant pursuant to the provisions of this chapter is not applying*
45 *to renew his or her license and wishes to hold a simultaneous*



1 *license to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to the*
2 *provisions of chapter 633 of NRS, the person must:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 630.047 1. This chapter does not apply to:

17 (a) A medical officer or perfusionist or practitioner of
18 respiratory care of the Armed Forces or a medical officer or
19 perfusionist or practitioner of respiratory care of any division or
20 department of the United States in the discharge of his or her official
21 duties, including, without limitation, providing medical care in a
22 hospital in accordance with an agreement entered into pursuant to
23 NRS 449.2455;

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

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

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

32 (2) Provide medical instruction or training approved by the
33 Board to physicians licensed in this State;

34 (d) Physicians who are temporarily exempt from licensure
35 pursuant to NRS 630.2665 and are practicing medicine within the
36 scope of the exemption;

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

40 (f) The practice of respiratory care by a student as part of a
41 program of study in respiratory care that is approved by the Board,
42 or is recognized by a national organization which is approved by the
43 Board to review such programs, if the student is enrolled in the
44 program and provides respiratory care only under the supervision of
45 a practitioner of respiratory care;



1 (g) The practice of respiratory care by a student who:
2 (1) Is enrolled in a clinical program of study in respiratory
3 care which has been approved by the Board;

4 (2) Is employed by a medical facility, as defined in NRS
5 449.0151; and

6 (3) Provides respiratory care to patients who are not in a
7 critical medical condition or, in an emergency, to patients who are in
8 a critical medical condition and a practitioner of respiratory care is
9 not immediately available to provide that care and the student is
10 directed by a physician to provide respiratory care under the
11 supervision of the physician until a practitioner of respiratory care is
12 available;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 3. This chapter does not prohibit:

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

42 (b) The domestic administration of family remedies.



1 **Sec. 12.** 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 to 630.161,
6 inclusive, and 630.258 to 630.2665, inclusive, *and section 2 of this*
7 *act*, a license may be issued to any person who:

8 (a) Has received the degree of doctor of medicine from a
9 medical school:

10 (1) Approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical
11 Education of the American Medical Association and Association of
12 American Medical Colleges; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

18 (d) 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 (a).

22 3. The Board may issue a license to practice medicine after the
23 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 an alcohol or other substance use disorder;

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. 13.** NRS 630.195 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 630.195 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 630.1606
33 and 630.1607 ~~§~~ *and section 2 of this act*, in addition to the other
34 requirements for licensure, an applicant for a license to practice
35 medicine who is a graduate of a foreign medical school shall submit
36 to the Board proof that the applicant has received:

37 (a) The degree of doctor of medicine or its equivalent, as
38 determined by the Board; and

39 (b) The standard certificate of the Educational Commission for
40 Foreign Medical Graduates or a written statement from that
41 Commission that the applicant passed the examination given by the
42 Commission.

43 2. The proof of the degree of doctor of medicine or its
44 equivalent must be submitted directly to the Board by the medical
45 school that granted the degree. If proof of the degree is unavailable



1 from the medical school that granted the degree, the Board may
2 accept proof from any other source specified by the Board.

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

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

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

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

27 4. *An inactive physician assistant shall not practice as a*
28 *physician assistant. The Board shall consider an inactive*
29 *physician assistant who practices as a physician assistant to be*
30 *practicing without a license. Such practice constitutes grounds for*
31 *disciplinary action against the physician assistant in accordance*
32 *with the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to*
33 *NRS 630.275.*

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 (e) Satisfy the Board of his or her competence to practice
2 medicine ~~f~~

3 ~~—5.]~~ *or practice as a physician assistant, as applicable.*

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

9 **Sec. 15.** NRS 630.258 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 630.258 1. A physician who is retired from active practice
11 and who:

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

15 (b) Wishes to provide services for any disaster relief operations
16 conducted by a governmental entity or nonprofit organization,
17 ↪ may obtain a special volunteer medical license by submitting an
18 application to the Board pursuant to this section.

19 2. An application for a special volunteer medical license must
20 be on a form provided by the Board and must include:

21 (a) Documentation of the history of medical practice of the
22 physician;

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

27 (c) Proof that the physician satisfies the requirements for
28 licensure set forth in NRS 630.160 *or section 2 of this act, as*
29 *applicable*, or the requirements for licensure by endorsement set
30 forth in NRS 630.1605, 630.1606 or 630.1607;

31 (d) Acknowledgment that the practice of the physician under the
32 special volunteer medical license will be exclusively devoted to
33 providing medical care:

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

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

38 (e) Acknowledgment that the physician will not receive any
39 payment or compensation, either direct or indirect, or have the
40 expectation of any payment or compensation, for providing medical
41 care under the special volunteer medical license, except for payment
42 by a medical facility at which the physician provides volunteer
43 medical services of the expenses of the physician for necessary
44 travel, continuing education, malpractice insurance or fees of the
45 State Board of Pharmacy.



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

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

5. The Board shall not charge a fee for:

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

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

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

7. A physician who is issued a special volunteer medical license pursuant to this section shall comply with the requirements for continuing education adopted by the Board.

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
<i>For biennial simultaneous registration of a physician assistant.....</i>	<i>400</i>
For biennial registration of a physician	800



1	For application for and issuance of a license as a	
2	perfusionist or practitioner of respiratory care.....	\$400
3	For biennial renewal of a license as a perfusionist.....	600
4	For biennial registration of a practitioner of	
5	respiratory care.....	600
6	For biennial registration for a physician who is	
7	on inactive status.....	400
8	For written verification of licensure.....	50
9	For a duplicate identification card.....	25
10	For a duplicate license.....	50
11	For computer printouts or labels.....	500
12	For verification of a listing of physicians, per	
13	hour.....	20
14	For furnishing a list of new physicians.....	100

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

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

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

29 (a) NRS 630.1607, and the applicant is an active member of, or
30 the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United
31 States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran, the Board
32 shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection
33 1 for the initial issuance of the license. As used in this paragraph,
34 "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

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

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

42 **Sec. 17.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

6 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's
30 background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,
31 ↪ whichever occurs later.

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

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

37 630.2752 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement
38 to practice as a physician assistant to an applicant who meets the
39 requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to
40 the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:

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

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



1 —(e) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member
2 of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving
3 spouse of a veteran.

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

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

7 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's
32 background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,
33 ↪ whichever occurs later.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

13 2. *The applicant for a license shall submit verified proof*
14 *satisfactory to the Board that the applicant meets the requirements*
15 *of subsection 1.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

39 2. *Apply:*

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

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

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



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

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

5 **Sec. 27.** *If a person license to practice as a physician*
6 *assistant pursuant to the provisions of this chapter is not applying*
7 *to renew his or her license and wishes to hold a simultaneous*
8 *license to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to the*
9 *provisions of chapter 630 of NRS, the person must:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 633.171 1. This chapter does not apply to:

24 (a) The practice of medicine or perfusion pursuant to chapter
25 630 of NRS, dentistry, chiropractic, podiatry, optometry, respiratory
26 care, faith or Christian Science healing, nursing, veterinary medicine
27 or fitting hearing aids.

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

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

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

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



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

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

7 3. This chapter does not prohibit:

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

9 (b) The domestic administration of family remedies.

10 **Sec. 31.** NRS 633.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 633.305 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 633.399,
12 633.400, 633.4335 and 633.4336 ~~and~~ *and section 24 of this act:*

13 1. Every applicant for a license shall:

14 (a) File an application with the Board in the manner prescribed
15 by regulations of the Board;

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

19 (c) Pay in advance to the Board the application and initial
20 license fee specified in NRS 633.501.

21 2. An application filed with the Board pursuant to subsection 1
22 must include all information required to complete the application.

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

28 4. The Board may reject an application if the Board has cause
29 to believe that any credential or information submitted by the
30 applicant is false, misleading, deceptive or fraudulent.

31 **Sec. 32.** NRS 633.311 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 633.311 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 633.315
33 and 633.381 to 633.419, inclusive, *and section 24 of this act*, an
34 applicant for a license to practice osteopathic medicine may be
35 issued a license by the Board if:

36 (a) The applicant is 21 years of age or older;

37 (b) The applicant is a graduate of a school of osteopathic
38 medicine;

39 (c) The applicant:

40 (1) Has graduated from a school of osteopathic medicine
41 before 1995 and has completed:

42 (I) A hospital internship; or

43 (II) One year of postgraduate training that complies with
44 the standards of intern training established by the American
45 Osteopathic Association;



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

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

10 (d) The applicant applies for the license as provided by law;

11 (e) The applicant passes:

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

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

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

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

24 (f) The applicant pays the fees provided for in this chapter; and

25 (g) The applicant submits all information required to complete
26 an application for a license.

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

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

36 (b) In one or more approved specialties or disciplines;

37 (c) In nonconsecutive months; and

38 (d) At any time before receiving his or her license.

39 **Sec. 33.** NRS 633.416 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 633.416 1. An osteopathic physician who is retired from
41 active practice and who:

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



1 (b) Wishes to provide services for any disaster relief operations
2 conducted by a governmental entity or nonprofit organization,
3 ➔ may obtain a special volunteer license to practice osteopathic
4 medicine by submitting an application to the Board pursuant to this
5 section.

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

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

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

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

20 (d) Acknowledgment that the practice of the osteopathic
21 physician under the special volunteer license to practice osteopathic
22 medicine will be exclusively devoted to providing medical care:

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

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

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

36 3. If the Board finds that the application of an osteopathic
37 physician satisfies the requirements of subsection 2 and that the
38 retired osteopathic physician is competent to practice osteopathic
39 medicine, the Board shall issue a special volunteer license to
40 practice osteopathic medicine to the osteopathic physician.

41 4. The initial special volunteer license to practice osteopathic
42 medicine issued pursuant to this section expires 1 year after the date
43 of issuance. The license may be renewed pursuant to this section,
44 and any license that is renewed expires 2 years after the date of
45 issuance.



5. The Board shall not charge a fee for:

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

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

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

7. An osteopathic physician who is issued a special volunteer license to practice osteopathic medicine pursuant to this section shall comply with the requirements for continuing education adopted by the Board.

Sec. 34. (Deleted by amendment.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

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

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

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

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

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



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

2 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application
3 for a license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant
4 pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the
5 applicant of any additional information required by the Board to
6 consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for
7 good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a
8 license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant to the
9 applicant not later than:

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

11 (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's
12 background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,
13 ↪ whichever occurs later.

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

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

19 633.4336 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement
20 to practice as a physician assistant to an applicant who meets the
21 requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to
22 the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:

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

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

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

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

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

35 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

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

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

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



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

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

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

6 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application
7 for a license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant
8 pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the
9 applicant of any additional information required by the Board to
10 consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for
11 good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a
12 license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant to the
13 applicant not later than:

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

16 (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's
17 background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,
18 ↪ whichever occurs later.

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 633.466 1. A physician assistant *who does not hold a*
34 *simultaneous license to practice as a physician assistant pursuant*
35 *to the provisions of chapter 630 of NRS* may be supervised by a
36 physician licensed to practice medicine in this State pursuant to
37 chapter 630 of NRS in place of his or her supervising osteopathic
38 physician if:

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (c) Submitting a list of all actions filed or claims submitted to
19 arbitration or mediation for malpractice or negligence against the
20 holder during the previous year;

21 (d) ~~[Submitting]~~ *Subject to subsection 11, submitting* evidence
22 to the Board that in the year preceding the application for renewal
23 the holder has attended courses or programs of continuing education
24 approved by the Board in accordance with regulations adopted by
25 the Board totaling a number of hours established by the Board
26 which must not be less than 35 hours nor more than that set in the
27 requirements for continuing medical education of the American
28 Osteopathic Association; and

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

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

33 3. The Board shall request submission of verified evidence of
34 completion of the required number of hours of continuing medical
35 education annually from no fewer than one-third of the applicants
36 for renewal of a license to practice osteopathic medicine or a license
37 to practice as a physician assistant. ~~[Upon]~~ *Subject to subsection 11,*
38 *upon* a request from the Board, an applicant for renewal of a license
39 to practice osteopathic medicine or a license to practice as a
40 physician assistant shall submit verified evidence satisfactory to the
41 Board that in the year preceding the application for renewal the
42 applicant attended courses or programs of continuing medical
43 education approved by the Board totaling the number of hours
44 established by the Board.



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

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

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

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

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

22 7. The Board shall require, as part of the continuing education
23 requirements approved by the Board, the biennial completion by a
24 holder of a license to practice osteopathic medicine of at least 2
25 hours of continuing education credits in ethics, pain management or
26 care of persons with addictive disorders.

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

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

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

37 (c) The detection of suicidal thoughts and ideations and the
38 prevention of suicide.

39 9. A holder of a license to practice osteopathic medicine may
40 not substitute the continuing education credits relating to suicide
41 prevention and awareness required by this section for the purposes
42 of satisfying an equivalent requirement for continuing education in
43 ethics.



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

4 *11. The Board shall not require a physician assistant to*
5 *receive or maintain certification by the National Commission on*
6 *Certification of Physician Assistants, or its successor organization,*
7 *or by any other nationally recognized organization for the*
8 *accreditation of physician assistants to satisfy any continuing*
9 *education requirement pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 1*
10 *and subsection 3.*

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

12 633.491 1. A licensee who retires from practice is not
13 required annually to renew his or her license after filing with the
14 Board an affidavit stating the date on which he or she retired from
15 practice and any other evidence that the Board may require to verify
16 the retirement.

17 2. An osteopathic physician or physician assistant who retires
18 from practice and who desires to return to practice may apply to
19 renew his or her license by paying all back annual license renewal
20 fees *or annual registration fees* from the date of retirement and
21 submitting verified evidence satisfactory to the Board that the
22 licensee has attended continuing education courses or programs
23 approved by the Board which total:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

44 5. *A physician assistant whose license has been placed on*
45 *inactive status shall not practice as a physician assistant. The*



1 *Board shall consider a physician assistant whose license has been*
2 *placed on inactive status and who practices as a physician*
3 *assistant to be practicing without a license. Such practice*
4 *constitutes grounds for disciplinary action against the physician*
5 *assistant in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Board*
6 *pursuant to NRS 633.434.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 633.501 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the
27 Board shall charge and collect fees not to exceed the following
28 amounts:

29 (a) Application and initial license fee for an osteopathic
30 physician..... \$800

31 (b) Annual license renewal fee for an osteopathic
32 physician..... 500

33 (c) Temporary license fee..... 500

34 (d) Special or authorized facility license fee 200

35 (e) Special event license fee 200

36 (f) Special or authorized facility license renewal fee 200

37 (g) Reexamination fee 200

38 (h) Late payment fee..... 300

39 (i) Application and initial license fee for a physician
40 assistant..... 400

41 (j) ~~[Annual license renewal]~~ *Application and initial*
42 *simultaneous license fee for a physician assistant..... 200*

43 (k) *Annual registration* fee for a physician assistant..... 400

44 ~~[(k)]~~ (l) *Annual simultaneous registration fee for a*
45 *physician assistant 200*



1 (m) Inactive license fee..... 200

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

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

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

14 (a) NRS 633.399 or 633.400 and is an active member of, or the
15 spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United
16 States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran, the Board
17 shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection
18 1 for the initial issuance of the license. As used in this paragraph,
19 "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

