

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; providing that a person may be simultaneously licensed as a physician assistant by the 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:

Existing law establishes requirements that govern the supervision of physician assistants by: (1) allopathic physicians who engage in the practice of medicine pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS; and (2) osteopathic physicians who engage in the practice of osteopathic medicine pursuant to chapter 633 of NRS. (NRS 630.271-630.2752, 633.432-633.469)

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



20 license to practice as a physician assistant under chapter 630 or 633 of NRS and
21 wishes to be simultaneously licensed as a physician assistant under both chapters
22 630 and 633 of NRS to: (1) indicate in his or her application that he or she wishes
23 to hold a simultaneous license; (2) submit an application to renew a license to
24 practice as a physician assistant with the Board under which he or she is currently
25 licensed and submit an application for a license to practice as a physician assistant
26 to the Board under which he or she is not currently licensed; and (3) pay the fee for
27 simultaneous registration of a physician assistant to both Boards. Existing law
28 provides certain fees for a physician assistant. (NRS 630.268, 633.501) **Sections 16**
29 **and 44** of this bill provide that the fee that each Board charges for simultaneous
30 registration is equal to half of the fee each Board would charge for registration for a
31 person who is licensed by only one Board.

32 **Sections 8 and 27** of this bill require a person who is licensed to practice as a
33 physician assistant who is not applying for a renewal of his or her license and who
34 wishes to be simultaneously licensed as a physician assistant under both chapters
35 630 and 633 of NRS to: (1) apply for a license to the Board under which he or she
36 is not licensed; and (2) pay the fee for application and issuance of a simultaneous
37 license as a physician assistant to both Boards. **Section 39** of this bill makes a
38 conforming change to exempt a physician assistant from certain requirements
39 governing the supervision of a physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 633
40 of NRS by an allopathic physician licensed pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS.

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

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

55 Existing law authorizes a person holding a license as an allopathic or
56 osteopathic physician, physician assistant, perfusionist or practitioner of respiratory
57 care to place his or her license on inactive status. (NRS 630.255, 633.491) **Section**
58 **14** of this bill authorizes the Board of Medical Examiners to place any physician
59 assistant who notifies the Board in writing on inactive status. **Sections 14 and 43** of
60 this bill: (1) prohibit a physician assistant with a license on inactive status from
61 practicing as a physician assistant; and (2) require the Board of Medical Examiners
62 and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, respectively, to exempt a physician
63 assistant with a license on inactive status from paying certain fees.

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

70 Existing law authorizes an applicant for the issuance of a license by
71 endorsement to practice as a physician assistant to submit to the Board of Medical
72 Examiners or the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine an application for such a
73 license if the applicant satisfies certain requirements, including being certified in a
74 specialty recognized by certain professional organizations. (NRS 630.2751,



75 630.2752, 633.4335, 633.4336) **Sections 20, 21, 35 and 36** of this bill remove the
76 requirement that an applicant for the issuance of a license by endorsement be
77 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.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 2. *Apply:*

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

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

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



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

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

5 **Sec. 8.** *If a person licensed 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 633 of NRS, the person must:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 630.047 1. This chapter does not apply to:

24 (a) A medical officer or perfusionist or practitioner of
25 respiratory care of the Armed Forces or a medical officer or
26 perfusionist or practitioner of respiratory care of any division or
27 department of the United States in the discharge of his or her official
28 duties, including, without limitation, providing medical care in a
29 hospital in accordance with an agreement entered into pursuant to
30 NRS 449.2455;

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

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

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

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

41 (d) Physicians who are temporarily exempt from licensure
42 pursuant to NRS 630.2665 and are practicing medicine within the
43 scope of the exemption;



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

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

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

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

13 (2) Is employed by a medical facility, as defined in NRS
14 449.0151; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

3 3. This chapter does not prohibit:

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

7 (b) The domestic administration of family remedies.

8 **Sec. 12.** (Deleted by amendment.)

9 **Sec. 13.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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

11 630.255 1. Any licensee who changes the location of his or
12 her practice of medicine from this State to another state or country,
13 has never engaged in the practice of medicine in this State after
14 licensure or has ceased to engage in the practice of medicine in this
15 State for 12 consecutive months may be placed on inactive status by
16 order of the Board. *Any physician assistant who notifies the Board*
17 *of his or her desire to be placed on inactive status in writing on a*
18 *form prescribed by the Board may be placed on inactive status by*
19 *order of the Board.*

20 2. Each inactive licensee shall maintain a permanent mailing
21 address with the Board to which all communications from the Board
22 to the licensee must be sent. An inactive licensee who changes his or
23 her permanent mailing address shall notify the Board in writing of
24 the new permanent mailing address within 30 days after the change.
25 If an inactive licensee fails to notify the Board in writing of a
26 change in his or her permanent mailing address within 30 days after
27 the change, the Board may impose upon the licensee a fine not to
28 exceed \$250.

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

34 4. *An inactive physician assistant shall not practice as a*
35 *physician assistant. The Board shall consider an inactive*
36 *physician assistant who practices as a physician assistant to be*
37 *practicing without a license. Such practice constitutes grounds for*
38 *disciplinary action against the physician assistant in accordance*
39 *with the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to*
40 *NRS 630.275.*

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

10 ~~—5.1~~ *or practice as a physician assistant, as applicable.*

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

16 **Sec. 15.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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

18 630.268 1. The Board shall charge and collect not more than
19 the following fees:

20		
21	For application for and issuance of a license to	
22	practice as a physician, including a license by	
23	endorsement	\$600
24	For application for and issuance of a temporary,	
25	locum tenens, limited, restricted, authorized	
26	facility, special, special purpose or special	
27	event license	400
28	For renewal of a limited, restricted, authorized	
29	facility or special license	400
30	For application for and issuance of a license as a	
31	physician assistant, including a license by	
32	endorsement	400
33	<i>For application for and issuance of a</i>	
34	<i>simultaneous license as a physician assistant</i>	<i>200</i>
35	For biennial registration of a physician assistant.....	800
36	<i>For biennial simultaneous registration of a</i>	
37	<i>physician assistant.....</i>	<i>400</i>
38	For biennial registration of a physician	800
39	For application for and issuance of a license as a	
40	perfusionist or practitioner of respiratory care	400
41	For biennial renewal of a license as a perfusionist.....	600
42	For biennial registration of a practitioner of	
43	respiratory care.....	600
44	For biennial registration for a physician who is	
45	on inactive status	400



1 For written verification of licensure \$50
2 For a duplicate identification card 25
3 For a duplicate license 50
4 For computer printouts or labels..... 500
5 For verification of a listing of physicians, per
6 hour 20
7 For furnishing a list of new physicians..... 100
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9 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5, in
10 addition to the fees prescribed in subsection 1, the Board shall
11 charge and collect necessary and reasonable fees for the expedited
12 processing of a request or for any other incidental service the Board
13 provides.

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

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

22 (a) NRS 630.1607, and the applicant is an active member of, or
23 the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United
24 States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran, the Board
25 shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection
26 1 for the initial issuance of the license. As used in this paragraph,
27 "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

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

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

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

36 **Sec. 18.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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

38 630.275 The Board shall adopt regulations regarding the
39 licensure of a physician assistant, including, but not limited to:

- 40 1. The educational and other qualifications of applicants.
41 2. The required academic program for applicants.
42 3. The procedures for applications for and the issuance of
43 licenses.



1 4. The procedures deemed necessary by the Board for
2 applications for and the initial issuance of licenses by endorsement
3 pursuant to NRS 630.2751 or 630.2752.

4 5. The tests or examinations of applicants *required* by the
5 Board.

6 6. The medical services which a physician assistant may
7 perform, except that a physician assistant may not perform those
8 specific functions and duties delegated or restricted by law to
9 persons licensed as dentists, chiropractors, podiatric physicians and
10 optometrists under chapters 631, 634, 635 and 636, respectively, of
11 NRS, or as hearing aid specialists.

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

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

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

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

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

32 630.2751 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement
33 to practice as a physician assistant to an applicant who meets the
34 requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to
35 the Board an application for such a license if the applicant ~~is~~

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

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

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

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

44 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 630.2752 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement
32 to practice as a physician assistant to an applicant who meets the
33 requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to
34 the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:

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

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

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

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

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



1 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

44 **Sec. 25.** *A person applying for a license to practice as a*
45 *physician assistant pursuant to the provisions of this chapter who*



1 *wishes to hold a simultaneous license to practice as a physician*
2 *assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter 630 of NRS must:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 **Sec. 26.** *A person applying to renew a license to practice as a*
16 *physician assistant pursuant to the provisions of this chapter who*
17 *wishes to hold a simultaneous license to practice as a physician*
18 *assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter 630 of NRS must:*

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

22 2. *Apply:*

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

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

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

28 (a) *The annual simultaneous registration fee for a physician*
29 *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. 27.** *If a person licensed to practice as a physician*
33 *assistant pursuant to the provisions of this chapter is not applying*
34 *to renew his or her license and wishes to hold a simultaneous*
35 *license to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to the*
36 *provisions of chapter 630 of NRS, the person must:*

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

6 633.171 1. This chapter does not apply to:

7 (a) The practice of medicine or perfusion pursuant to chapter
8 630 of NRS, dentistry, chiropractic, podiatry, optometry, respiratory
9 care, faith or Christian Science healing, nursing, veterinary medicine
10 or fitting hearing aids.

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 3. This chapter does not prohibit:

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

36 (b) The domestic administration of family remedies.


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

38 **Sec. 32.** (Deleted by amendment.)

39 **Sec. 33.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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

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

42 633.4335 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement
43 to practice as a physician assistant to an applicant who meets the
44 requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to
45 the Board an application for such a license if the applicant 



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

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

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

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

9 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to
2 the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:

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

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

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

12 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this
13 section must 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
17 investigation by the corresponding regulatory authority of the
18 District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the applicant
19 holds a license to practice as a physician assistant; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

44 4. A license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant
45 may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by



1 the President and Executive Director of the Board. Such an action
2 shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

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

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

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

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

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

13 633.466 1. A physician assistant *who does not hold a*
14 *simultaneous license to practice as a physician assistant pursuant*
15 *to the provisions of chapter 630 of NRS* may be supervised by a
16 physician licensed to practice medicine in this State pursuant to
17 chapter 630 of NRS in place of his or her supervising osteopathic
18 physician if:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 633.471 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 10
34 and NRS 633.491, every holder of a license , *except a physician*
35 *assistant*, issued under this chapter, except a temporary or a special
36 license, may renew the license on or before January 1 of each
37 calendar year after its issuance by:

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

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

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

44 (d) ~~[Submitting]~~ *Subject to subsection 11, submitting* evidence
45 to the Board that in the year preceding the application for renewal



1 the holder has attended courses or programs of continuing education
2 approved by the Board in accordance with regulations adopted by
3 the Board totaling a number of hours established by the Board
4 which must not be less than 35 hours nor more than that set in the
5 requirements for continuing medical education of the American
6 Osteopathic Association; and

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

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

11 3. The Board shall request submission of verified evidence of
12 completion of the required number of hours of continuing medical
13 education annually from no fewer than one-third of the applicants
14 for renewal of a license to practice osteopathic medicine or a license
15 to practice as a physician assistant. ~~Upon~~ *Subject to subsection 11,*
16 *upon* a request from the Board, an applicant for renewal of a license
17 to practice osteopathic medicine or a license to practice as a
18 physician assistant shall submit verified evidence satisfactory to the
19 Board that in the year preceding the application for renewal the
20 applicant attended courses or programs of continuing medical
21 education approved by the Board totaling the number of hours
22 established by the Board.

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

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

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

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

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

44 7. The Board shall require, as part of the continuing education
45 requirements approved by the Board, the biennial completion by a



1 holder of a license to practice osteopathic medicine of at least 2
2 hours of continuing education credits in ethics, pain management or
3 care of persons with addictive disorders.

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

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

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

14 (c) The detection of suicidal thoughts and ideations and the
15 prevention of suicide.

16 9. A holder of a license to practice osteopathic medicine may
17 not substitute the continuing education credits relating to suicide
18 prevention and awareness required by this section for the purposes
19 of satisfying an equivalent requirement for continuing education in
20 ethics.

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

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

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

32 633.491 1. A licensee who retires from practice is not
33 required annually to renew his or her license after filing with the
34 Board an affidavit stating the date on which he or she retired from
35 practice and any other evidence that the Board may require to verify
36 the retirement.

37 2. An osteopathic physician or physician assistant who retires
38 from practice and who desires to return to practice may apply to
39 renew his or her license by paying all back annual license renewal
40 fees *or annual registration fees* from the date of retirement and
41 submitting verified evidence satisfactory to the Board that the
42 licensee has attended continuing education courses or programs
43 approved by the Board which total:

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 5. *A physician assistant whose license has been placed on*
20 *inactive status shall not practice as a physician assistant. The*
21 *Board shall consider a physician assistant whose license has been*
22 *placed on inactive status and who practices as a physician*
23 *assistant to be practicing without a license. Such practice*
24 *constitutes grounds for disciplinary action against the physician*
25 *assistant in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Board*
26 *pursuant to NRS 633.434.*

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

30 7. An osteopathic physician or physician assistant whose
31 license is on inactive status and who wishes to renew his or her
32 license to practice osteopathic medicine or license to practice as a
33 physician assistant must:

34 (a) Provide to the Board verified evidence satisfactory to the
35 Board of completion of the total number of hours of continuing
36 medical education required for:

37 (1) The year preceding the date of the application for renewal
38 of the license; and

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

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

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



1 **Sec. 44.** NRS 633.501 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 633.501 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the
3 Board shall charge and collect fees not to exceed the following
4 amounts:

- 5 (a) Application and initial license fee for an osteopathic
6 physician \$800
- 7 (b) Annual license renewal fee for an osteopathic
8 physician 500
- 9 (c) Temporary license fee 500
- 10 (d) Special or authorized facility license fee 200
- 11 (e) Special event license fee 200
- 12 (f) Special or authorized facility license renewal fee 200
- 13 (g) Reexamination fee 200
- 14 (h) Late payment fee 300
- 15 (i) Application and initial license fee for a physician
16 assistant 400
- 17 (j) ~~Annual license renewal~~ *Application and initial*
18 *simultaneous license fee for a physician assistant 200*
- 19 (k) *Annual registration* fee for a physician assistant 400
- 20 ~~(k)~~ (l) *Annual simultaneous registration fee for a*
21 *physician assistant 200*
- 22 (m) Inactive license fee 200

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

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

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

35 (a) NRS 633.399 or 633.400 and is an active member of, or the
36 spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United
37 States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran, the Board
38 shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection
39 1 for the initial issuance of the license. As used in this paragraph,
40 “veteran” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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