

Assembly Bill No. 364—Assemblymen Cohen, O’Neill; Anderson,
Brown-May, Dickman, D’Silva and Gorelow

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to medicine; revising the membership of the Board of Medical Examiners; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law provides that the Board of Medical Examiners consists of: (1) six licensed physicians; (2) one representative of the interests of persons or agencies that regularly provide health care to persons who are indigent, uninsured or unable to afford health care; and (3) two residents of this State who are not affiliated with the healing arts. (NRS 631.050) **Section 1** of this bill increases the size of the Board of Medical Examiners from 9 members to 11 members. **Sections 2 and 3** of this bill revise the membership of the Board to require the appointment of one member who is a physician assistant and one member who is a practitioner of respiratory care.

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

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

Section 1. NRS 630.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:
630.050 1. The Board of Medical Examiners consists of

~~nine~~ ***11*** members appointed by the Governor.

2. No person may be appointed as a member of the Board to serve for more than two consecutive full terms, but a person may be reappointed after the lapse of 4 years.

Sec. 2. NRS 630.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.060 1. Six members of the Board must be persons who are licensed to practice medicine in this State, are actually engaged in the practice of medicine in this State and have resided and practiced medicine in this State for at least 5 years preceding their respective appointments.

2. ***One member of the Board must be a person who is licensed to practice as a physician assistant in this State, is actually engaged in practice as a physician assistant in this State and has resided and practiced as a physician assistant in this State for at least 5 years preceding his or her appointment.***

3. ***One member of the Board must be a person who is licensed to engage in the practice of respiratory care in this State, is actually engaged in the practice of respiratory care in this State and has resided and practiced respiratory care in this State for at least 5 years preceding his or her appointment.***



4. One member of the Board must be a person who has resided in this State for at least 5 years and who represents the interests of persons or agencies that regularly provide health care to patients who are indigent, uninsured or unable to afford health care. This member must not be licensed under the provisions of this chapter.

~~[3.]~~ 5. The remaining two members of the Board must be persons who have resided in this State for at least 5 years and who:

(a) Are not licensed in any state to practice any healing art;

(b) Are not the spouse or the parent or child, by blood, marriage or adoption, of a person licensed in any state to practice any healing art;

(c) Are not actively engaged in the administration of any facility for the dependent as defined in chapter 449 of NRS, medical facility or medical school; and

(d) Do not have a pecuniary interest in any matter pertaining to the healing arts, except as a patient or potential patient.

~~[4.]~~ 6. The members of the Board must be selected without regard to their individual political beliefs.

Sec. 3. The amendatory provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this act do not affect the current term of appointment of any person who, before the effective date of this act, is a member of the Board of Medical Examiners, and each member continues to serve until the expiration of his or her term or until the member vacates his or her office, whichever occurs first. On and after the effective date of this act, the Governor shall make appointments to the Board of Medical Examiners in accordance with NRS 630.060, as amended by section 2 of this act.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

