

REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE

(§§ 1.1, 1.2, 1.5, 1.7)

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 349—ASSEMBLYMEN BUSTAMANTE ADAMS,
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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing professions.
(BDR 54-420)

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

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

AN ACT relating to professions; authorizing certain qualified professionals who hold a license in another state or territory of the United States and who are active members or veterans of, the spouse of an active member of, or the surviving spouse of a veteran of, the Armed Forces of the United States to apply for a license by endorsement to practice in this State; authorizing certain regulatory bodies to enter into a reciprocal agreement with the corresponding regulatory authority of another state or territory of the United States for the purposes of authorizing a licensee to practice concurrently in this State and another jurisdiction and regulating such licensees; authorizing certain qualified physicians and podiatrists to obtain a license by endorsement under certain circumstances; authorizing a medical facility to employ or contract with a physician to provide health care to a patient of the medical facility; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law generally provides for the regulation of professions in this State.
- 2 (Title 54 of NRS) **Section 1.1** of this bill authorizes certain qualified professionals



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3 who are licensed in another state or territory of the United States and who are active
4 members or veterans of, the spouse of an active member of, or the surviving spouse
5 of a veteran of, the Armed Forces of the United States to apply for and receive a
6 license by endorsement to practice their respective profession in this State. **Section**
7 **1.1** also provides that a person who meets such requirements and receives a license
8 by endorsement in certain professions is entitled to at least a 50 percent reduction in
9 the fee for an examination required as a prerequisite to licensure or for initial
10 issuance of a license.

11 **Section 1.15** of this bill authorizes certain regulatory bodies of this State to
12 enter into a reciprocal agreement with the corresponding regulatory authority of
13 another state or territory of the United States for the purposes of authorizing and
14 regulating the practice of certain professions concurrently in this State and another
15 jurisdiction. **Sections 1.2, 1.5 and 1.7** of this bill authorize certain qualified
16 physicians and certain qualified podiatrists to obtain a license by endorsement to
17 practice in this State if the physician or podiatrist: (1) holds a valid and unrestricted
18 license to practice in another state or territory of the United States; (2) is certified in
19 a specialty recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the
20 American Osteopathic Association, as applicable; and (3) meets certain other
21 requirements.

22 **Section 1.85** of this bill authorizes a medical facility to employ or contract with
23 a physician to provide health care to a patient of the medical facility. **Section 1.85**
24 requires a medical facility, other than a hospital, that employs or contracts with a
25 physician to provide health care to a patient to have: (1) credentialing and
26 privileging standards and a process for peer review for the medical facility; and (2)
27 a physician or committee of physicians oversee those standards and the process for
28 peer review.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 622 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 1.1 and 1.15 of this act.

3 **Sec. 1.1. 1. *Notwithstanding the applicable provisions for***
4 ***obtaining a license pursuant to this title, a regulatory body may***
5 ***issue such a license by endorsement to an applicant if:***

6 ***(a) The applicant holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted***
7 ***license to practice his or her respective profession in the District of***
8 ***Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;***

9 ***(b) The applicant is an active member or veteran of, the spouse***
10 ***of an active member of, or the surviving spouse of a veteran of, the***
11 ***Armed Forces of the United States; and***

12 ***(c) The regulatory body determines that the provisions of law***
13 ***in the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license as***
14 ***described in paragraph (a) are substantially equivalent to the***
15 ***applicable provisions of law in this State.***

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

19 ***(a) Proof satisfactory to the regulatory body that the applicant:***



1 (1) Satisfies the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) of
2 subsection 1;

3 (2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the
4 legal right to work in the United States;

5 (3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the
6 corresponding regulatory authority of any state or territory in
7 which the applicant holds a license to practice his or her
8 respective profession;

9 (4) If applicable to the profession, has not been held civilly
10 or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or
11 any state or territory of the United States; and

12 (5) If applicable to the profession, is certified by a specialty
13 board of the American Board of Medical Specialties or the
14 American Osteopathic Association;

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

18 (c) Any other information required by the regulatory body in
19 this State under whose jurisdiction the license may be issued.

20 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an
21 application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section,
22 a regulatory body shall provide written notice to the applicant of
23 any additional information required by the regulatory body to
24 consider the application. The regulatory body shall approve or
25 deny the application not later than:

26 (a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional
27 information required by the regulatory body to complete the
28 application; or

29 (b) If the regulatory body requires the applicant to submit
30 fingerprints for the purpose of obtaining a report on the
31 applicant's background, 10 days after receiving the report from
32 the appropriate authority,

33 ↳ whichever occurs later.

34 4. A license by endorsement may be issued at a meeting of the
35 regulatory body or between its meetings by the chief executive
36 officer of the regulatory body. Such an action shall be deemed to
37 be an action of the regulatory body.

38 5. Notwithstanding any applicable provision of chapters 630
39 to 641C, inclusive, or 644 of NRS establishing a fee for any
40 examination required as a prerequisite to licensure or for the
41 issuance of a license, a regulatory body subject to one of those
42 chapters shall not collect from any person to whom a license by
43 endorsement is issued pursuant to this section more than one-half
44 of the specified fee for the examination or initial issuance of the
45 license.



1 6. *At any time before making a final decision on an*
2 *application for a license by endorsement, a regulatory body may*
3 *grant a provisional license authorizing the applicant to practice*
4 *his or her respective profession in accordance with regulations*
5 *adopted by the regulatory body.*

6 7. *As used in this section, "veteran" means a person who*
7 *qualifies for an exemption pursuant to NRS 361.090.*

8 **Sec. 1.15.** *1. A regulatory body that regulates a profession*
9 *pursuant to chapters 630, 630A, 632 to 641C, inclusive, or 644 of*
10 *NRS in this State may enter into a reciprocal agreement with the*
11 *corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or*
12 *any other state or territory of the United States for the purposes of:*

13 (a) *Authorizing a qualified person licensed in the profession in*
14 *that state or territory to practice concurrently in this State and one*
15 *or more other states or territories of the United States; and*

16 (b) *Regulating the practice of such a person.*

17 2. *A regulatory body may enter into a reciprocal agreement*
18 *pursuant to subsection 1 only if the regulatory body determines*
19 *that:*

20 (a) *The corresponding regulatory authority is authorized by*
21 *law to enter into such an agreement with the regulatory body; and*

22 (b) *The applicable provisions of law governing the practice of*
23 *the respective profession in the state or territory on whose behalf*
24 *the corresponding regulatory authority would execute the*
25 *reciprocal agreement are substantially similar to the*
26 *corresponding provisions of law in this State.*

27 3. *If the regulatory body enters into a reciprocal agreement*
28 *pursuant to subsection 1, the regulatory body shall prepare an*
29 *annual report before January 31 of each year outlining the*
30 *progress of the regulatory body as it relates to such reciprocal*
31 *agreements and shall submit the report to the Director of the*
32 *Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next session of*
33 *the Legislature in odd-numbered years or to the Legislative*
34 *Committee on Health Care in even-numbered years.*

35 **Sec. 1.2.** *Chapter 630 of NRS is hereby amended by adding*
36 *thereto a new section to read as follows:*

37 1. *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 630.161, the Board*
38 *may issue a license by endorsement to practice medicine to an*
39 *applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An*
40 *applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a*
41 *license if the applicant:*

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



1 (b) *Is certified in a specialty recognized by the American*
2 *Board 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) *Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the*
8 *legal right to work in the United States;*

9 (3) *Has not been disciplined or been the subject of multiple*
10 *investigations by the corresponding regulatory authority of any*
11 *state or territory in which the applicant holds a license to practice*
12 *medicine; and*

13 (4) *Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for*
14 *malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of*
15 *the United States more than once;*

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

19 (c) *Any other information required by the Board.*

20 3. *Not later than 15 business days after receiving an*
21 *application for a license by endorsement to practice medicine*
22 *pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to*
23 *the applicant of any additional information required by the Board*
24 *to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the*
25 *application for good cause, the Board shall approve the*
26 *application and issue a license by endorsement to practice*
27 *medicine to the applicant not later than 45 days after receiving all*
28 *the additional information required by the Board to complete the*
29 *application.*

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

34 **Sec. 1.25.** NRS 630.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 630.160 1. Every person desiring to practice medicine must,
36 before beginning to practice, procure from the Board a license
37 authorizing the person to practice.

38 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 630.1605, 630.161
39 and 630.258 to 630.266, inclusive, *and sections 1.1 and 1.2 of this*
40 *act*, a license may be issued to any person who:

41 (a) Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to
42 remain and work in the United States;

43 (b) Has received the degree of doctor of medicine from a
44 medical school:



1 (1) Approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical
2 Education of the American Medical Association and Association of
3 American Medical Colleges; or

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

7 (c) Is currently certified by a specialty board of the American
8 Board of Medical Specialties and who agrees to maintain the
9 certification for the duration of the licensure, or has passed:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (I) Education as a resident in the United States or Canada
30 in a program approved by the Board, the Accreditation Council for
31 Graduate Medical Education or the Coordinating Council of
32 Medical Education of the Canadian Medical Association; or

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

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

41 (3) Is a resident who is enrolled in a progressive postgraduate
42 training program in the United States or Canada approved by the
43 Board, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or
44 the Coordinating Council of Medical Education of the Canadian
45 Medical Association, has completed at least 24 months of the



1 program and has committed, in writing, to the Board that he or she
2 will complete the program; and

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

7 3. *An applicant for a license may satisfy the requirements for*
8 *postgraduate education or training prescribed by paragraph (d) of*
9 *subsection 2:*

10 (a) *In one or more approved postgraduate programs, which*
11 *may be conducted at one or more facilities in this State or in*
12 *another state or territory of the United States;*

13 (b) *In one or more approved specialties or disciplines;*

14 (c) *In nonconsecutive months; and*

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

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

24 ~~4.~~ 5. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
25 contrary, if, after issuing a license to practice medicine, the Board
26 obtains information from a primary or other source of information
27 and that information differs from the information provided by the
28 applicant or otherwise received by the Board, the Board may:

29 (a) Temporarily suspend the license;

30 (b) Promptly review the differing information with the Board as
31 a whole or in a committee appointed by the Board;

32 (c) Declare the license void if the Board or a committee
33 appointed by the Board determines that the information submitted
34 by the applicant was false, fraudulent or intended to deceive the
35 Board;

36 (d) Refer the applicant to the Attorney General for possible
37 criminal prosecution pursuant to NRS 630.400; or

38 (e) If the Board temporarily suspends the license, allow the
39 license to return to active status subject to any terms and conditions
40 specified by the Board, including:

41 (1) Placing the licensee on probation for a specified period
42 with specified conditions;

43 (2) Administering a public reprimand;

44 (3) Limiting the practice of the licensee;



1 (4) Suspending the license for a specified period or until
2 further order of the Board;

3 (5) Requiring the licensee to participate in a program to
4 correct alcohol or drug dependence or any other impairment;

5 (6) Requiring supervision of the practice of the licensee;

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

7 (8) Requiring the licensee to perform community service
8 without compensation;

9 (9) Requiring the licensee to take a physical or mental
10 examination or an examination testing his or her competence to
11 practice medicine;

12 (10) Requiring the licensee to complete any training or
13 educational requirements specified by the Board; and

14 (11) Requiring the licensee to submit a corrected application,
15 including the payment of all appropriate fees and costs incident to
16 submitting an application.

17 ~~§~~ 6. If the Board determines after reviewing the differing
18 information to allow the license to remain in active status, the action
19 of the Board is not a disciplinary action and must not be reported to
20 any national database. If the Board determines after reviewing the
21 differing information to declare the license void, its action shall be
22 deemed a disciplinary action and shall be reportable to national
23 databases.

24 **Sec. 1.3.** NRS 630.165 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 630.165 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, an
26 applicant for a license to practice medicine must submit to the
27 Board, on a form provided by the Board, an application in writing,
28 accompanied by an affidavit stating that:

29 (a) The applicant is the person named in the proof of graduation
30 and that it was obtained without fraud or misrepresentation or any
31 mistake of which the applicant is aware; and

32 (b) The information contained in the application and any
33 accompanying material is complete and correct.

34 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement to practice
35 medicine pursuant to NRS 630.1605 *or section 1.1 or 1.2 of this act*
36 must submit to the Board, on a form provided by the Board, an
37 application in writing, accompanied by an affidavit stating that:

38 (a) The applicant is the person named in the license to practice
39 medicine issued by the District of Columbia or any state or territory
40 of the United States and that the license was obtained without fraud
41 or misrepresentation or any mistake of which the applicant is aware;
42 and

43 (b) The information contained in the application and any
44 accompanying material is complete and correct.



1 3. An application submitted pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 must
2 include all information required to complete the application.

3 4. In addition to the other requirements for licensure, the Board
4 may require such further evidence of the mental, physical, medical
5 or other qualifications of the applicant as it considers necessary.

6 5. The applicant bears the burden of proving and documenting
7 his or her qualifications for licensure.

8 **Sec. 1.33.** NRS 630.171 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 630.171 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 630.263, in
10 addition to the other requirements for licensure, an applicant for a
11 license to practice medicine shall cause to be submitted to the
12 Board, if applicable:

13 1. A certificate of completion of progressive postgraduate
14 training from the residency program where the applicant ~~received~~
15 *completed* training; and

16 2. Proof of satisfactory completion of a progressive
17 postgraduate training program specified in subparagraph (3) of
18 paragraph (d) of subsection 2 of NRS 630.160 within 60 days after
19 the scheduled completion of the program.

20 **Sec. 1.35.** NRS 630.258 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 630.258 1. A physician who is retired from active practice
22 and who:

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

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

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

32 (a) Documentation of the history of medical practice of the
33 physician;

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

38 (c) Proof that the physician satisfies the requirements for
39 licensure set forth in NRS 630.160 or the requirements for licensure
40 by endorsement set forth in NRS 630.1605 ~~§~~ *or section 1.1 or 1.2*
41 *of this act;*

42 (d) Acknowledgment that the practice of the physician under the
43 special volunteer medical license will be exclusively devoted to
44 providing medical care:



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

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

5 (e) Acknowledgment that the physician will not receive any
6 payment or compensation, either direct or indirect, or have the
7 expectation of any payment or compensation, for providing medical
8 care under the special volunteer medical license, except for payment
9 by a medical facility at which the physician provides volunteer
10 medical services of the expenses of the physician for necessary
11 travel, continuing education, malpractice insurance or fees of the
12 State Board of Pharmacy.

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

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

21 5. The Board shall not charge a fee for:

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

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

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

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

34 **Sec. 1.4.** NRS 630.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 630.265 1. ~~Except as otherwise provided in~~ *Unless the*
36 *Board denies such licensure pursuant to NRS 630.161* ~~it~~ *or for*
37 *other good cause*, the Board ~~may~~ *shall* issue to a qualified
38 applicant a limited license to practice medicine as a resident
39 physician in a graduate program approved by the Accreditation
40 Council for Graduate Medical Education if the applicant is:

41 (a) A graduate of an accredited medical school in the United
42 States or Canada; or

43 (b) A graduate of a foreign medical school and has received the
44 standard certificate of the Educational Commission for Foreign



1 Medical Graduates or a written statement from that Commission that
2 the applicant passed the examination given by it.

3 2. The medical school or other institution sponsoring the
4 program shall provide the Board with written confirmation that the
5 applicant has been appointed to a position in the program and is a
6 citizen of the United States or lawfully entitled to remain and work
7 in the United States. A limited license remains valid only while the
8 licensee is actively practicing medicine in the residency program
9 and is legally entitled to work and remain in the United States.

10 3. The Board may issue a limited license for not more than 1
11 year but may renew the license if the applicant for the limited
12 license meets the requirements set forth by the Board by regulation.

13 4. The holder of a limited license may practice medicine only
14 in connection with his or her duties as a resident physician or under
15 such conditions as are approved by the director of the program.

16 5. The holder of a limited license granted pursuant to this
17 section may be disciplined by the Board at any time for any of the
18 grounds provided in NRS 630.161 or 630.301 to 630.3065,
19 inclusive.

20 **Sec. 1.45.** NRS 630.268 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 630.268 1. The Board shall charge and collect not more than
22 the following fees:
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24	For application for and issuance of a license to	
25	practice as a physician, including a license by	
26	endorsement <i>issued pursuant to NRS 630.1605</i>	
27	<i>or section 1.2 of this act</i>	\$600
28	For application for and issuance of a temporary,	
29	locum tenens, limited, restricted, authorized	
30	facility, special, special purpose or special event	
31	license	400
32	For renewal of a limited, restricted, authorized	
33	facility or special license	400
34	For application for and issuance of a license as a	
35	physician assistant	400
36	For biennial registration of a physician assistant	800
37	For biennial registration of a physician	800
38	For application for and issuance of a license as a	
39	perfusionist or practitioner of respiratory care	400
40	For biennial renewal of a license as a perfusionist	600
41	For biennial registration of a practitioner of	
42	respiratory care	600
43	For biennial registration for a physician who is on	
44	inactive status	400
45	For written verification of licensure	50



1	For a duplicate identification card	\$25
2	For a duplicate license	50
3	For computer printouts or labels	500
4	For verification of a listing of physicians, per hour.....	20
5	For furnishing a list of new physicians	100

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7 2. In addition to the fees prescribed in subsection 1, the Board
8 shall charge and collect necessary and reasonable fees for the
9 expedited processing of a request or for any other incidental service
10 the Board provides.

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

17 **Sec. 1.5.** Chapter 633 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
18 thereto a new section to read as follows:

19 *1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 633.315, the Board*
20 *may issue a license by endorsement to practice osteopathic*
21 *medicine to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in*
22 *this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application*
23 *for such a license if the applicant:*

24 *(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to*
25 *practice osteopathic medicine in the District of Columbia or any*
26 *state or territory of the United States; and*

27 *(b) Is certified in a specialty recognized by the American*
28 *Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic*
29 *Association.*

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

32 *(a) Proof satisfactory that the applicant:*

33 *(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;*

34 *(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the*
35 *legal right to work in the United States;*

36 *(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the*
37 *corresponding regulatory authority of any state or territory in*
38 *which the applicant holds a license to practice osteopathic*
39 *medicine; and*

40 *(4) 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 more than once;*

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 *and*

4 (d) *Any other information required by the Board.*

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

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

15 (b) *Ten days after the Board receives a report on the*
16 *applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's*
17 *fingerprints,*

18 *↳ whichever occurs later.*

19 4. *A license by endorsement to practice osteopathic medicine*
20 *may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by*
21 *the President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be*
22 *an action of the Board.*

23 **Sec. 1.55.** NRS 633.311 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 633.311 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 633.315,
25 *633.381 to 633.419, inclusive, and sections 1.1 and 1.5 of this act,*
26 an applicant for a license to practice osteopathic medicine may be
27 issued a license by the Board if:

28 ~~1-1~~ (a) The applicant is 21 years of age or older;

29 ~~1-2~~ (b) The applicant is a citizen of the United States or is
30 lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States;

31 ~~1-3~~ (c) The applicant is a graduate of a school of osteopathic
32 medicine;

33 ~~1-4~~ (d) The applicant:

34 ~~1-a~~ (I) Has graduated from a school of osteopathic medicine
35 before 1995 and has completed:

36 ~~1-1~~ (I) A hospital internship; or

37 ~~1-2~~ (II) One year of postgraduate training that complies
38 with the standards of intern training established by the American
39 Osteopathic Association;

40 ~~1-b~~ (2) Has completed 3 years, or such other length of time as
41 required by a specific program, of postgraduate medical education
42 as a resident in the United States or Canada in a program approved
43 by the Board, the Bureau of Professional Education of the American
44 Osteopathic Association or the Accreditation Council for Graduate
45 Medical Education; or



- 1 ~~(e)~~ (3) Is a resident who is enrolled in a postgraduate training
2 program in this State, has completed 24 months of the program and
3 has committed, in writing, that he or she will complete the program;
4 ~~(5)~~ (e) The applicant applies for the license as provided by law;
5 ~~(6)~~ (f) The applicant passes:
6 ~~(a)~~ (1) All parts of the licensing examination of the National
7 Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners;
8 ~~(b)~~ (2) All parts of the licensing examination of the Federation
9 of State Medical Boards ~~of the United States, Inc.;~~
10 ~~(c)~~ ;
11 (3) All parts of the licensing examination of the Board, a state,
12 territory or possession of the United States, or the District of
13 Columbia, and is certified by a specialty board of the American
14 Osteopathic Association or by the American Board of Medical
15 Specialties; or
16 ~~(d)~~ (4) A combination of the parts of the licensing
17 examinations specified in ~~paragraphs (a), (b) and (c)~~
18 *subparagraphs (1), (2) and (3)* that is approved by the Board;
19 ~~(7)~~ (g) The applicant pays the fees provided for in this chapter;
20 and
21 ~~(8)~~ (h) The applicant submits all information required to
22 complete an application for a license.

23 *2. An applicant for a license may satisfy the requirements for*
24 *postgraduate education or training prescribed by paragraph (d) of*
25 *subsection 1:*

- 26 *(a) In one or more approved postgraduate programs, which*
27 *may be conducted at one or more facilities in this State or, except*
28 *for a resident who is enrolled in a postgraduate training program*
29 *in this State pursuant to subparagraph (3) of paragraph (d) of*
30 *subsection 1, in another state or territory of the United States;*
31 *(b) In one or more approved specialties or disciplines;*
32 *(c) In nonconsecutive months; and*
33 *(d) At any time before receiving his or her license.*

34 **Sec. 1.57.** NRS 633.322 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 633.322 In addition to the other requirements for licensure to
36 practice osteopathic medicine, an applicant shall cause to be
37 submitted to the Board:

38 1. A certificate of completion of progressive postgraduate
39 training from the residency program where the applicant received
40 training; and

41 2. If applicable, proof of satisfactory completion of a
42 postgraduate training program specified in *subparagraph (3) of*
43 *paragraph ~~(e)~~ (d)* of subsection ~~4~~ 1 of NRS 633.311 within 120
44 days after the scheduled completion of the program.



1 **Sec. 1.6.** NRS 633.401 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 633.401 1. ~~{Except as otherwise provided in}~~ *Unless the*
3 *Board denies such licensure pursuant to* NRS 633.315 ~~{}~~ *or for*
4 *other good cause*, the Board ~~{may}~~ *shall* issue a special license to
5 practice osteopathic medicine:

6 (a) To authorize a person who is licensed to practice osteopathic
7 medicine in an adjoining state to come into Nevada to care for or
8 assist in the treatment of his or her patients in association with an
9 osteopathic physician in this State who has primary care of the
10 patients.

11 (b) To a resident while the resident is enrolled in a postgraduate
12 training program required pursuant to the provisions of
13 *subparagraph (3) of* paragraph ~~{(e)}~~ *(d)* of subsection ~~{4}~~ *1* of
14 NRS 633.311.

15 (c) Other than a license issued pursuant to NRS 633.419, for a
16 specified period and for specified purposes to a person who is
17 licensed to practice osteopathic medicine in another jurisdiction.

18 2. For the purpose of paragraph (c) of subsection 1, the
19 osteopathic physician must:

20 (a) Hold a full and unrestricted license to practice osteopathic
21 medicine in another state;

22 (b) Not have had any disciplinary or other action taken against
23 him or her by any state or other jurisdiction; and

24 (c) Be certified by a specialty board of the American Board of
25 Medical Specialties, the American Osteopathic Association or their
26 successors.

27 3. A special license issued under this section may be renewed
28 by the Board upon application of the licensee.

29 4. Every person who applies for or renews a special license
30 under this section shall pay respectively the special license fee or
31 special license renewal fee specified in this chapter.

32 **Sec. 1.65.** NRS 633.416 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 633.416 1. An osteopathic physician who is retired from
34 active practice and who:

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

38 (b) Wishes to provide services for any disaster relief operations
39 conducted by a governmental entity or nonprofit organization,
40 ➤ may obtain a special volunteer license to practice osteopathic
41 medicine by submitting an application to the Board pursuant to this
42 section.

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



1 (a) Documentation of the history of medical practice of the
2 osteopathic physician;

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

8 (c) Proof that the osteopathic physician satisfies the
9 requirements for licensure set forth in NRS 633.311 or the
10 requirements for licensure by endorsement set forth in NRS 633.400
11 ~~†~~ *or section 1.1 or 1.5 of this act;*

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

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

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

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

28 3. If the Board finds that the application of an osteopathic
29 physician satisfies the requirements of subsection 2 and that the
30 retired osteopathic physician is competent to practice osteopathic
31 medicine, the Board shall issue a special volunteer license to
32 practice osteopathic medicine to the osteopathic physician.

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

38 5. The Board shall not charge a fee for:

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

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

43 6. An osteopathic physician who is issued a special volunteer
44 license to practice osteopathic medicine pursuant to this section and
45 who accepts the privilege of practicing osteopathic medicine in this



1 State pursuant to the provisions of the special volunteer license to
2 practice osteopathic medicine is subject to all the provisions
3 governing disciplinary action set forth in this chapter.

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

8 **Sec. 1.7.** Chapter 635 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
9 thereto a new section to read as follows:

10 *1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice*
11 *podiatry to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in*
12 *this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application*
13 *for such a license if the applicant:*

14 *(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to*
15 *practice podiatry in the District of Columbia or any state or*
16 *territory of the United States; and*

17 *(b) Is certified in a specialty recognized by the American*
18 *Board of Medical Specialties.*

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

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

22 *(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;*

23 *(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the*
24 *legal right to work in the United States;*

25 *(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the*
26 *corresponding regulatory authority of any state or territory in*
27 *which the applicant holds a license to practice podiatry; and*

28 *(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for*
29 *malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of*
30 *the United States more than once;*

31 *(b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the*
32 *application and any accompanying material is true and correct;*
33 *and*

34 *(c) Any other information required by the Board.*

35 *3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an*
36 *application for a license by endorsement to practice podiatry*
37 *pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to*
38 *the applicant of any additional information required by the Board*
39 *to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the*
40 *application for good cause, the Board shall approve the*
41 *application and issue a license by endorsement to practice podiatry*
42 *to the applicant not later than 45 days after receiving all the*
43 *additional information required by the Board to complete the*
44 *application.*



1 ***4. A license by endorsement to practice podiatry may be***
2 ***issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the***
3 ***President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an***
4 ***action of the Board.***

5 **Sec. 1.75.** NRS 635.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:
6 635.050 1. Any person wishing to practice podiatry in this
7 State must, before beginning to practice, procure from the Board a
8 license to practice podiatry.

9 2. ~~1.A~~ ***Except as otherwise provided in section 1.1 or 1.7 of***
10 ***this act, a*** license to practice podiatry may be issued by the Board to
11 any person who:

12 (a) Is of good moral character.

13 (b) Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to
14 remain and work in the United States.

15 (c) Has received the degree of D.P.M., Doctor of Podiatric
16 Medicine, from an accredited school of podiatry.

17 (d) Has completed a residency approved by the Board.

18 (e) Has passed the examination given by the National Board of
19 Podiatric Medical Examiners.

20 (f) Has not committed any act described in subsection 2 of NRS
21 635.130. For the purposes of this paragraph, an affidavit signed by
22 the applicant stating that the applicant has not committed any act
23 described in subsection 2 of NRS 635.130 constitutes satisfactory
24 proof.

25 3. An applicant for a license to practice podiatry must submit
26 to the Board or a committee thereof pursuant to such regulations as
27 the Board may adopt:

28 (a) The fee for an application for a license of not more than
29 \$600;

30 (b) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the requirements of
31 subsection 2 have been met; and

32 (c) All other information required by the Board to complete an
33 application for a license.

34 ↪ The Board shall, by regulation, establish the fee required to be
35 paid pursuant to this subsection.

36 4. The Board may reject an application if it appears that the
37 applicant's credentials are fraudulent or the applicant has practiced
38 podiatry without a license or committed any act described in
39 subsection 2 of NRS 635.130.

40 5. The Board may require such further documentation or proof
41 of qualification as it may deem proper.

42 6. The provisions of this section do not apply to a person who
43 applies for:

44 (a) A limited license to practice podiatry pursuant to NRS
45 635.075; or



1 (b) A provisional license to practice podiatry pursuant to
2 NRS 635.082.

3 **Sec. 1.8.** NRS 635.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 635.065 1. In addition to the other requirements for licensure
5 set forth in this chapter, an applicant for a license to practice
6 podiatry in this State who has been licensed to practice podiatry in
7 another state or the District of Columbia must submit:

8 (a) An affidavit signed by the applicant that:

9 (1) Identifies each jurisdiction in which the applicant has
10 been licensed to practice; and

11 (2) States whether a disciplinary proceeding has ever been
12 instituted against the applicant by the licensing board of that
13 jurisdiction and, if so, the status of the proceeding; and

14 (b) If the applicant is currently licensed to practice podiatry in
15 another state or the District of Columbia, a certificate from the
16 licensing board of that jurisdiction stating that the applicant is in
17 good standing and no disciplinary proceedings are pending against
18 the applicant.

19 2. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 1.1 or 1.7 of*
20 *this act, the* Board may require an applicant who has been licensed
21 to practice podiatry in another state or the District of Columbia to:

22 (a) Pass an examination prescribed by the Board concerning the
23 provisions of this chapter and any regulations adopted pursuant
24 thereto; or

25 (b) Submit satisfactory proof that:

26 (1) The applicant maintained an active practice in another
27 state or the District of Columbia within the 5 years immediately
28 preceding the application;

29 (2) No disciplinary proceeding has ever been instituted
30 against the applicant by a licensing board in any jurisdiction in
31 which he or she is licensed to practice podiatry; and

32 (3) The applicant has participated in a program of continuing
33 education that is equivalent to the program of continuing education
34 that is required pursuant to NRS 635.115 for podiatric physicians
35 licensed in this State.

36 **Sec. 1.85.** Chapter 449 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
37 thereto a new section to read as follows:

38 *1. A medical facility may employ or contract with a physician*
39 *to provide health care to a patient of the medical facility.*

40 *2. If a medical facility, other than a hospital, employs or*
41 *contracts with a physician pursuant to subsection 1, the medical*
42 *facility must have:*

43 *(a) Credentialing and privileging standards and a process for*
44 *peer review for the medical facility; and*



1 ***(b) A physician or committee of physicians who oversees the***
2 ***standards and process required pursuant to paragraph (a).***

3 ***3. If a medical facility employs or contracts with a physician***
4 ***pursuant to subsection 1, the medical facility shall not, by virtue of***
5 ***its employment of or contract with the physician, interfere with,***
6 ***limit or otherwise impede the ability of the physician to care for a***
7 ***patient in a manner consistent with the professional medical***
8 ***judgment of the physician.***

9 ***4. As used in this section:***

10 ***(a) "Credentialing" means obtaining, verifying and assessing***
11 ***the qualifications of a physician to provide treatment, care or***
12 ***services in or for a medical facility.***

13 ***(b) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine***
14 ***pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS.***

15 ***(c) "Privileging" means the authorizing by an appropriate***
16 ***authority of a physician to provide specific treatment, care or***
17 ***services at a medical facility subject to limits based on factors that***
18 ***include, without limitation, the physician's license, education,***
19 ***training, experience, competence, health status and specialized***
20 ***skill.***

21 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

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