

Senate Bill No. 184—Senator Hardy

CHAPTER.....

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

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



governing the supervision of a physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 633 of NRS by an allopathic physician licensed pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Secs. 2-5.** (Deleted by amendment.)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*2. Apply:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

630.047 1. This chapter does not apply to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. This chapter does not prohibit:

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

(b) The domestic administration of family remedies.

**Secs. 12 and 13.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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

630.255 1. Any licensee who changes the location of his or her practice of medicine from this State to another state or country,



has never engaged in the practice of medicine in this State after licensure or has ceased to engage in the practice of medicine in this State for 12 consecutive months may be placed on inactive status by order of the Board. *Any physician assistant who notifies the Board of his or her desire to be placed on inactive status in writing on a form prescribed by the Board may be placed on inactive status by order of the Board.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

For application for and issuance of a license to practice as a physician, including a license by endorsement .....	\$600
For application for and issuance of a temporary, locum tenens, limited, restricted, authorized facility, special, special purpose or special event license .....	400
For renewal of a limited, restricted, authorized facility or special license .....	400
For application for and issuance of a license as a physician assistant, including a license by endorsement .....	400
<i>For application for and issuance of a simultaneous license as a physician assistant .....</i>	<i>200</i>
For biennial registration of a physician assistant.....	800
<i>For biennial simultaneous registration of a physician assistant.....</i>	<i>400</i>
For biennial registration of a physician .....	800
For application for and issuance of a license as a perfusionist or practitioner of respiratory care .....	400
For biennial renewal of a license as a perfusionist .....	600
For biennial registration of a practitioner of respiratory care.....	600
For biennial registration for a physician who is on inactive status .....	400
For written verification of licensure .....	50
For a duplicate identification card .....	25
For a duplicate license .....	50
For computer printouts or labels.....	500
For verification of a listing of physicians, per hour .....	20
For furnishing a list of new physicians.....	100



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

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

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

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

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

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

**Secs. 17 and 18.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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

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

1. The educational and other qualifications of applicants.

2. The required academic program for applicants.

3. The procedures for applications for and the issuance of licenses.

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

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

6. The medical services which a physician assistant may perform, except that a physician assistant may not perform those specific functions and duties delegated or restricted by law to persons licensed as dentists, chiropractors, podiatric physicians and





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

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

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



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

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

(d) Any other information required by the Board.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

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



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

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

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

(d) Any other information required by the Board.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. *Apply:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

633.171 1. This chapter does not apply to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. This chapter does not prohibit:

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

(b) The domestic administration of family remedies.

**Secs. 31-34.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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

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



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

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

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

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

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

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

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

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

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

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

(e) Any other information required by the Board.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

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

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

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

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

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

(e) Any other information required by the Board.

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

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



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

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

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

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

**Secs. 37 and 38.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Secs. 40 and 41.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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

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

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

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. The Board shall encourage each holder of a license to practice osteopathic medicine or as a physician assistant to receive, as a portion of his or her continuing education, training and



education in the diagnosis of rare diseases, including, without limitation:

- (a) Recognizing the symptoms of pediatric cancer; and
- (b) Interpreting family history to determine whether such symptoms indicate a normal childhood illness or a condition that requires additional examination.

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

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

- (a) The skills and knowledge that the licensee needs to detect behaviors that may lead to suicide, including, without limitation, post-traumatic stress disorder;
- (b) Approaches to engaging other professionals in suicide intervention; and
- (c) The detection of suicidal thoughts and ideations and the prevention of suicide.

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

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

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

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

633.491 1. A licensee who retires from practice is not required annually to renew his or her license after filing with the Board an affidavit stating the date on which he or she retired from



practice and any other evidence that the Board may require to verify the retirement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. An osteopathic physician or physician assistant whose license is on inactive status and who wishes to renew his or her



license to practice osteopathic medicine or license to practice as a physician assistant must:

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

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

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

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

(c) Comply with all other requirements for renewal.

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

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

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

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

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

(d) Special or authorized facility license fee ..... 200

(e) Special event license fee ..... 200

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

(g) Reexamination fee ..... 200

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. The cost of any special meeting called at the request of a licensee, an institution, an organization, a state agency or an applicant for licensure must be paid by the person or entity requesting the special meeting. Such a special meeting must not be called until the person or entity requesting the meeting has paid a



cash deposit with the Board sufficient to defray all expenses of the meeting.

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

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

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

**Secs. 45 and 46.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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

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

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

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

