

SENATE BILL NO. 270—SENATORS DENIS; AND HARDY

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Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing qualifications for licensure for certain health care practitioners. (BDR 54-379)

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 health care practitioners; requiring certain practitioners who may prescribe or administer controlled substances and dangerous drugs to complete a course of instruction relating to prescription drug abuse and addiction as a condition of licensure or certification or the renewal of a license or certificate; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 Existing law authorizes certain health care practitioners, including physicians,
- 2 physician assistants, dentists, advanced practitioners of nursing, osteopathic
- 3 physicians, osteopathic physician assistants, podiatric physicians, optometrists and
- 4 veterinarians to prescribe and administer controlled substances and dangerous drugs
- 5 under certain circumstances. (NRS 639.0125, 639.235)
- 6 **Sections 1-3** of this bill require that an applicant for a license to practice
- 7 medicine, for licensure as a physician assistant under certain circumstances or for
- 8 the renewal of a license to complete a course of instruction relating to prescription
- 9 drug abuse and addiction approved by the Board of Medical Examiners before the
- 10 issuance or renewal of the license.
- 11 **Section 4** of this bill requires an applicant for a license to practice dentistry or
- 12 any of its special branches to complete a course of instruction relating to
- 13 prescription drug abuse and addiction approved by the Board of Dental Examiners
- 14 of Nevada before the issuance of the license. **Section 5** of this bill requires the
- 15 Board to include a course of instruction relating to prescription drug abuse and
- 16 addiction as a component of the continuing education requirements for persons
- 17 licensed by the Board.
- 18 **Section 6** of this bill prohibits the State Board of Nursing from issuing a license
- 19 or certificate to an applicant for certification as an advanced practitioner of nursing
- 20 unless the applicant has completed a course of instruction relating to prescription



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21 drug abuse and addiction which is approved by the Board. **Section 7** of this bill
22 provides that, as a condition of the renewal of a license or certificate by the Board,
23 an advanced practitioner of nursing must complete a course of continuing education
24 relating to prescription drug abuse and addiction.

25 **Sections 8-10** of this bill require an applicant for a license to practice
26 osteopathic medicine, for licensure as an osteopathic physician assistant under
27 certain circumstances or for the renewal of a license to complete a course of
28 instruction relating to prescription drug abuse and addiction approved by the State
29 Board of Osteopathic Medicine before the issuance or renewal of the license.

30 **Section 11** of this bill requires an applicant for a license to practice podiatry to
31 complete a course of instruction relating to prescription drug abuse and addiction
32 approved by the State Board of Podiatry before the issuance of a license. **Section**
33 **12** of this bill requires the Board to include a course of instruction relating to
34 prescription drug abuse and addiction as a component of the continuing education
35 requirements for persons licensed by the Board.

36 **Sections 13 and 14** of this bill require an applicant for a license to practice
37 optometry or for the renewal of a license to complete a course of instruction
38 relating to prescription drug abuse and addiction approved by the Nevada State
39 Board of Optometry before the issuance or renewal of the license.

40 **Sections 15 and 16** of this bill require an applicant for a license to practice
41 veterinary medicine or for the renewal of a license to complete a course of
42 instruction relating to prescription drug abuse and addiction approved by the
43 Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners before the issuance or
44 renewal of the license.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 630 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *In addition to any other requirements for licensure, an*
4 *applicant for a license to practice medicine shall submit to the*
5 *Board proof of completion of a course of instruction relating to*
6 *prescription drug abuse and addiction which is approved by the*
7 *Board.*

8 **Sec. 2.** NRS 630.253 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 630.253 1. The Board shall, as a prerequisite for the:

10 (a) Renewal of a license as a physician assistant; or

11 (b) Biennial registration of the holder of a license to practice
12 medicine,

13 ➔ require each holder to comply with the requirements for
14 continuing education adopted by the Board.

15 2. These requirements:

16 (a) May provide for the completion of one or more courses of
17 instruction relating to risk management in the performance of
18 medical services.

19 (b) *Must provide for completion of a course of instruction*
20 *relating to prescription drug abuse and addiction.*



1 (c) Must provide for the completion of a course of instruction,
2 within 2 years after initial licensure, relating to the medical
3 consequences of an act of terrorism that involves the use of a
4 weapon of mass destruction. The course must provide at least 4
5 hours of instruction that includes instruction in the following
6 subjects:

7 (1) An overview of acts of terrorism and weapons of mass
8 destruction;

9 (2) Personal protective equipment required for acts of
10 terrorism;

11 (3) Common symptoms and methods of treatment associated
12 with exposure to, or injuries caused by, chemical, biological,
13 radioactive and nuclear agents;

14 (4) Syndromic surveillance and reporting procedures for acts
15 of terrorism that involve biological agents; and

16 (5) An overview of the information available on, and the use
17 of, the Health Alert Network.

18 ➤ The Board may thereafter determine whether to include in a
19 program of continuing education additional courses of instruction
20 relating to the medical consequences of an act of terrorism that
21 involves the use of a weapon of mass destruction.

22 3. The Board shall encourage each holder of a license who
23 treats or cares for persons who are more than 60 years of age to
24 receive, as a portion of their continuing education, education in
25 geriatrics and gerontology, including such topics as:

26 (a) The skills and knowledge that the licensee needs to address
27 aging issues;

28 (b) Approaches to providing health care to older persons,
29 including both didactic and clinical approaches;

30 (c) The biological, behavioral, social and emotional aspects of
31 the aging process; and

32 (d) The importance of maintenance of function and
33 independence for older persons.

34 4. As used in this section:

35 (a) "Act of terrorism" has the meaning ascribed to it in
36 NRS 202.4415.

37 (b) "Biological agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in
38 NRS 202.442.

39 (c) "Chemical agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in
40 NRS 202.4425.

41 (d) "Radioactive agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in
42 NRS 202.4437.

43 (e) "Weapon of mass destruction" has the meaning ascribed to it
44 in NRS 202.4445.



1 **Sec. 3.** NRS 630.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 630.275 **1.** The Board shall adopt regulations regarding the
3 licensure of a physician assistant, including, ~~but not limited to:~~

4 ~~—1—~~ ***without limitation:***

5 **(a)** The educational and other qualifications of applicants.

6 ~~2—~~ **(b)** The required academic program for applicants.

7 ~~3—~~ **(c)** The procedures for applications for and the issuance of
8 licenses.

9 ~~4—~~ **(d)** The tests or examinations of applicants by the Board.

10 ~~5—~~ **(e)** The medical services which a physician assistant may
11 perform, except that a physician assistant may not perform those
12 specific functions and duties delegated or restricted by law to
13 persons licensed as dentists, chiropractors, podiatric physicians and
14 optometrists under chapters 631, 634, 635 and 636, respectively, of
15 NRS, or as hearing aid specialists.

16 ~~6—~~ **(f)** The duration, renewal and termination of licenses.

17 ~~7—~~ **(g)** The grounds and procedures respecting disciplinary
18 actions against physician assistants.

19 ~~8—~~ **(h)** The supervision of medical services of a physician
20 assistant by a supervising physician.

21 **2.** *The regulations adopted pursuant to this section must*
22 *include the requirement that an applicant for a license or for the*
23 *renewal of a license whom the Board authorizes to possess,*
24 *administer, prescribe or dispense controlled substances, poisons,*
25 *dangerous drugs or devices under the supervision of a physician*
26 *complete a course of instruction relating to prescription drug*
27 *abuse and addiction which is approved by the Board before the*
28 *issuance or renewal of the license.*

29 **Sec. 4.** NRS 631.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 631.220 **1.** Every applicant for a license to practice dental
31 hygiene or dentistry, or any of its special branches, must:

32 **(a)** File an application with the Board at least 45 days before:

33 **(1)** The date on which the examination will be given; or

34 **(2)** If an examination is not required for the issuance of a
35 license, the date on which the Board is scheduled to take action on
36 the application.

37 **(b)** Accompany the application with a recent photograph of the
38 applicant together with the required fee and such other
39 documentation as the Board may require by regulation.

40 **(c)** *If the applicant is an applicant for a license to practice*
41 *dentistry or any of its special branches, submit with the*
42 *application proof that the applicant has completed a course of*
43 *instruction relating to prescription drug abuse and addiction*
44 *which is approved by the Board.*



1 (d) Submit with the application a complete set of fingerprints
2 and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the
3 fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of
4 Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of
5 Investigation for its report.

6 2. An application must include all information required to
7 complete the application.

8 **Sec. 5.** NRS 631.342 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 631.342 1. The Board shall adopt regulations concerning
10 continuing education in dentistry and dental hygiene. The
11 regulations must include:

- 12 (a) The number of hours of credit required annually;
13 (b) The criteria used to accredit each course; and
14 (c) The requirements for submission of proof of attendance at
15 courses.

16 2. *As part of continuing education, each person who holds a
17 license to practice dentistry or any of its special branches must
18 complete a course of instruction relating to prescription drug
19 abuse and addiction which is approved by the Board.*

20 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~3-1~~ 4, as part of
21 continuing education, each licensee must complete a course of
22 instruction, within 2 years after initial licensure, relating to the
23 medical consequences of an act of terrorism that involves the use
24 of a weapon of mass destruction. The course must provide at least 4
25 hours of instruction that includes instruction in the following
26 subjects:

- 27 (a) An overview of acts of terrorism and weapons of mass
28 destruction;
29 (b) Personal protective equipment required for acts of terrorism;
30 (c) Common symptoms and methods of treatment associated
31 with exposure to, or injuries caused by, chemical, biological,
32 radioactive and nuclear agents;
33 (d) Syndromic surveillance and reporting procedures for acts of
34 terrorism that involve biological agents; and
35 (e) An overview of the information available on, and the use of,
36 the Health Alert Network.

37 ~~3-1~~ 4. Instead of the course described in subsection ~~2-1~~ 3, a
38 licensee may complete:

39 (a) A course in Basic Disaster Life Support or a course in Core
40 Disaster Life Support if the course is offered by a provider of
41 continuing education accredited by the National Disaster Life
42 Support Foundation; or

43 (b) Any other course that the Board determines to be the
44 equivalent of a course specified in paragraph (a).



1 ~~[4-]~~ 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections ~~[2 and 3,]~~
2 **3 and 4**, the Board may determine whether to include in a program
3 of continuing education additional courses of instruction relating to
4 the medical consequences of an act of terrorism that involves the use
5 of a weapon of mass destruction.

6 ~~[5-]~~ 6. As used in this section:

7 (a) "Act of terrorism" has the meaning ascribed to it in
8 NRS 202.4415.

9 (b) "Biological agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in
10 NRS 202.442.

11 (c) "Chemical agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in
12 NRS 202.4425.

13 (d) "Radioactive agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in
14 NRS 202.4437.

15 (e) "Weapon of mass destruction" has the meaning ascribed to it
16 in NRS 202.4445.

17 **Sec. 6.** Chapter 632 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
18 thereto a new section to read as follows:

19 *In addition to any other requirement for licensure or*
20 *certification pursuant to this chapter, the Board shall not issue a*
21 *license or certificate to any applicant for certification as an*
22 *advanced practitioner of nursing unless the applicant has*
23 *completed a course of instruction relating to prescription drug*
24 *abuse and addiction which is approved by the Board.*

25 **Sec. 7.** NRS 632.343 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 632.343 1. The Board shall not renew any license issued
27 under this chapter until the licensee has submitted proof satisfactory
28 to the Board of completion, during the 2-year period before renewal
29 of the license, of 30 hours in a program of continuing education
30 approved by the Board. The licensee is exempt from this provision
31 for the first biennial period after graduation from:

32 (a) An accredited school of professional nursing;

33 (b) An accredited school of practical nursing;

34 (c) An approved school of professional nursing in the process of
35 obtaining accreditation; or

36 (d) An approved school of practical nursing in the process of
37 obtaining accreditation.

38 2. The Board shall review all courses offered to nurses for the
39 completion of the requirement set forth in subsection 1. The Board
40 may approve nursing and other courses which are directly related to
41 the practice of nursing as well as others which bear a reasonable
42 relationship to current developments in the field of nursing or any
43 special area of practice in which a licensee engages. These may
44 include academic studies, workshops, extension studies, home study
45 and other courses.



1 3. *For an advanced practitioner of nursing, the program of*
2 *continuing education required by subsection 1 must include a*
3 *course of instruction relating to prescription drug abuse and*
4 *addiction.*

5 4. The program of continuing education required by subsection
6 1 must include a course of instruction, to be completed within 2
7 years after initial licensure, relating to the medical consequences of
8 an act of terrorism that involves the use of a weapon of mass
9 destruction. The course must provide at least 4 hours of instruction
10 that includes instruction in the following subjects:

11 (a) An overview of acts of terrorism and weapons of mass
12 destruction;

13 (b) Personal protective equipment required for acts of terrorism;

14 (c) Common symptoms and methods of treatment associated
15 with exposure to, or injuries caused by, chemical, biological,
16 radioactive and nuclear agents;

17 (d) Syndromic surveillance and reporting procedures for acts of
18 terrorism that involve biological agents; and

19 (e) An overview of the information available on, and the use of,
20 the Health Alert Network.

21 ➤ The Board may thereafter determine whether to include in a
22 program of continuing education additional courses of instruction
23 relating to the medical consequences of an act of terrorism that
24 involves the use of a weapon of mass destruction.

25 ~~4.4~~ 5. The Board shall encourage each licensee who treats or
26 cares for persons who are more than 60 years of age to receive, as a
27 portion of their continuing education, education in geriatrics and
28 gerontology, including such topics as:

29 (a) The skills and knowledge that the licensee needs to address
30 aging issues;

31 (b) Approaches to providing health care to older persons,
32 including both didactic and clinical approaches;

33 (c) The biological, behavioral, social and emotional aspects of
34 the aging process; and

35 (d) The importance of maintenance of function and
36 independence for older persons.

37 ~~5.5~~ 6. As used in this section:

38 (a) "Act of terrorism" has the meaning ascribed to it in
39 NRS 202.4415.

40 (b) "Biological agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in
41 NRS 202.442.

42 (c) "Chemical agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in
43 NRS 202.4425.

44 (d) "Radioactive agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in
45 NRS 202.4437.



1 (e) "Weapon of mass destruction" has the meaning ascribed to it
2 in NRS 202.4445.

3 **Sec. 8.** NRS 633.311 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 633.311 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 633.315, an
5 applicant for a license to practice osteopathic medicine may be
6 issued a license by the Board if:

7 1. The applicant is 21 years of age or older;

8 2. The applicant is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully
9 entitled to remain and work in the United States;

10 3. The applicant is a graduate of a school of osteopathic
11 medicine;

12 4. The applicant:

13 (a) Has graduated from a school of osteopathic medicine before
14 1995 and has completed:

15 (1) A hospital internship; or

16 (2) One year of postgraduate training that complies with the
17 standards of intern training established by the American Osteopathic
18 Association;

19 (b) Has completed 3 years of postgraduate medical education as
20 a resident in the United States or Canada in a program approved by
21 the Board, the Bureau of Professional Education of the American
22 Osteopathic Association or the Accreditation Council for Graduate
23 Medical Education; or

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

27 5. The applicant applies for the license as provided by law;

28 6. The applicant passes:

29 (a) All parts of the licensing examination of the National Board
30 of Osteopathic Medical Examiners;

31 (b) All parts of the licensing examination of the Federation of
32 State Medical Boards of the United States, Inc.;

33 (c) All parts of the licensing examination of the Board, a state,
34 territory or possession of the United States, or the District of
35 Columbia, and is certified by a specialty board of the American
36 Osteopathic Association or by the American Board of Medical
37 Specialties; or

38 (d) A combination of the parts of the licensing examinations
39 specified in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) that is approved by the
40 Board;

41 7. *The applicant completes a course of instruction relating to*
42 *prescription drug abuse and addiction which is approved by the*
43 *Board;*

44 8. The applicant pays the fees provided for in this chapter; and



1 ~~[8-]~~ 9. The applicant submits all information required to
2 complete an application for a license.

3 **Sec. 9.** NRS 633.434 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 633.434 1. The Board shall adopt regulations regarding the
5 licensure of a physician assistant, including, without limitation:

6 ~~[1-]~~ (a) The educational and other qualifications of applicants.

7 ~~[2-]~~ (b) The required academic program for applicants.

8 ~~[3-]~~ (c) The procedures for applications for and the issuance of
9 licenses.

10 ~~[4-]~~ (d) The tests or examinations of applicants by the Board.

11 ~~[5-]~~ (e) The medical services which a physician assistant may
12 perform, except that a physician assistant may not perform
13 osteopathic manipulative therapy or those specific functions and
14 duties delegated or restricted by law to persons licensed as dentists,
15 chiropractors, doctors of Oriental medicine, podiatric physicians,
16 optometrists and hearing aid specialists under chapters 631, 634,
17 634A, 635, 636 and 637A, respectively, of NRS.

18 ~~[6-]~~ (f) The duration, renewal and termination of licenses.

19 ~~[7-]~~ (g) The grounds and procedures respecting disciplinary
20 actions against physician assistants.

21 ~~[8-]~~ (h) The supervision of medical services of a physician
22 assistant by a supervising osteopathic physician.

23 *2. The regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must*
24 *require an applicant for the issuance or renewal of a license*
25 *whom the Board authorizes to possess, administer, prescribe or*
26 *dispense controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs or*
27 *devices under the supervision of an osteopathic physician to*
28 *complete a course of instruction relating to prescription drug*
29 *abuse and addiction which is approved by the Board before the*
30 *issuance or renewal of the license.*

31 **Sec. 10.** NRS 633.471 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 633.471 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and
33 NRS 633.491, every holder of a license to practice osteopathic
34 medicine issued under this chapter, except a temporary or a special
35 license, may renew the license on or before January 1 of each
36 calendar year after its issuance by:

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

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

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

43 (d) Submitting an affidavit to the Board that in the year
44 preceding the application for renewal the holder has attended



1 courses or programs of continuing education approved by the Board
2 ~~totaling~~ :

3 (1) *Totaling* a number of hours established by the Board
4 which must not be less than 35 hours nor more than that set in the
5 requirements for continuing medical education of the American
6 Osteopathic Association; and

7 (2) *Which must include a course of continuing education*
8 *relating to prescription drug abuse and addiction; and*

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

10 2. The Secretary of the Board shall notify each licensee of the
11 practice of osteopathic medicine of the requirements for renewal not
12 less than 30 days before the date of renewal.

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

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

26 **Sec. 11.** NRS 635.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 635.050 1. Any person wishing to practice podiatry in this
28 State must, before beginning to practice, procure from the Board a
29 license to practice podiatry.

30 2. A license to practice podiatry may be issued by the Board to
31 any person who:

32 (a) Is of good moral character.

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

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

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

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

40 (f) Has not committed any act described in subsection 2 of NRS
41 635.130. For the purposes of this paragraph, an affidavit signed by
42 the applicant stating that the applicant has not committed any act
43 described in subsection 2 of NRS 635.130 constitutes satisfactory
44 proof.



1 *(g) Has completed a course of instruction relating to*
2 *prescription drug abuse and addiction approved by the Board.*

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

6 (a) The fee for an application for a license of not more than
7 \$600;

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

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

12 ➤ The Board shall, by regulation, establish the fee required to be
13 paid pursuant to this subsection.

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

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

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

22 (a) A limited license to practice podiatry pursuant to NRS
23 635.075; or

24 (b) A provisional license to practice podiatry pursuant to
25 NRS 635.082.

26 **Sec. 12.** NRS 635.115 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 635.115 1. Every even-numbered year each podiatric
28 physician must, at the time of paying the annual renewal fee, present
29 to the Secretary of the Board satisfactory evidence that during the
30 preceding 2 years the podiatric physician attended at least 50 hours
31 of instruction in courses approved by the Board for purposes of
32 continuing professional education and is currently certified in the
33 techniques of administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The
34 Board may waive all or part of the requirement of continuing
35 education in a particular year if the podiatric physician was
36 prevented from that attendance by circumstances beyond his or her
37 control.

38 2. *The requirements of continuing education established by*
39 *the Board must include the requirement that a podiatric physician*
40 *complete a course of instruction relating to prescription drug*
41 *abuse and addiction.*

42 3. If a podiatric physician fails to provide proof of his or her
43 continuing education and does not obtain a waiver from the Board,
44 the license must not be renewed.



1 **Sec. 13.** NRS 636.155 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 636.155 An applicant must file with the Executive Director
3 satisfactory proof that the applicant:

4 1. Is at least 21 years of age;

5 2. Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to
6 reside and work in this country;

7 3. Is of good moral character;

8 4. Has been certified or recertified as completing a course of
9 cardiopulmonary resuscitation within the 12-month period
10 immediately preceding the examination for licensure; ~~and~~

11 5. Has graduated from a school of optometry accredited by the
12 established professional agency and the Board, maintaining a
13 standard of 6 college years, and including, as a prerequisite to
14 admission to the courses in optometry, at least 2 academic years of
15 study in a college of arts and sciences accredited by the Association
16 of American Universities or a similar regional accrediting agency ~~;~~
17 *; and*

18 *6. Has completed a course of instruction relating to*
19 *prescription drug abuse and addiction which is approved by the*
20 *Board.*

21 **Sec. 14.** NRS 636.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 636.260 1. Before March 1 of each year, each licensee shall
23 pay a renewal fee to the Executive Director in the amount specified
24 in NRS 636.143. For the purposes of this subsection, the date of the
25 postmark on any payment received by mail shall be deemed to be
26 the date of receipt by the Executive Director.

27 2. The renewal fee must be accompanied by satisfactory
28 evidence that the licensee has, within the immediately preceding 12-
29 month period, completed the required number of hours in a course
30 or courses of continuing education that have been approved by the
31 Board ~~;~~, *which must include, without limitation, the completion*
32 *of a course of continuing education relating to prescription drug*
33 *abuse and addiction.* This evidence must be indicated on the form
34 for proof of completion of continuing education that is furnished by
35 the Board. The Board shall not require a licensee to complete more
36 than 24 hours of continuing education during each year. The Board
37 may waive the requirement that a licensee complete all or part of the
38 required number of hours of continuing education upon good cause
39 shown by the licensee.

40 3. A licensee who is certified to administer and prescribe
41 therapeutic pharmaceutical agents pursuant to NRS 636.288 must, at
42 the time of paying the renewal fee, present evidence satisfactory to
43 the Executive Director that, during the 12 months immediately
44 preceding the payment of the renewal fee, the licensee completed an
45 educational or postgraduate program approved by the Board. The



1 Board shall establish the number of hours for completion of the
2 program which must be not less than 30 hours nor more than 50
3 hours.

4 **Sec. 15.** Chapter 638 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
5 thereto a new section to read as follows:

6 *In addition to the requirements of NRS 638.127, each applicant*
7 *for renewal of a license must submit proof satisfactory to the*
8 *Board that the applicant has completed a course of instruction*
9 *relating to prescription drug abuse and addiction which is*
10 *approved by the Board.*

11 **Sec. 16.** NRS 638.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 638.100 1. Any person who desires to secure a license to
13 practice veterinary medicine, surgery, obstetrics or dentistry in the
14 State of Nevada must make written application to the Executive
15 Director of the Board.

16 2. The application must include all information required to
17 complete the application and any other information required by the
18 Board and must be accompanied by satisfactory proof that the
19 applicant:

20 (a) Is of good moral character;

21 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, has received a
22 diploma conferring the degree of doctor of veterinary medicine or
23 its equivalent from a school of veterinary medicine that is accredited
24 by the Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical
25 Association or, if the applicant is a graduate of a school of
26 veterinary medicine that is not accredited by the Council on
27 Education of the American Veterinary Medical Association, that the
28 applicant has received an educational certificate issued by
29 the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates of
30 the American Veterinary Medical Association or, if the Educational
31 Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates of the American
32 Veterinary Medical Association ceases to exist, by an organization
33 approved by the Board that certifies that the holder of the certificate
34 has demonstrated knowledge and skill of veterinary medicine that is
35 equivalent to the knowledge and skill of veterinary medicine of a
36 graduate of a college of veterinary medicine that is accredited by the
37 Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical
38 Association;

39 (c) Has passed each examination required by the Board pursuant
40 to NRS 638.110; ~~and~~

41 (d) *Has completed a course of instruction relating to*
42 *prescription drug abuse and addiction which is approved by the*
43 *Board; and*

44 (e) Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to
45 remain and work in the United States.



- 1 3. A veterinary student in his or her final year at a school
2 accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association may
3 submit an application to the Board and take the state examination
4 administered by the Board, but the Board may not issue a license
5 until the student has complied with the requirements of subsection 2.
6 4. The application must be signed by the applicant, notarized
7 and accompanied by a fee set by the Board, not to exceed \$500.
8 5. The Board may refuse to issue a license if the Board
9 determines that an applicant has committed an act which would be a
10 ground for disciplinary action if the applicant were a licensee.

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