
SENATE BILL NO. 68—COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, LABOR AND ENERGY

(ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

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Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing professions.
(BDR 54-290)

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 the District of Columbia or another state or territory of the United States to apply for a license by endorsement to practice in this State; revising provisions relating to certain limited licenses to practice medicine as a resident physician; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 **Sections 1, 7 and 11** of this bill authorize certain qualified physicians and
2 certain qualified podiatrists to obtain a license by endorsement to practice in this
3 State if the physician or podiatrist holds a valid and unrestricted license to practice
4 in the District of Columbia or another state or territory of the United States, is
5 certified in a specialty recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties or
6 the American Osteopathic Association, as applicable, and meets certain other
7 requirements.
8 Existing law authorizes the Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of
9 Osteopathic Medicine to issue a limited license to practice medicine as a resident
10 physician to an applicant who meets certain requirements. (NRS 630.265, 633.401)
11 **Sections 5 and 9** of this bill require, with limited exceptions, the Board of Medical
12 Examiners and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine to issue those limited
13 licenses.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (3) *Has not been disciplined or investigated by the*
20 *corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or*
21 *the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license to*
22 *practice medicine; and*

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

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

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

30 3. *Not later than 15 business days after receiving an*
31 *application for a license by endorsement to practice medicine*
32 *pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to*
33 *the applicant of any additional information required by the Board*
34 *to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the*
35 *application for good cause, the Board shall approve the*
36 *application and issue a license by endorsement to practice*
37 *medicine to the applicant not later than 45 days after receiving the*
38 *application.*

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



1 **Sec. 2.** NRS 630.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 630.160 1. Every person desiring to practice medicine must,
3 before beginning to practice, procure from the Board a license
4 authorizing the person to practice.
5 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 630.1605, 630.161
6 and 630.258 to 630.266, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, a
7 license may be issued to any person who:
8 (a) Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to
9 remain and work in the United States;
10 (b) Has received the degree of doctor of medicine from a
11 medical school:
12 (1) Approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical
13 Education of the American Medical Association and Association of
14 American Medical Colleges; or
15 (2) Which provides a course of professional instruction
16 equivalent to that provided in medical schools in the United States
17 approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education;
18 (c) Is currently certified by a specialty board of the American
19 Board of Medical Specialties and who agrees to maintain the
20 certification for the duration of the licensure, or has passed:
21 (1) All parts of the examination given by the National Board
22 of Medical Examiners;
23 (2) All parts of the Federation Licensing Examination;
24 (3) All parts of the United States Medical Licensing
25 Examination;
26 (4) All parts of a licensing examination given by any state or
27 territory of the United States, if the applicant is certified by a
28 specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties;
29 (5) All parts of the examination to become a licentiate of the
30 Medical Council of Canada; or
31 (6) Any combination of the examinations specified in
32 subparagraphs (1), (2) and (3) that the Board determines to be
33 sufficient;
34 (d) Is currently certified by a specialty board of the American
35 Board of Medical Specialties in the specialty of emergency
36 medicine, preventive medicine or family practice and who agrees to
37 maintain certification in at least one of these specialties for the
38 duration of the licensure, or:
39 (1) Has completed 36 months of progressive postgraduate:
40 (I) Education as a resident in the United States or Canada
41 in a program approved by the Board, the Accreditation Council for
42 Graduate Medical Education or the ~~[Coordinating Council of~~
43 ~~Medical Education of the]~~ Canadian Medical Association; or



1 (II) Fellowship training in the United States or Canada
2 approved by the Board or the Accreditation Council for Graduate
3 Medical Education;

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

9 (3) Is a resident who is enrolled in a progressive postgraduate
10 training program in the United States or Canada approved by the
11 Board, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or
12 the ~~Coordinating Council of Medical Education of the~~ Canadian
13 Medical Association, has completed at least 24 months of the
14 program and has committed, in writing, to the Board that he or she
15 will complete the program; and

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

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

28 4. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
29 contrary, if, after issuing a license to practice medicine, the Board
30 obtains information from a primary or other source of information
31 and that information differs from the information provided by the
32 applicant or otherwise received by the Board, the Board may:

33 (a) Temporarily suspend the license;

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

36 (c) Declare the license void if the Board or a committee
37 appointed by the Board determines that the information submitted
38 by the applicant was false, fraudulent or intended to deceive the
39 Board;

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

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



- 1 (1) Placing the licensee on probation for a specified period
- 2 with specified conditions;
- 3 (2) Administering a public reprimand;
- 4 (3) Limiting the practice of the licensee;
- 5 (4) Suspending the license for a specified period or until
- 6 further order of the Board;
- 7 (5) Requiring the licensee to participate in a program to
- 8 correct alcohol or drug dependence or any other impairment;
- 9 (6) Requiring supervision of the practice of the licensee;
- 10 (7) Imposing an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000;
- 11 (8) Requiring the licensee to perform community service
- 12 without compensation;
- 13 (9) Requiring the licensee to take a physical or mental
- 14 examination or an examination testing his or her competence to
- 15 practice medicine;
- 16 (10) Requiring the licensee to complete any training or
- 17 educational requirements specified by the Board; and
- 18 (11) Requiring the licensee to submit a corrected application,
- 19 including the payment of all appropriate fees and costs incident to
- 20 submitting an application.

21 5. If the Board determines after reviewing the differing
22 information to allow the license to remain in active status, the action
23 of the Board is not a disciplinary action and must not be reported to
24 any national database. If the Board determines after reviewing the
25 differing information to declare the license void, its action shall be
26 deemed a disciplinary action and shall be reportable to national
27 databases.

28 **Sec. 3.** NRS 630.165 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 630.165 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, an
30 applicant for a license to practice medicine must submit to the
31 Board, on a form provided by the Board, an application in writing,
32 accompanied by an affidavit stating that:

- 33 (a) The applicant is the person named in the proof of graduation
- 34 and that it was obtained without fraud or misrepresentation or any
- 35 mistake of which the applicant is aware; and
- 36 (b) The information contained in the application and any
- 37 accompanying material is complete and correct.

38 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement to practice
39 medicine pursuant to NRS 630.1605 *or section 1 of this act* must
40 submit to the Board, on a form provided by the Board, an
41 application in writing, accompanied by an affidavit stating that:

- 42 (a) The applicant is the person named in the license to practice
- 43 medicine issued by the District of Columbia or any state or territory
- 44 of the United States and that the license was obtained without fraud



1 or misrepresentation or any mistake of which the applicant is aware;
2 and

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

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

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

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

12 **Sec. 4.** NRS 630.258 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 630.258 1. A physician who is retired from active practice
14 and who:

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

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

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

24 (a) Documentation of the history of medical practice of the
25 physician;

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

30 (c) Proof that the physician satisfies the requirements for
31 licensure set forth in NRS 630.160 or the requirements for licensure
32 by endorsement set forth in NRS 630.1605 **[§] or section 1 of this**
33 **act;**

34 (d) Acknowledgment that the practice of the physician under the
35 special volunteer medical license will be exclusively devoted to
36 providing medical care:

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

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

41 (e) Acknowledgment that the physician will not receive any
42 payment or compensation, either direct or indirect, or have the
43 expectation of any payment or compensation, for providing medical
44 care under the special volunteer medical license, except for payment
45 by a medical facility at which the physician provides volunteer



1 medical services of the expenses of the physician for necessary
2 travel, continuing education, malpractice insurance or fees of the
3 State Board of Pharmacy.

4 3. If the Board finds that the application of a physician satisfies
5 the requirements of subsection 2 and that the retired physician is
6 competent to practice medicine, the Board shall issue a special
7 volunteer medical license to the physician.

8 4. The initial special volunteer medical license issued pursuant
9 to this section expires 1 year after the date of issuance. The license
10 may be renewed pursuant to this section, and any license that is
11 renewed expires 2 years after the date of issuance.

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

13 (a) The review of an application for a special volunteer medical
14 license; or

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

17 6. A physician who is issued a special volunteer medical
18 license pursuant to this section and who accepts the privilege of
19 practicing medicine in this State pursuant to the provisions of the
20 special volunteer medical license is subject to all the provisions
21 governing disciplinary action set forth in this chapter.

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

25 **Sec. 5.** NRS 630.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 630.265 1. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in]~~ *Unless the*
27 *Board denies such licensure pursuant to* NRS 630.161 ~~[.]~~ *or for*
28 *other good cause,* the Board ~~[may]~~ *shall* issue to a qualified
29 applicant a limited license to practice medicine as a resident
30 physician in a graduate program approved by the Accreditation
31 Council for Graduate Medical Education if the applicant is:

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

34 (b) A graduate of a foreign medical school and has received the
35 standard certificate of the Educational Commission for Foreign
36 Medical Graduates or a written statement from that Commission that
37 the applicant passed the examination given by it.

38 2. The medical school or other institution sponsoring the
39 program shall provide the Board with written confirmation that the
40 applicant has been appointed to a position in the program and is a
41 citizen of the United States or lawfully entitled to remain and work
42 in the United States. A limited license remains valid only while the
43 licensee is actively practicing medicine in the residency program
44 and is legally entitled to work and remain in the United States.



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

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

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

11 **Sec. 6.** NRS 630.268 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 630.268 1. The Board shall charge and collect not more than
13 the following fees:

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15	For application for and issuance of a license to
16	practice as a physician, including a license by
17	endorsement <i>issued pursuant to NRS</i>
18	<i>630.1605 or section 1 of this act</i> \$600
19	For application for and issuance of a temporary,
20	locum tenens, limited, restricted, authorized
21	facility, special, special purpose or special
22	event license 400
23	For renewal of a limited, restricted, authorized
24	facility or special license 400
25	For application for and issuance of a license as a
26	physician assistant 400
27	For biennial registration of a physician assistant..... 800
28	For biennial registration of a physician 800
29	For application for and issuance of a license as a
30	perfusionist or practitioner of respiratory care 400
31	For biennial renewal of a license as a
32	perfusionist..... 600
33	For biennial registration of a practitioner of
34	respiratory care 600
35	For biennial registration for a physician who is
36	on inactive status 400
37	For written verification of licensure 50
38	For a duplicate identification card 25
39	For a duplicate license 50
40	For computer printouts or labels..... 500
41	For verification of a listing of physicians, per
42	hour 20
43	For furnishing a list of new physicians..... 100



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

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

11 **Sec. 7.** Chapter 633 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
12 thereto a new section to read as follows:

13 ***1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 633.315, the Board***
14 ***may issue a license by endorsement to practice osteopathic***
15 ***medicine to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in***
16 ***this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application***
17 ***for such a license if the applicant:***

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

21 ***(b) Is certified in a specialty recognized by the American***
22 ***Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic***
23 ***Association.***

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

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

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

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

30 ***(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the***
31 ***corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or***
32 ***the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license to***
33 ***practice osteopathic medicine; and***

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

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

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

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

44 ***(e) Any other information required by the Board.***



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

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

10 (b) **Ten days after the Board receives a report on the**
11 **applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's**
12 **fingerprints,**

13 **↳ whichever occurs later.**

14 **4. A license by endorsement to practice osteopathic medicine**
15 **may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by**
16 **the President and Executive Director of the Board. Such an action**
17 **shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.**

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

19 633.311 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 633.315,
20 **633.381 to 633.419, inclusive, and section 7 of this act,** an
21 applicant for a license to practice osteopathic medicine may be
22 issued a license by the Board if:

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

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

26 3. The applicant is a graduate of a school of osteopathic
27 medicine;

28 4. The applicant:

29 (a) Has graduated from a school of osteopathic medicine before
30 1995 and has completed:

31 (1) A hospital internship; or

32 (2) One year of postgraduate training that complies with the
33 standards of intern training established by the American Osteopathic
34 Association;

35 (b) Has completed 3 years, or such other length of time as
36 required by a specific program, of postgraduate medical education
37 as a resident in the United States or Canada in a program approved
38 by the Board, the Bureau of Professional Education of the American
39 Osteopathic Association or the Accreditation Council for Graduate
40 Medical Education; or

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

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

45 6. The applicant passes:



1 (a) All parts of the licensing examination of the National Board
2 of Osteopathic Medical Examiners;

3 (b) All parts of the licensing examination of the Federation of
4 State Medical Boards ; ~~[of the United States, Inc.];~~

5 (c) All parts of the licensing examination of the Board, a state,
6 territory or possession of the United States, or the District of
7 Columbia, and is certified by a specialty board of the American
8 Osteopathic Association or by the American Board of Medical
9 Specialties; or

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

13 7. The applicant pays the fees provided for in this chapter; and

14 8. The applicant submits all information required to complete
15 an application for a license.

16 **Sec. 9.** NRS 633.401 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 633.401 1. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in]~~ *Unless the*
18 *Board denies such licensure pursuant to* NRS 633.315 ~~[.]~~ *or for*
19 *other good cause,* the Board ~~[may]~~ *shall* issue a special license to
20 practice osteopathic medicine:

21 (a) To authorize a person who is licensed to practice osteopathic
22 medicine in an adjoining state to come into Nevada to care for or
23 assist in the treatment of his or her patients in association with an
24 osteopathic physician in this State who has primary care of the
25 patients.

26 (b) To a resident while the resident is enrolled in a postgraduate
27 training program required pursuant to the provisions of paragraph
28 (c) of subsection 4 of NRS 633.311.

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

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

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

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

38 (c) Be certified by a specialty board of the American Board of
39 Medical Specialties, the American Osteopathic Association or their
40 successors.

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

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



1 **Sec. 10.** NRS 633.416 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 633.416 1. An osteopathic physician who is retired from
3 active practice and who:

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

7 (b) Wishes to provide services for any disaster relief operations
8 conducted by a governmental entity or nonprofit organization,

9 ↳ may obtain a special volunteer license to practice osteopathic
10 medicine by submitting an application to the Board pursuant to this
11 section.

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

15 (a) Documentation of the history of medical practice of the
16 osteopathic physician;

17 (b) Proof that the osteopathic physician previously has been
18 issued an unrestricted license to practice osteopathic medicine in
19 any state of the United States and that the osteopathic physician has
20 never been the subject of disciplinary action by a medical board in
21 any jurisdiction;

22 (c) Proof that the osteopathic physician satisfies the
23 requirements for licensure set forth in NRS 633.311 or the
24 requirements for licensure by endorsement set forth in NRS 633.400
25 ~~§~~ *or section 7 of this act;*

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

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

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

33 (e) Acknowledgment that the osteopathic physician will not
34 receive any payment or compensation, either direct or indirect, or
35 have the expectation of any payment or compensation, for providing
36 medical care under the special volunteer license to practice
37 osteopathic medicine, except for payment by a medical facility at
38 which the osteopathic physician provides volunteer medical services
39 of the expenses of the osteopathic physician for necessary travel,
40 continuing education, malpractice insurance or fees of the State
41 Board of Pharmacy.

42 3. If the Board finds that the application of an osteopathic
43 physician satisfies the requirements of subsection 2 and that the
44 retired osteopathic physician is competent to practice osteopathic



1 medicine, the Board shall issue a special volunteer license to
2 practice osteopathic medicine to the osteopathic physician.

3 4. The initial special volunteer license to practice osteopathic
4 medicine issued pursuant to this section expires 1 year after the date
5 of issuance. The license may be renewed pursuant to this section,
6 and any license that is renewed expires 2 years after the date of
7 issuance.

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

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

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

13 6. An osteopathic physician who is issued a special volunteer
14 license to practice osteopathic medicine pursuant to this section and
15 who accepts the privilege of practicing osteopathic medicine in this
16 State pursuant to the provisions of the special volunteer license to
17 practice osteopathic medicine is subject to all the provisions
18 governing disciplinary action set forth in this chapter.

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

23 **Sec. 11.** Chapter 635 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
24 thereto a new section to read as follows:

25 *1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 635.073, the Board
26 may issue a license by endorsement to practice podiatry to an
27 applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An
28 applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a
29 license if the applicant:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 *(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the
42 corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or
43 the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license to
44 practice podiatry; and*



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

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

6 (c) *A fee in the amount of the fee for an application for a*
7 *license required pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 3 of NRS*
8 *635.050; and*

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

10 3. *Not later than 15 business days after receiving an*
11 *application for a license by endorsement to practice podiatry*
12 *pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to*
13 *the applicant of any additional information required by the Board*
14 *to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the*
15 *application for good cause, the Board shall approve the*
16 *application and issue a license by endorsement to practice podiatry*
17 *to the applicant not later than 45 days after receiving the*
18 *application.*

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

23 **Sec. 12.** NRS 635.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 635.050 1. Any person wishing to practice podiatry in this
25 State must, before beginning to practice, procure from the Board a
26 license to practice podiatry.

27 2. ~~IA~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this act, a*
28 *license to practice podiatry may be issued by the Board to any*
29 *person who:*

30 (a) *Is of good moral character.*

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

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

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

36 (e) *Has passed the examination given by the National Board of*
37 *Podiatric Medical Examiners.*

38 (f) *Has not committed any act described in subsection 2 of NRS*
39 *635.130. For the purposes of this paragraph, an affidavit signed by*
40 *the applicant stating that the applicant has not committed any act*
41 *described in subsection 2 of NRS 635.130 constitutes satisfactory*
42 *proof.*

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



1 (a) The fee for an application for a license of not more than
2 \$600;

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (a) A limited license to practice podiatry pursuant to NRS
18 635.075; or

19 (b) A provisional license to practice podiatry pursuant to
20 NRS 635.082.

21 **Sec. 13.** NRS 635.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 635.065 1. In addition to the other requirements for licensure
23 set forth in this chapter, an applicant for a license to practice
24 podiatry in this State who has been licensed to practice podiatry in
25 another state or the District of Columbia must submit:

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

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

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

32 (b) If the applicant is currently licensed to practice podiatry in
33 another state or the District of Columbia, a certificate from the
34 licensing board of that jurisdiction stating that the applicant is in
35 good standing and no disciplinary proceedings are pending against
36 the applicant.

37 2. ~~¶The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this*
38 *act, the* Board may require an applicant who has been licensed to
39 practice podiatry in another state or the District of Columbia to:

40 (a) Pass an examination prescribed by the Board concerning the
41 provisions of this chapter and any regulations adopted pursuant
42 thereto; or

43 (b) Submit satisfactory proof that:



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

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

7 (3) The applicant has participated in a program of continuing
8 education that is equivalent to the program of continuing education
9 that is required pursuant to NRS 635.115 for podiatric physicians
10 licensed in this State.

11 **Sec. 14.** This act becomes effective upon passage and
12 approval.

