

SENATE BILL NO. 246—SENATOR SHAFFER

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Authorizes board of dental examiners of Nevada to issue limited number of licenses without examination each year to dentists licensed in other jurisdictions. (BDR 54-1191)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: 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 dentistry; authorizing the board of dental examiners of Nevada to issue a limited number of licenses each year to dentists licensed in other jurisdictions; establishing the fee for an application for a license to practice dentistry without examination; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 631 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
2 new section to read as follows:
3 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the board may,*
4 *without examination, issue a license to practice dentistry to a person*
5 *who:*
6 (a) *Holds a license to practice dentistry in another state, a territory or*
7 *possession of the United States or the District of Columbia whose*
8 *requirements for licensing at the time the license was issued are deemed*
9 *by the board to be substantially equivalent to the requirements for a*
10 *license to practice dentistry set forth in this chapter;*
11 (b) *Pays the fee prescribed by NRS 631.345; and*
12 (c) *Submits the statement required by NRS 631.225.*
13 2. *The board shall not issue a license pursuant to this section to:*
14 (a) *More than 20 persons each year;*
15 (b) *An applicant who has been refused a license in this state, another*
16 *state, a possession or territory of the United States or the District of*
17 *Columbia; or*

(c) An applicant whose license to practice dentistry has been revoked in this state, another state, a possession or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia.

3. The board shall adopt regulations that prescribe the procedure for the allocation of licenses issued pursuant to this section.

Sec. 2. NRS 631.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.240 *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act:*

1. ~~[Any person desiring to obtain]~~ *Each applicant for* a license to practice dentistry in this state, after having complied with the regulations of the board to determine eligibility, must:

(a) Present to the board a certificate granted by the National Board of Dental Examiners which contains a notation that he has passed the board's examination with an average score of at least 75; and

(b) Be examined by the board on his practical knowledge of dentistry.

2. The board shall examine each applicant in writing on the contents and interpretation of chapter 631 of NRS and the regulations of the board.

3. The examination must include clinical demonstrations of the applicant's skill in dentistry.

4. All persons who present the appropriate certificate and successfully complete the examination must be registered as licensed dentists on the board register, as provided in this chapter, and are entitled to receive a certificate of registration, signed by the member of the board who is a representative of the general public and those members of the board who are dentists.

Sec. 3. NRS 631.345 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.345 1. The fees which must be charged by the board for the performance of the duties imposed upon it by this chapter are as follows:

Examination fee for license to practice dentistry . \$300

Examination fee for license to practice dental hygiene 150

Application fee for a specialist license..... 125

Application fee for a license to practice dentistry without examination 150

Application and examination fee for permit to administer general anesthesia or sedation. 200

Annual renewal fee for permit to administer general anesthesia or sedation 50

Annual license renewal fee for a general dentist or specialist, not to exceed..... 300

Annual license renewal fee for a dental hygienist, not to exceed 150

Annual license renewal fee for an inactive dentist. 100

Annual license renewal fee for a retired or disabled dentist 25

1	Annual license renewal fee for an inactive dental hygienist	\$25
2	Annual license renewal fee for a retired or disabled dental	
3	hygienist.....	25
4	Reinstatement fee for a suspended license to practice dentistry	
5	or dental hygiene, not to exceed	200
6	Reinstatement fee for a revoked license to practice dentistry or	
7	dental hygiene.....	500

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9 2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the board shall
10 charge a fee to review a course of continuing education for accreditation.
11 The fee must not exceed \$150 per credit hour of the proposed course. The
12 board shall not charge a nonprofit organization or an agency of the state or
13 of a political subdivision of the state a fee to review a course of continuing
14 education.

15 3. All fees prescribed in this section are payable in advance and must
16 not be refunded.

17 **Sec. 4.** Section 1 of this act is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,
19 the board may, without examination, issue a license to practice
20 dentistry to a person who:

21 (a) Holds a license to practice dentistry in another state, a
22 territory or possession of the United States or the District of
23 Columbia whose requirements for licensing at the time the license
24 was issued are deemed by the board to be substantially equivalent to
25 the requirements for a license to practice dentistry set forth in this
26 chapter; **and**

27 (b) Pays the fee prescribed by NRS 631.345 . ~~}; and~~

28 ~~—(c) Submits the statement required by NRS 631.225.]~~

29 2. The board shall not issue a license pursuant to this section to:

30 (a) More than 20 persons each year;

31 (b) An applicant who has been refused a license in this state,
32 another state, a possession or territory of the United States or the
33 District of Columbia; or

34 (c) An applicant whose license to practice dentistry has been
35 revoked in this state, another state, a possession or territory of the
36 United States or the District of Columbia.

37 3. The board shall adopt regulations that prescribe the
38 procedure for the allocation of licenses issued pursuant to this
39 section.

40 **Sec. 5.** 1. This section and sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act become
41 effective on October 1, 1999.

1 2. Section 4 of this act becomes effective on the date on which the
2 provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 666 requiring each state to establish procedures
3 under which the state has authority to withhold or suspend, or to restrict the
4 use of professional, occupational and recreational licenses of persons who:
5 (a) Have failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to a
6 procedure to determine the paternity of a child or to establish or enforce an
7 obligation for the support of a child; or
8 (b) Are in arrears in the payment for the support of one or more
9 children,
10 are repealed by the Congress of the United States.

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