

SENATE BILL NO. 271—SENATORS CARLTON, RAWSON, CARE, NEAL,
O'CONNELL, AMODEI, COFFIN, MCGINNESS, SCHNEIDER AND SHAFFER

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN GIUNCHIGLIANI, PARKS, ANDERSON,
DINI, GOLDWATER, HETTRICK, NEIGHBORS AND VON TOBEL

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Provides for issuance of special volunteer medical license to retired physician
to treat indigent persons. (BDR 54-884)

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 physicians; providing for the issuance of a special volunteer medical
license to a retired physician to treat indigent persons; 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 630 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
2 new section to read as follows:
3 1. *A physician who is retired from active practice and who wishes to*
4 *donate his expertise for the medical care and treatment of indigent*
5 *persons in this state may obtain a special volunteer medical license by*
6 *submitting an application to the board pursuant to this section.*
7 2. *An application for a special volunteer medical license must be on*
8 *a form provided by the board and must include:*
9 (a) *Documentation of the history of medical practice of the physician;*
10 (b) *Proof that the physician previously has been issued an unrestricted*
11 *license to practice medicine in any state of the United States and that he*
12 *has never been the subject of disciplinary action by a medical board in*
13 *any jurisdiction;*
14 (c) *Acknowledgement that the practice of the physician under the*
15 *special volunteer medical license will be exclusively devoted to providing*
16 *medical care to indigent persons in this state; and*



1 (d) Acknowledgement that the physician will not receive any payment
2 or compensation, either direct or indirect, or have the expectation of any
3 payment or compensation, for providing medical care under the special
4 volunteer medical license.

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

9 4. The initial special volunteer medical license issued pursuant to
10 this section expires 1 year after the date of issuance. The license may be
11 renewed pursuant to this section, and any license that is renewed expires
12 2 years after the date of issuance.

13 5. The board shall not charge a fee for:

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

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

18 6. A retired physician who is issued a special volunteer medical
19 license pursuant to this section and who accepts the privilege of
20 practicing medicine in this state pursuant to the provisions of the special
21 volunteer medical license shall be deemed to have given his consent to
22 the revocation of the special volunteer medical license at any time by the
23 board for any of the grounds provided in NRS 630.161 or 630.301 to
24 630.3065, inclusive.

25 7. A retired physician who is issued a special volunteer medical
26 license pursuant to this section shall comply with the requirements for
27 continuing education adopted by the board.

28 **Sec. 2.** NRS 630.256 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 630.256 1. If a licensee retires from the practice of medicine, he shall
30 notify the board in writing of his intention to retire, and the board shall
31 record the fact of retirement. ~~1A~~ Except as otherwise provided in section
32 1 of this act, a licensee who is retired may not engage in the practice of
33 medicine. ~~Any~~

34 2. Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, any licensee
35 who is retired and desires to return to the practice of medicine, must,
36 before resuming the practice of medicine in this state:

37 (a) Notify the board of his intent to resume the practice of medicine in
38 this state;

39 (b) File an affidavit with the board describing his activities during the
40 period of his retired status;

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

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

43 (e) Satisfy the board of his competence to practice medicine.

44 ~~2~~ 3. If the board determines that the conduct or competence of the
45 registrant during the period of retirement would have warranted denial of
46 an application for a license to practice medicine in this state, the board may
47 refuse to place the registrant on active status.

48 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.

