

Senate Bill No. 271—Senators Carlton, Rawson, Care, Neal, O’Connell,
Amodei, Coffin, McGinness, Schneider and Shaffer

Joint Sponsors: Assemblymen Giunchigliani, Parks, Anderson, Dini,
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CHAPTER.....

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:

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

1. A physician who is retired from active practice and who wishes to donate his expertise for the medical care and treatment of indigent persons in this state may obtain a special volunteer medical license by submitting an application to the board pursuant to this section.

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

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

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

(c) Proof that the physician satisfies the requirements for licensure set forth in NRS 630.160;

(d) Acknowledgment that the practice of the physician under the special volunteer medical license will be exclusively devoted to providing medical care to indigent persons in this state; and

(e) Acknowledgment that the physician will not receive any payment or compensation, either direct or indirect, or have the expectation of any payment or compensation, for providing medical care under the special volunteer medical license, except for payment by a medical facility at which the physician provides volunteer medical services of the expenses of the physician for necessary travel, continuing education, malpractice insurance or fees of the state board of pharmacy.

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

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

5. The board shall not charge a fee for:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) File an affidavit with the board describing his activities during the period of his retired 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 competence to practice medicine.

~~12~~ *3.* If the board determines that the conduct or competence of the registrant during the period of retirement would have warranted denial of an application for a license to practice medicine in this state, the board may refuse to place the registrant on active status.

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