

SENATE BILL NO. 27—SENATOR WIENER

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

**SUMMARY**—Provides for regulation of athletic trainers and for appointment of Advisory Committee to make recommendations to Legislature concerning regulation of personal trainers. (BDR 54-5)

**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; creating the Board of Athletic Trainers; prescribing the powers and duties of the Board; requiring certain persons who engage in the practice of athletic training to be licensed by the Board; prescribing the requirements for such licenses; providing for the regulation of athletic trainers; providing a penalty; requiring the Board to appoint an Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the Legislature concerning the regulation of personal trainers; 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.** Title 54 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2     thereto a new chapter to consist of the provisions set forth as  
3     sections 2 to 37, inclusive, of this act.

4     **Sec. 2.** *As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise*  
5     *requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 to 12,*  
6     *inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those*  
7     *sections.*

8     **Sec. 3.** *“Athlete” means a natural person who:*

9     **1.** *Participates in an athletic activity conducted by:*

10    **(a)** *An interscholastic or intercollegiate association;*



- 1     (b) *A professional organization; or*  
2     (c) *An amateur athletic organization; or*  
3     2. *Participates in a recreational sport activity that:*  
4         (a) *Has officially designated coaches;*  
5         (b) *Conducts regularly scheduled practices or workouts that*  
6         *are supervised by coaches; and*  
7         (c) *Has established schedules for competitive events or*  
8         *exhibitions.*  
9     **Sec. 4.** *“Athletic injury” means an injury or athletic-related*  
10    *illness, or both, that a person sustains as a result of:*  
11         1. *His participation in an athletic activity conducted by:*  
12             (a) *An interscholastic or intercollegiate association;*  
13             (b) *A professional organization; or*  
14             (c) *An amateur athletic organization; or*  
15         2. *His participation in a recreational sport activity that:*  
16             (a) *Has officially designated coaches;*  
17             (b) *Conducts regularly scheduled practices or workouts that*  
18             *are supervised by coaches; and*  
19             (c) *Has established schedules for competitive events or*  
20             *exhibitions.*  
21    **Sec. 5.** *“Board” means the Board of Athletic Trainers.*  
22    **Sec. 6.** *“Direction” means an order issued by a licensed*  
23    *physician to follow as a protocol, recommendation or oral order*  
24    *that is documented by the licensed athletic trainer or physician, or*  
25    *both.*  
26    **Sec. 7.** *“Graduate student athletic trainer” means a graduate*  
27    *student who:*  
28         1. *Is enrolled in a graduate program of study approved by*  
29         *the Board; and*  
30         2. *Engages in the practice of athletic training under the*  
31         *supervision of a licensed athletic trainer.*  
32    **Sec. 8.** *“License” means a license issued pursuant to the*  
33    *provisions of this chapter.*  
34    **Sec. 9.** *“Licensee” means a person who has been issued a*  
35    *license as an athletic trainer pursuant to the provisions of this*  
36    *chapter.*  
37    **Sec. 10.** 1. *“Practice of athletic training” means:*  
38         (a) *The prevention, recognition, assessment, evaluation,*  
39         *management, treatment, disposition, rehabilitation or*  
40         *reconditioning of the athletic injury of an athlete:*  
41             (1) *Whose condition is within the professional preparation*  
42             *and education of the licensed athletic trainer; and*  
43             (2) *That is performed under the direction of a licensed*  
44             *physician;*



1     **(b) The organization and administration of programs of**  
2     **athletic training;**

3     **(c) The administration of an athletic training room;**

4     **(d) The provision of information relating to athletic training to**  
5     **members of the public; or**

6     **(e) Any combination of the activities described in paragraphs**  
7     **(a) to (d), inclusive.**

8     **2. The term does not include the diagnosis of a physical**  
9     **disability, massaging of the superficial soft tissues of the body or**  
10    **the use of Xrays, radium or electricity for cauterization or surgery.**

11    **Sec. 11. "Student athletic trainer" means an undergraduate**  
12    **student who:**

13    **1. Is enrolled in an undergraduate program of study**  
14    **approved by the Board; and**

15    **2. Engages in the practice of athletic training under the**  
16    **supervision of a licensed athletic trainer.**

17    **Sec. 12. "Supervision" means clinical on-site direction given**  
18    **by a licensed athletic trainer to a student athletic trainer or**  
19    **graduate student athletic trainer who is in the direct line of sight**  
20    **and within hearing distance of the licensed athletic trainer.**

21    **Sec. 13. The practice of athletic training is hereby declared**  
22    **to be a learned profession, affecting public health, safety and**  
23    **welfare, and subject to regulation to protect the public from the**  
24    **practice of athletic training by unqualified persons and from**  
25    **unprofessional conduct by persons who are licensed to engage in**  
26    **the practice of athletic training.**

27    **Sec. 14. A license issued pursuant to the provisions of this**  
28    **chapter is a revocable privilege, and the holder of the license does**  
29    **not acquire thereby any vested right.**

30    **Sec. 15. The provisions of this chapter do not apply to:**

31    **1. A person who is licensed pursuant to chapters 630 to 637,**  
32    **inclusive, or chapter 640 or 640A of NRS, when acting within the**  
33    **scope of that license.**

34    **2. A person who is employed by the Federal Government and**  
35    **engages in the practice of athletic training within the scope of that**  
36    **employment.**

37    **3. A person who is employed as an athletic trainer outside**  
38    **this state when engaging in the practice of athletic training within**  
39    **the scope of that employment in connection with an athletic event**  
40    **held in this state.**

41    **Sec. 16. 1. The Board of Athletic Trainers is hereby**  
42    **created.**

43    **2. The Governor shall appoint to the Board:**

44    **(a) Four members who:**



1       (1) Are licensed as athletic trainers pursuant to the  
2 provisions of this chapter; and

3       (2) Have engaged in the practice of athletic training or  
4 taught or conducted research concerning the practice of athletic  
5 training for the 5 years immediately preceding their appointment;  
6 and

7       (b) One member who is a representative of the public.

8       3. Each member of the Board:

9       (a) Must be a resident of this state; and

10       (b) May not serve more than two consecutive terms.

11       4. After the initial terms, the members of the Board must be  
12 appointed to terms of 3 years.

13       5. A vacancy on the Board must be filled in the same manner  
14 as the original appointment.

15       6. The Governor may remove a member of the Board for  
16 incompetence, neglect of duty, moral turpitude or malfeasance in  
17 office.

18       7. No member of the Board may be held liable in a civil  
19 action for any act he performs in good faith in the execution of his  
20 duties pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

21       8. The member of the Board who is a representative of the  
22 public shall not participate in preparing or grading any  
23 examination required by the Board.

24       **Sec. 17.** The Nevada Athletic Trainers Association, or its  
25 successor organization, shall, at least 30 days before the beginning  
26 of a term of a member of the Board, or within 30 days after a  
27 position on the Board becomes vacant, submit to the Governor the  
28 names of not less than three persons or more than five persons  
29 who are qualified for membership on the Board for each position  
30 that must be filled by an athletic trainer. The Governor shall  
31 appoint new members or fill a vacancy from the list, or request a  
32 new list. If the Nevada Athletic Trainers Association, or its  
33 successor organization, fails to submit nominations for a position  
34 on the Board within the periods prescribed in this section, the  
35 Governor may appoint any qualified person.

36       **Sec. 18. 1.** The Board shall:

37       (a) Elect from its members a Chairman at the first meeting of  
38 each year; and

39       (b) Meet at least three times each year at the call of the  
40 Chairman of the Board, or upon the written request of at least  
41 three members of the Board.

42       2. A majority of the members of the Board constitutes a  
43 quorum for the transaction of the business of the Board.



1     **Sec. 19. 1.** *The Board shall prepare and maintain a*  
2 *separate list of:*

- 3     (a) *The licensees.*  
4     (b) *The applicants for a license.*  
5     (c) *The licensees whose licenses have been revoked or*  
6 *suspended within the preceding year.*

7     **2.** *The Board shall, upon request, disclose the information*  
8 *included in each list and may charge a fee for a copy of a list.*

9     **3.** *The Board shall:*

- 10     (a) *Prepare and maintain a record of its proceedings and*  
11 *transactions;*  
12     (b) *Adopt a seal of which each court in this state shall take*  
13 *judicial notice; and*  
14     (c) *Enforce the provisions of this chapter and any regulations*  
15 *adopted pursuant thereto.*

16     **Sec. 20.** *The Board shall adopt regulations to carry out the*  
17 *provisions of this chapter, including, without limitation,*  
18 *regulations that establish:*

19     **1.** *The passing grades for the examinations required by*  
20 *sections 26 and 27 of this act;*

21     **2.** *The standards of practice for athletic trainers; and*

22     **3.** *The requirements for continuing education for the renewal*  
23 *of a license of an athletic trainer. The requirements must be at*  
24 *least equivalent to the requirements for continuing education for*  
25 *the renewal of a certificate of an athletic trainer issued by the*  
26 *National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification or*  
27 *its successor organization.*

28     **Sec. 21.** *A member of the Board, an employee of the Board*  
29 *or a person designated by the Board may inspect any office or*  
30 *facility where a person is engaged in the practice of athletic*  
31 *training to determine whether each person who is engaged in the*  
32 *practice of athletic training in that office or facility is in*  
33 *compliance with the provisions of this chapter and any regulations*  
34 *adopted pursuant thereto.*

35     **Sec. 22. 1.** *The Board may employ an Executive Secretary*  
36 *and any other persons necessary to carry out its duties.*

37     **2.** *The members of the Board are not entitled to receive a*  
38 *salary.*

39     **3.** *While engaged in the business of the Board, each member*  
40 *and employee of the Board is entitled to receive a per diem*  
41 *allowance and travel expenses at a rate fixed by the Board. The*  
42 *rate must not exceed the rate provided for officers and employees*  
43 *of this state generally.*

44     **Sec. 23.** *The Board shall operate on the basis of a fiscal year*  
45 *beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30.*



1     **Sec. 24. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, all*  
2 *reasonable expenses incurred by the Board in carrying out the*  
3 *provisions of this chapter must be paid from the money that it*  
4 *receives. No part of the expenses of the Board may be paid from*  
5 *the State General Fund.*

6     2. *All money received by the Board must be deposited in a*  
7 *bank or other financial institution in this state and paid out on its*  
8 *order for its expenses.*

9     3. *The Board may delegate to a hearing officer or panel its*  
10 *authority to take any disciplinary action pursuant to this chapter,*  
11 *impose and collect fines and penalties related to that disciplinary*  
12 *action and deposit the money from the fines and penalties in a*  
13 *bank or other financial institution in this state.*

14     4. *If a hearing officer or panel is not authorized to take*  
15 *disciplinary action pursuant to subsection 3, the Board shall*  
16 *deposit all money collected from the imposition of fines and*  
17 *penalties with the State Treasurer for credit to the State General*  
18 *Fund. If money has been deposited in the State General Fund*  
19 *pursuant to this subsection, the Board may present a claim to the*  
20 *State Board of Examiners for recommendation to the Interim*  
21 *Finance Committee if money is needed to pay attorney's fees or*  
22 *the costs of an investigation, or both.*

23     **Sec. 25. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,*  
24 *unless he has been issued a license as an athletic trainer by the*  
25 *Board pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, a person shall*  
26 *not:*

27         (a) *Engage in the practice of athletic training;*

28         (b) *Hold himself out as licensed or qualified to engage in the*  
29 *practice of athletic training; or*

30         (c) *Use in connection with his name any title, words, letters or*  
31 *other designation intended to imply or designate him as a licensed*  
32 *athletic trainer.*

33     2. *A student athletic trainer or graduate student athletic*  
34 *trainer may engage in the practice of athletic training while under*  
35 *the supervision of a licensed athletic trainer.*

36     3. *If the Board determines that a person has engaged, or is*  
37 *about to engage, in any act or practice that constitutes, or will*  
38 *constitute, a violation of the provisions of this section, the Board*  
39 *may make an application to an appropriate court for an order*  
40 *enjoining that act or practice, and upon a showing by the Board*  
41 *that the person has engaged, or is about to engage, in that act or*  
42 *practice, the court shall issue an injunction against that act or*  
43 *practice. Such an injunction does not prevent a criminal*  
44 *prosecution for that act or practice.*



1     **Sec. 26. 1. An applicant for a license as an athletic trainer**  
2 **must:**

- 3     **(a) Be of good moral character;**  
4     **(b) Be a citizen of the United States or lawfully entitled to**  
5 **remain and work in the United States;**  
6     **(c) Have at least a bachelor's degree in a program of study**  
7 **approved by the Board;**  
8     **(d) Submit an application on a form provided by the Board;**  
9     **(e) Submit a complete set of his fingerprints and written**  
10 **permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints to**  
11 **the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History**  
12 **for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its**  
13 **report;**  
14     **(f) Pay the fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to section 33**  
15 **of this act; and**  
16     **(g) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and section**  
17 **27 of this act, pass the examination prepared by the National**  
18 **Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification or its**  
19 **successor organization.**

20     **2. An applicant who submits proof of his current certification**  
21 **as an athletic trainer by the National Athletic Trainers Association**  
22 **Board of Certification, or its successor organization, is not**  
23 **required to pass the examination required by paragraph (g) of**  
24 **subsection 1.**

25     **3. An applicant who fails the examination may not reapply**  
26 **for a license for at least 1 year after he submits his application to**  
27 **the Board.**

28     **Sec. 27. If the National Athletic Trainers Association Board**  
29 **of Certification, or its successor organization, if any, ceases to**  
30 **exist or ceases to prepare the examination required by section 26**  
31 **of this act, the Board shall designate another appropriate national**  
32 **organization to prepare the test. If the Board determines that no**  
33 **such organization exists, the Board shall prepare or cause to be**  
34 **prepared a test which must be offered not less than two times each**  
35 **year.**

36     **Sec. 28. 1. In addition to any other requirements for the**  
37 **issuance or renewal of a license set forth in this chapter, an**  
38 **applicant for the issuance or renewal of a license to engage in the**  
39 **practice of athletic training must submit to the Board:**

- 40     **(a) The social security number of the applicant; and**  
41     **(b) The statement prescribed by the Welfare Division of the**  
42 **Department of Human Resources pursuant to NRS 425.520. The**  
43 **statement must be completed and signed by the applicant.**

44     **2. The Board shall include the person's social security**  
45 **number and the statement required pursuant to subsection 1 in:**





1       (a) *The application or any other forms that must be submitted*  
2 *for the issuance or renewal of the license; or*

3       (b) *A separate form prescribed by the Board.*

4       3. *A license to practice athletic training may not be issued or*  
5 *renewed by the Board if the applicant:*

6       (a) *Fails to submit his social security number required*  
7 *pursuant to subsection 1;*

8       (b) *Fails to submit the statement required pursuant to*  
9 *subsection 1; or*

10       (c) *Indicates on the statement submitted pursuant to*  
11 *subsection 1 that he is subject to a court order for the support of a*  
12 *child and is not in compliance with the order or a plan approved*  
13 *by the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order*  
14 *for the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the order.*

15       4. *If an applicant indicates on the statement submitted*  
16 *pursuant to subsection 1 that he is subject to a court order for the*  
17 *support of a child and is not in compliance with the order or a*  
18 *plan approved by the district attorney or other public agency*  
19 *enforcing the order for the repayment of the amount owed*  
20 *pursuant to the order, the Board shall advise the applicant to*  
21 *contact the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the*  
22 *order to determine the actions that the applicant may take to*  
23 *satisfy the arrearage.*

24       **Sec. 29. 1.** *If the Board receives a copy of a court order*  
25 *issued pursuant to NRS 425.540 that provides for the suspension*  
26 *of all professional, occupational and recreational licenses,*  
27 *certificates and permits issued to a licensee, the Board shall deem*  
28 *the license to be suspended at the end of the 30th day after the date*  
29 *the court order was issued unless the Board receives a letter issued*  
30 *to the licensee by the district attorney or other public agency*  
31 *pursuant to NRS 425.550 stating that the licensee has complied*  
32 *with the subpoena or warrant or has satisfied the arrearage*  
33 *pursuant to NRS 425.560.*

34       2. *The Board shall reinstate a license that has been*  
35 *suspended by a district court pursuant to NRS 425.540 if the*  
36 *Board receives a letter issued by the district attorney or other*  
37 *public agency pursuant to NRS 425.550 to the licensee stating that*  
38 *the licensee has complied with the subpoena or warrant or has*  
39 *satisfied the arrearage pursuant to NRS 425.560.*

40       **Sec. 30. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,*  
41 *the Board shall issue a license as an athletic trainer, without*  
42 *examination, to an applicant who is licensed to engage in the*  
43 *practice of athletic training in another state, territory or*  
44 *possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia if the*  
45 *applicant submits to the Board:*





- 1 (a) *An application on a form prescribed by the Board; and*
- 2 (b) *The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to section 33 of*
- 3 *this act.*

4 2. *The Board shall not issue a license pursuant to this section*  
5 *unless the jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed had*  
6 *requirements at the time the license was issued that the Board*  
7 *determines are substantially equivalent to the requirements for a*  
8 *license as an athletic trainer set forth in this chapter.*

9 **Sec. 31.** *Each person licensed to practice as an athletic*  
10 *trainer shall display his license conspicuously at each place where*  
11 *he engages in the practice of athletic training.*

12 **Sec. 32.** 1. *Each license to engage in the practice of athletic*  
13 *training expires on June 30 of each year and may be renewed if,*  
14 *before the license expires, the licensee submits to the Board:*

- 15 (a) *An application on a form prescribed by the Board;*
- 16 (b) *Proof of his completion of the requirements for continuing*
- 17 *education prescribed by the Board pursuant to section 20 of this*
- 18 *act; and*

19 (c) *The fee for the renewal of his license prescribed by the*  
20 *Board pursuant to section 33 of this act.*

21 2. *A license that expires pursuant to the provisions of this*  
22 *section may be restored if the applicant:*

- 23 (a) *Complies with the provisions of subsection 1;*
- 24 (b) *Submits to the Board proof of his ability to engage in the*
- 25 *practice of athletic training; and*
- 26 (c) *Submits to the Board:*

27 (1) *The fee for the restoration of an expired license; and*

28 (2) *For each year that the license was expired, the fee for*  
29 *the renewal of a license prescribed by the Board pursuant to*  
30 *section 33 of this act.*

31 3. *If the Board determines that an applicant has not*  
32 *submitted satisfactory proof of his ability to engage in the practice*  
33 *of athletic training, the Board may require the applicant to:*

- 34 (a) *Pass an examination prescribed by the Board; and*
- 35 (b) *Engage in the practice of athletic training under the*
- 36 *supervision of a person designated by the Board for a period*
- 37 *prescribed by the Board.*

38 **Sec. 33.** *The Board shall, by regulation, prescribe the fees*  
39 *for:*

- 40 1. *An examination for a license;*
- 41 2. *An application for a license;*
- 42 3. *An application for a license without examination;*
- 43 4. *The initial issuance of a license;*
- 44 5. *The annual renewal of a license;*



1       6. *The restoration of an expired license; and*

2       7. *A duplicate license.*

3       **Sec. 34.** *1. The Board may refuse to issue a license to an*  
4 *applicant, or may take disciplinary action against a licensee, if,*  
5 *after notice and a hearing, the Board determines that the*  
6 *applicant or licensee:*

7       (i) *Has submitted false or misleading information to the*  
8 *Board or any agency of this state, any other state, the Federal*  
9 *Government or the District of Columbia;*

10       (ii) *Has violated any provision of this chapter or any*  
11 *regulation adopted pursuant thereto;*

12       (iii) *Has been convicted of a felony, a crime relating to a*  
13 *controlled substance or a crime involving moral turpitude;*

14       (iv) *Is addicted to alcohol or any controlled substance;*

15       (v) *Has violated the provisions of NRS 200.5093 or 432B.220;*

16       (vi) *Is guilty of gross negligence in his practice as an athletic*  
17 *trainer;*

18       (vii) *Is not competent to engage in the practice of athletic*  
19 *training;*

20       (viii) *Has failed to provide information requested by the Board*  
21 *within 60 days after he received the request;*

22       (ix) *Has engaged in unethical or unprofessional conduct as it*  
23 *relates to the practice of athletic training;*

24       (x) *Has been disciplined in another state, a territory or*  
25 *possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia for*  
26 *conduct that would be a violation of the provisions of this chapter*  
27 *or any regulations adopted pursuant thereto if the conduct were*  
28 *committed in this state;*

29       (xi) *Has solicited or received compensation for services that he*  
30 *did not provide;*

31       (xii) *If the licensee is on probation, has violated the terms of his*  
32 *probation; or*

33       (xiii) *Has terminated his professional services to a client in a*  
34 *manner that detrimentally affected that client.*

35       **2.** *The Board may, if it determines that an applicant for a*  
36 *license or a licensee has committed any of the acts set forth in*  
37 *subsection 1, after notice and a hearing:*

38       (a) *Refuse to issue a license to the applicant;*

39       (b) *Refuse to renew or restore the license of the licensee;*

40       (c) *Suspend or revoke the license of the licensee;*

41       (d) *Place the licensee on probation;*

42       (e) *Impose an administrative fine of not more than \$5,000;*

43       (f) *Require the applicant or licensee to pay the costs incurred*  
44 *by the Board to conduct the investigation and hearing; or*



1 (g) *Impose any combination of actions set forth in paragraphs*  
2 *(a) to (f), inclusive.*

3 **Sec. 35. 1.** *The Board may conduct investigations and hold*  
4 *hearings to carry out its duties pursuant to the provisions of this*  
5 *chapter.*

6 **2.** *In such a hearing:*

7 (a) *Any member of the Board may administer oaths and*  
8 *examine witnesses; and*

9 (b) *The Board or any member thereof may issue subpoenas to*  
10 *compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books*  
11 *and papers.*

12 **3.** *Each witness who is subpoenaed to appear before the*  
13 *Board is entitled to receive for his attendance the same fees and*  
14 *mileage allowed by law to a witness in a civil case. The amount*  
15 *must be paid by the party who requested the subpoena. If any*  
16 *witness who has not been required to attend at the request of any*  
17 *party is subpoenaed by the Board, his fees and mileage must be*  
18 *paid from the money of the Board.*

19 **4.** *If any person fails to comply with the subpoena within 10*  
20 *days after it is issued, the Chairman of the Board may petition a*  
21 *court of competent jurisdiction for an order of the court*  
22 *compelling compliance with the subpoena.*

23 **5.** *Upon such a petition, the court shall enter an order*  
24 *directing the person subpoenaed to appear before the court at a*  
25 *time and place to be fixed by the court in its order, the time to be*  
26 *not more than 10 days after the date of the order, and to show*  
27 *cause why he has not complied with the subpoena. A certified copy*  
28 *of the order must be served upon the person subpoenaed.*

29 **6.** *If it appears to the court that the subpoena was regularly*  
30 *issued by the Board, the court shall enter an order compelling*  
31 *compliance with the subpoena. The failure of the person to obey*  
32 *the order is a contempt of the court that issued the order.*

33 **Sec. 36. 1.** *Any records or information obtained during the*  
34 *course of an investigation by the Board are confidential until the*  
35 *investigation is completed. Upon completion of the investigation,*  
36 *the records and information are public records if:*

37 (a) *Disciplinary action was taken by the Board as a result of*  
38 *the investigation; or*

39 (b) *The person who was investigated submits a written request*  
40 *to the Board asking that the information and records be made*  
41 *public records.*

42 **2.** *The provisions of this section do not prohibit the Board*  
43 *from cooperating with another licensing board or any agency that*  
44 *is investigating a licensee, including, without limitation, a law*  
45 *enforcement agency.*



1     **Sec. 37. 1. A person who violates any provision of this**  
2 **chapter is guilty of a gross misdemeanor and shall be punished by**  
3 **a fine of not more than \$2,000 for each offense.**

4     **2. If the Board has reason to believe that a person has**  
5 **violated a provision of this chapter or a regulation adopted**  
6 **pursuant thereto, the Board shall report the facts to the district**  
7 **attorney of the county where the violation occurred, who may**  
8 **cause appropriate criminal proceedings to be brought against that**  
9 **person.**

10    **Sec. 38.** NRS 622.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11    622.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise  
12 requires, "occupational licensing board" includes, without  
13 limitation:

14    1. The State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and  
15 Residential Design.

16    2. The State Board of Landscape Architecture.

17    3. The State Contractors' Board.

18    4. The State Board of Professional Engineers and Land  
19 Surveyors.

20    5. The Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists.

21    6. The Nevada State Board of Accountancy.

22    7. The Board of Medical Examiners.

23    8. The Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners.

24    9. The Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada.

25    10. The State Board of Nursing.

26    11. The State Board of Osteopathic Medicine.

27    12. The Chiropractic Physicians' Board of Nevada.

28    13. The State Board of Oriental Medicine.

29    14. The State Board of Podiatry.

30    15. The Nevada State Board of Optometry.

31    16. The Board of Dispensing Opticians.

32    17. The Board of Hearing Aid Specialists.

33    18. The Board of Examiners for Audiology and Speech  
34 Pathology.

35    19. The Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

36    20. The State Board of Pharmacy.

37    21. The State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

38    22. The Board of Occupational Therapy.

39    23. The Board of Psychological Examiners.

40    24. The Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family  
41 Therapists.

42    25. The Board of Examiners for Social Workers.

43    26. The Board of Examiners for Alcohol and Drug Abuse  
44 Counselors.



- 1 27. The State Board of Funeral Directors, Embalmers and  
2 Operators of Cemeteries and Crematories.  
3 28. The State Barbers' Health and Sanitation Board.  
4 29. The State Board of Cosmetology.  
5 30. The Real Estate Division of the Department of Business  
6 and Industry.  
7 31. The Commissioner of Financial Institutions.  
8 32. The Private Investigator's Licensing Board.  
9 33. The Health Division of the Department of Human  
10 Resources.  
11 34. The Nevada State Board of Examiners for Administrators  
12 of Facilities for Long-Term Care.  
13 35. The Certified Court Reporters' Board of Nevada.  
14 **36. *The Board of Athletic Trainers.***  
15 **Sec. 39.** NRS 629.031 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
16 629.031 1. "Provider of health care" means a physician  
17 licensed pursuant to chapter 630, 630A or 633 of NRS, dentist,  
18 licensed nurse, dispensing optician, optometrist, practitioner of  
19 respiratory care, registered physical therapist, podiatric physician,  
20 licensed psychologist, licensed marriage and family therapist,  
21 chiropractor, *athletic trainer*, doctor of Oriental medicine in any  
22 form, medical laboratory director or technician, pharmacist or a  
23 licensed hospital as the employer of any such person.  
24 2. For the purposes of NRS 629.051, 629.061 and 629.065, the  
25 term includes a facility that maintains the health care records of  
26 patients.  
27 **Sec. 40.** NRS 640.029 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
28 640.029 This chapter does not apply to an occupational  
29 therapist , ~~for~~ occupational therapy assistant *or athletic trainer*  
30 who:  
31 1. Is licensed to practice in this state;  
32 2. Practices within the scope of that license; and  
33 3. Does not represent that he is a physical therapist or physical  
34 therapist's assistant, or that he practices physical therapy.  
35 **Sec. 41.** NRS 640A.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
36 640A.070 This chapter does not apply to a person:  
37 1. Holding a current license or certificate issued pursuant to  
38 chapter 391, 630 to 637B, inclusive, 640, 641, 641A or 641B of  
39 NRS, *or sections 2 to 37, inclusive, of this act* who practices within  
40 the scope of that license or certificate.  
41 2. Employed by the Federal Government who practices  
42 occupational therapy within the scope of that employment.  
43 3. Enrolled in an educational program approved by the Board  
44 which is designed to lead to a certificate or degree in occupational



1 therapy, if he is designated by a title which clearly indicates that he  
2 is a student.

3 4. Obtaining the supervised experience necessary to satisfy the  
4 requirements of subsection 3 of NRS 640A.120.

5 5. Practicing occupational therapy in this state in association  
6 with an occupational therapist licensed pursuant to this chapter if the  
7 person:

8 (a) Practices in this state for not more than 45 days in a calendar  
9 year;

10 (b) Is licensed to practice occupational therapy in another state  
11 where the requirements for such a license are equivalent to the  
12 requirements of this chapter; and

13 (c) Meets the requirements for certification as an "occupational  
14 therapist registered" or "certified occupational therapy assistant"  
15 established by the American Occupational Therapy Certification  
16 Board.

17 **Sec. 42.** NRS 200.5093 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 200.5093 1. Any person who is described in subsection 4 and  
19 who, in his professional or occupational capacity, knows or has  
20 reasonable cause to believe that an older person has been abused,  
21 neglected, exploited or isolated shall:

22 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, report the  
23 abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of the older person to:

24 (1) The local office of the Aging Services Division of the  
25 Department of Human Resources;

26 (2) A police department or sheriff's office;

27 (3) The county's office for protective services, if one exists  
28 in the county where the suspected action occurred; or

29 (4) A toll-free telephone service designated by the Aging  
30 Services Division of the Department of Human Resources; and

31 (b) Make such a report as soon as reasonably practicable but not  
32 later than 24 hours after the person knows or has reasonable cause to  
33 believe that the older person has been abused, neglected, exploited  
34 or isolated.

35 2. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to  
36 subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the  
37 abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of the older person involves  
38 an act or omission of the Aging Services Division, another division  
39 of the Department of Human Resources or a law enforcement  
40 agency, the person shall make the report to an agency other than the  
41 one alleged to have committed the act or omission.

42 3. Each agency, after reducing a report to writing, shall forward  
43 a copy of the report to the Aging Services Division of the  
44 Department of Human Resources.



1 4. A report must be made pursuant to subsection 1 by the  
2 following persons:

3 (a) Every physician, dentist, dental hygienist, chiropractor,  
4 optometrist, podiatric physician, medical examiner, resident, intern,  
5 professional or practical nurse, physician assistant, psychiatrist,  
6 psychologist, marriage and family therapist, alcohol or drug abuse  
7 counselor, *athletic trainer*, driver of an ambulance, advanced  
8 emergency medical technician or other person providing medical  
9 services licensed or certified to practice in this state, who examines,  
10 attends or treats an older person who appears to have been abused,  
11 neglected, exploited or isolated.

12 (b) Any personnel of a hospital or similar institution engaged in  
13 the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons or an  
14 administrator, manager or other person in charge of a hospital or  
15 similar institution upon notification of the suspected abuse, neglect,  
16 exploitation or isolation of an older person by a member of the staff  
17 of the hospital.

18 (c) A coroner.

19 (d) Every clergyman, practitioner of Christian Science or  
20 religious healer, unless he acquired the knowledge of abuse, neglect,  
21 exploitation or isolation of the older person from the offender during  
22 a confession.

23 (e) Every person who maintains or is employed by an agency to  
24 provide nursing in the home.

25 (f) Every attorney, unless he has acquired the knowledge of  
26 abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of the older person from a  
27 client who has been or may be accused of such abuse, neglect,  
28 exploitation or isolation.

29 (g) Any employee of the Department of Human Resources.

30 (h) Any employee of a law enforcement agency or a county's  
31 office for protective services or an adult or juvenile probation  
32 officer.

33 (i) Any person who maintains or is employed by a facility or  
34 establishment that provides care for older persons.

35 (j) Any person who maintains, is employed by or serves as a  
36 volunteer for an agency or service which advises persons regarding  
37 the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of an older person and  
38 refers them to persons and agencies where their requests and needs  
39 can be met.

40 (k) Every social worker.

41 (l) Any person who owns or is employed by a funeral home or  
42 mortuary.

43 5. A report may be made by any other person.

44 6. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to  
45 subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that an older





1 person has died as a result of abuse, neglect or isolation, the person  
2 shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, report this belief to the  
3 appropriate medical examiner or coroner, who shall investigate the  
4 cause of death of the older person and submit to the appropriate  
5 local law enforcement agencies, the appropriate prosecuting  
6 attorney and the Aging Services Division of the Department of  
7 Human Resources his written findings. The written findings must  
8 include the information required pursuant to the provisions of NRS  
9 200.5094, when possible.

10 7. A division, office or department which receives a report  
11 pursuant to this section shall cause the investigation of the report to  
12 commence within 3 working days. A copy of the final report of the  
13 investigation conducted by a division, office or department, other  
14 than the Aging Services Division of the Department of Human  
15 Resources, must be forwarded to the Aging Services Division within  
16 90 days after the completion of the report.

17 8. If the investigation of a report results in the belief that an  
18 older person is abused, neglected, exploited or isolated, the Aging  
19 Services Division of the Department of Human Resources or the  
20 county's office for protective services may provide protective  
21 services to the older person if he is able and willing to accept them.

22 9. A person who knowingly and willfully violates any of the  
23 provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

24 **Sec. 43.** NRS 200.5095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 200.5095 1. Reports made pursuant to NRS 200.5093 and  
26 200.5094, and records and investigations relating to those reports,  
27 are confidential.

28 2. A person, law enforcement agency or public or private  
29 agency, institution or facility who willfully releases data or  
30 information concerning the reports and investigation of the abuse,  
31 neglect, exploitation or isolation of older persons, except:

32 (a) Pursuant to a criminal prosecution;

33 (b) Pursuant to NRS 200.50982; or

34 (c) To persons or agencies enumerated in subsection 3 of this  
35 section,

36 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

37 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and NRS  
38 200.50982, data or information concerning the reports and  
39 investigations of the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of an  
40 older person is available only to:

41 (a) A physician who is providing care to an older person who  
42 may have been abused, neglected, exploited or isolated;

43 (b) An agency responsible for or authorized to undertake the  
44 care, treatment and supervision of the older person;



1 (c) A district attorney or other law enforcement official who  
2 requires the information in connection with an investigation of the  
3 abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of the older person;

4 (d) A court which has determined, in camera, that public  
5 disclosure of such information is necessary for the determination of  
6 an issue before it;

7 (e) A person engaged in bona fide research, but the identity of  
8 the subjects of the report must remain confidential;

9 (f) A grand jury upon its determination that access to such  
10 records is necessary in the conduct of its official business;

11 (g) Any comparable authorized person or agency in another  
12 jurisdiction;

13 (h) A legal guardian of the older person, if the identity of the  
14 person who was responsible for reporting the alleged abuse, neglect,  
15 exploitation or isolation of the older person to the public agency is  
16 protected, and the legal guardian of the older person is not the  
17 person suspected of such abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation;

18 (i) If the older person is deceased, the executor or administrator  
19 of his estate, if the identity of the person who was responsible for  
20 reporting the alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of the  
21 older person to the public agency is protected, and the executor or  
22 administrator is not the person suspected of such abuse, neglect,  
23 exploitation or isolation; or

24 (j) The older person named in the report as allegedly being  
25 abused, neglected, exploited or isolated, if that person is not legally  
26 incompetent.

27 4. If the person who is reported to have abused, neglected,  
28 exploited or isolated an older person is the holder of a license or  
29 certificate issued pursuant to chapters 449, 630 to 641B, inclusive,  
30 or 654 of NRS, *or sections 2 to 37, inclusive, of this act*,  
31 information contained in the report must be submitted to the board  
32 that issued the license.

33 **Sec. 44.** NRS 218.825 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 218.825 1. Each of the boards and commissions created by  
35 the provisions of chapters 623 to 625A, inclusive, 628 to 644,  
36 inclusive, and ~~641C,~~ 654 and 656 of NRS *and sections 2 to 37,*  
37 *inclusive, of this act* shall engage the services of a certified public  
38 accountant or public accountant, or firm of either of such  
39 accountants, to audit all its fiscal records once each year for the  
40 preceding fiscal year or once every other year for the 2 preceding  
41 fiscal years. The cost of the audit must be paid by the board or  
42 commission audited.

43 2. A report of each such audit must be filed by the board or  
44 commission with the Legislative Auditor and the ~~Director~~ *Chief* of  
45 the Budget *Division of the Department of Administration* on or



1 before December 1 of each year in which an audit is conducted. All  
2 audits must be conducted in accordance with generally accepted  
3 auditing standards and all financial statements must be prepared in  
4 accordance with generally accepted principles of accounting for  
5 special revenue funds.

6 3. The Legislative Auditor shall audit the fiscal records of any  
7 such board or commission whenever directed to do so by the  
8 Legislative Commission. When the Legislative Commission directs  
9 such an audit, it shall also determine who is to pay the cost of the  
10 audit.

11 **Sec. 45.** NRS 284.013 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 284.013 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, this  
13 chapter does not apply to:

14 (a) Agencies, bureaus, commissions, officers or personnel in the  
15 Legislative Department or the Judicial Department of State  
16 Government, including the Commission on Judicial Discipline;

17 (b) Any person who is employed by a board, commission,  
18 committee or council created in chapters 590, 623 to 625A,  
19 inclusive, 628, 630 to 644, inclusive, 648, 652, 654 and 656 of NRS  
20 ~~§~~ *and sections 2 to 37, inclusive, of this act;* or

21 (c) Officers or employees of any agency of the Executive  
22 Department of the State Government who are exempted by specific  
23 statute.

24 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the terms and  
25 conditions of employment of all persons referred to in subsection 1,  
26 including salaries not prescribed by law and leaves of absence,  
27 including, without limitation, annual leave and sick and disability  
28 leave, must be fixed by the appointing or employing authority  
29 within the limits of legislative appropriations or authorizations.

30 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, leaves of  
31 absence prescribed pursuant to subsection 2 must not be of lesser  
32 duration than those provided for other state officers and employees  
33 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. The provisions of this  
34 subsection do not govern the Legislative Commission with respect  
35 to the personnel of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

36 4. Any board, commission, committee or council created in  
37 chapters 590, 623 to 625A, inclusive, 628, 630 to 644, inclusive,  
38 648, 652, 654 and 656 of NRS *and sections 2 to 37, inclusive, of*  
39 *this act* which contracts for the services of a person, shall require the  
40 contract for those services to be in writing. The contract must be  
41 approved by the State Board of Examiners before those services  
42 may be provided.

43 **Sec. 46.** NRS 353.005 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 353.005 The provisions of this chapter do not apply to boards  
45 created pursuant to chapters 623 to 625A, inclusive, 628, 630 to



1 640A, inclusive, 641 to 644, inclusive, 654 and 656 of NRS *and*  
2 *sections 2 to 37, inclusive, of this act* and the officers and  
3 employees thereof.

4 **Sec. 47.** NRS 353A.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 353A.020 1. The Director, in consultation with the  
6 Committee and Legislative Auditor, shall adopt a uniform system of  
7 internal accounting and administrative control for agencies. The  
8 elements of the system must include, without limitation:

9 (a) A plan of organization which provides for a segregation of  
10 duties appropriate to safeguard the assets of the agency;

11 (b) A plan which limits access to assets of the agency to persons  
12 who need the assets to perform their assigned duties;

13 (c) Procedures for authorizations and recordkeeping which  
14 effectively control accounting of assets, liabilities, revenues and  
15 expenses;

16 (d) A system of practices to be followed in the performance of  
17 the duties and functions of each agency; and

18 (e) An effective system of internal review.

19 2. The Director, in consultation with the Committee and  
20 Legislative Auditor, may modify the system whenever he considers  
21 it necessary.

22 3. Each agency shall develop written procedures to carry out  
23 the system of internal accounting and administrative control adopted  
24 pursuant to this section.

25 4. For the purposes of this section, "agency" does not include:

26 (a) A board created by the provisions of chapters 623 to 625A,  
27 inclusive, 628, 630 to 640A, inclusive, 641 to 644, inclusive, 654  
28 and 656 of NRS ~~§~~ *and sections 2 to 37, inclusive, of this act*.

29 (b) The University and Community College System of Nevada.

30 (c) The Public Employees' Retirement System.

31 (d) The Housing Division of the Department of Business and  
32 Industry.

33 (e) The Colorado River Commission of Nevada.

34 **Sec. 48.** NRS 353A.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 353A.025 1. The head of each agency shall periodically  
36 review the agency's system of internal accounting and  
37 administrative control to determine whether it is in compliance with  
38 the uniform system of internal accounting and administrative control  
39 for agencies adopted pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 353A.020.

40 2. On or before July 1 of each even-numbered year, the head of  
41 each agency shall report to the Director whether the agency's  
42 system of internal accounting and administrative control is in  
43 compliance with the uniform system adopted pursuant to subsection  
44 1 of NRS 353A.020. The reports must be made available for  
45 inspection by the members of the Legislature.



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- 1       3. For the purposes of this section, "agency" does not include:  
2       (a) A board created by the provisions of chapters 623 to 625A,  
3       inclusive, 628, 630 to 640A, inclusive, 641 to 644, inclusive, 654  
4       and 656 of NRS ~~§~~ *and sections 2 to 37, inclusive, of this act.*  
5       (b) The University and Community College System of Nevada.  
6       (c) The Public Employees' Retirement System.  
7       (d) The Housing Division of the Department of Business and  
8       Industry.  
9       (e) The Colorado River Commission of Nevada.  
10      4. The Director shall, on or before the first Monday in  
11      February of each odd-numbered year, submit a report on the status  
12      of internal accounting and administrative controls in agencies to the:  
13      (a) Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to  
14      the:  
15          (1) Senate Standing Committee on Finance; and  
16          (2) Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means;  
17      (b) Governor; and  
18      (c) Legislative Auditor.  
19      5. The report submitted by the Director pursuant to subsection  
20      4 must include, without limitation:  
21      (a) The identification of each agency that has not complied with  
22      the requirements of subsections 1 and 2;  
23      (b) The identification of each agency that does not have an  
24      effective method for reviewing its system of internal accounting and  
25      administrative control; and  
26      (c) The identification of each agency that has weaknesses in its  
27      system of internal accounting and administrative control, and the  
28      extent and types of such weaknesses.  
29      **Sec. 49.** NRS 353A.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
30      353A.045 The Chief shall:  
31      1. Report to the Director.  
32      2. Develop long-term and annual work plans to be based on the  
33      results of periodic documented risk assessments. The annual work  
34      plan must list the agencies to which the Division will provide  
35      training and assistance and be submitted to the Director for  
36      approval. Such agencies must not include:  
37      (a) A board created by the provisions of chapters 623 to 625A,  
38      inclusive, 628, 630 to 640A, inclusive, 641 to 644, inclusive, 654  
39      and 656 of NRS ~~§~~ *and sections 2 to 37, inclusive, of this act.*  
40      (b) The University and Community College System of Nevada.  
41      (c) The Public Employees' Retirement System.  
42      (d) The Housing Division of the Department of Business and  
43      Industry.  
44      (e) The Colorado River Commission of Nevada.



- 1     3. Provide a copy of the approved annual work plan to the
- 2     Legislative Auditor.
- 3     4. In consultation with the Director, prepare a plan for auditing
- 4     executive branch agencies for each fiscal year and present the plan
- 5     to the Committee for its review and approval. Each plan for auditing
- 6     must:
- 7         (a) State the agencies which will be audited, the proposed scope
- 8         and assignment of those audits and the related resources which will
- 9         be used for those audits; and
- 10        (b) Ensure that the internal accounting, administrative controls
- 11        and financial management of each agency are reviewed periodically.
- 12     5. Perform the audits of the programs and activities of the
- 13     agencies in accordance with the plan approved pursuant to
- 14     subsection 5 of NRS 353A.038 and prepare audit reports of his
- 15     findings.
- 16     6. Review each agency that is audited pursuant to subsection 5
- 17     and advise those agencies concerning internal accounting,
- 18     administrative controls and financial management.
- 19     7. Submit to each agency that is audited pursuant to subsection
- 20     5 analyses, appraisals and recommendations concerning:
- 21         (a) The adequacy of the internal accounting and administrative
- 22         controls of the agency; and
- 23         (b) The efficiency and effectiveness of the management of the
- 24         agency.
- 25     8. Report any possible abuses, illegal actions, errors, omissions
- 26     and conflicts of interest of which the Division becomes aware
- 27     during the performance of an audit.
- 28     9. Adopt the standards of the Institute of Internal Auditors for
- 29     conducting and reporting on audits.
- 30     10. Consult with the Legislative Auditor concerning the plan
- 31     for auditing and the scope of audits to avoid duplication of effort
- 32     and undue disruption of the functions of agencies that are audited
- 33     pursuant to subsection 5.
- 34     11. Appoint a Manager of Internal Controls.
- 35     **Sec. 50.** NRS 432B.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 36     432B.220 1. Any person who is described in subsection 3
- 37     and who, in his professional or occupational capacity, knows or has
- 38     reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused or neglected
- 39     shall:
- 40         (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, report the
- 41         abuse or neglect of the child to an agency which provides child
- 42         welfare services or to a law enforcement agency; and
- 43         (b) Make such a report as soon as reasonably practicable but not
- 44         later than 24 hours after the person knows or has reasonable cause to
- 45         believe that the child has been abused or neglected.



1       2. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to  
2 subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the abuse  
3 or neglect of the child involves an act or omission of:

4       (a) A person directly responsible or serving as a volunteer for or  
5 an employee of a public or private home, institution or facility  
6 where the child is receiving child care outside of his home for a  
7 portion of the day, the person shall make the report to a law  
8 enforcement agency.

9       (b) An agency which provides child welfare services or a law  
10 enforcement agency, the person shall make the report to an agency  
11 other than the one alleged to have committed the act or omission,  
12 and the investigation of the abuse or neglect of the child must be  
13 made by an agency other than the one alleged to have committed the  
14 act or omission.

15       3. A report must be made pursuant to subsection 1 by the  
16 following persons:

17       (a) A physician, dentist, dental hygienist, chiropractor,  
18 optometrist, podiatric physician, medical examiner, resident, intern,  
19 professional or practical nurse, physician assistant, psychiatrist,  
20 psychologist, marriage and family therapist, alcohol or drug abuse  
21 counselor, *athletic trainer*, advanced emergency medical technician  
22 or other person providing medical services licensed or certified in  
23 this state;

24       (b) Any personnel of a hospital or similar institution engaged in  
25 the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons or an  
26 administrator, manager or other person in charge of a hospital or  
27 similar institution upon notification of suspected abuse or neglect of  
28 a child by a member of the staff of the hospital;

29       (c) A coroner;

30       (d) A clergyman, practitioner of Christian Science or religious  
31 healer, unless he has acquired the knowledge of the abuse or neglect  
32 from the offender during a confession;

33       (e) A social worker and an administrator, teacher, librarian or  
34 counselor of a school;

35       (f) Any person who maintains or is employed by a facility or  
36 establishment that provides care for children, children's camp or  
37 other public or private facility, institution or agency furnishing care  
38 to a child;

39       (g) Any person licensed to conduct a foster home;

40       (h) Any officer or employee of a law enforcement agency or an  
41 adult or juvenile probation officer;

42       (i) An attorney, unless he has acquired the knowledge of the  
43 abuse or neglect from a client who is or may be accused of the abuse  
44 or neglect;





1 (j) Any person who maintains, is employed by or serves as a  
2 volunteer for an agency or service which advises persons regarding  
3 abuse or neglect of a child and refers them to persons and agencies  
4 where their requests and needs can be met; and

5 (k) Any person who is employed by or serves as a volunteer for  
6 an approved youth shelter. As used in this paragraph, “approved  
7 youth shelter” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 244.422.

8 4. A report may be made by any other person.

9 5. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to  
10 subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a child  
11 has died as a result of abuse or neglect, the person shall, as soon as  
12 reasonably practicable, report this belief to the appropriate medical  
13 examiner or coroner, who shall investigate the report and submit to  
14 an agency which provides child welfare services his written  
15 findings. The written findings must include, if obtainable, the  
16 information required pursuant to the provisions of subsection 2 of  
17 NRS 432B.230.

18 **Sec. 51.** NRS 608.0116 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 608.0116 “Professional” means pertaining to an employee who  
20 is licensed or certified by the State of Nevada for and engaged in the  
21 practice of law or any of the professions regulated by chapters 623  
22 to 645, inclusive, and 656A of NRS ~~§~~ *and sections 2 to 37,*  
23 *inclusive, of this act.*

24 **Sec. 52.** Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 2 to 37,  
25 inclusive, of this act, a person who engages in the practice of  
26 athletic training is not required to be licensed as such pursuant to the  
27 provisions of this act before July 1, 2004.

28 **Sec. 53.** 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 2 to  
29 37, inclusive, of this act, a person may be licensed as an athletic  
30 trainer, if he is employed or otherwise working as an athletic trainer  
31 on October 1, 2003, he is qualified for a license as an athletic trainer  
32 pursuant to the provisions of subsection 2 and, before April 1, 2004,  
33 he submits to the Board of Athletic Trainers created pursuant to  
34 section 16 of this act:

35 (a) An application for a license on a form provided by the  
36 Board;

37 (b) The fee for the license prescribed by the Board pursuant to  
38 section 33 of this act; and

39 (c) The statement required pursuant to section 28 of this act  
40 unless after January 1, 2003, the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 666  
41 requiring each state to establish procedures under which the state  
42 has authority to withhold or suspend, or to restrict the use of  
43 professional, occupational and recreational licenses of persons who:



1 (1) Have failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant  
2 relating to a procedure to determine the paternity of a child or to  
3 establish or enforce an obligation for the support of a child; or

4 (2) Are in arrears in the payment for the support of one or  
5 more children,  
6 are repealed by the Congress of the United States.

7 2. An applicant is qualified for a license pursuant to this  
8 section as an athletic trainer if he:

9 (a) Is certified as an athletic trainer by the National Athletic  
10 Trainers Association Board of Certification;

11 (b) Has a bachelor's degree in a course of study approved by the  
12 Board; or

13 (c) Has education, training, experience or other qualifications  
14 that the Board determines qualify him to engage in the practice of  
15 athletic training.

16 **Sec. 54.** 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 16 of  
17 this act, each athletic trainer who is appointed to the Board of  
18 Athletic Trainers to an initial term pursuant to subsection 2 is not  
19 required to be licensed pursuant to sections 2 to 37, inclusive, of this  
20 act, at the time of appointment but must be eligible for a license as  
21 such at the time of appointment.

22 2. As soon as practicable after October 1, 2003, the Governor  
23 shall appoint to the Board of Athletic Trainers:

24 (a) Two members whose terms expire on September 30, 2005;  
25 and

26 (b) Three members whose terms expire on September 30, 2006.

27 **Sec. 55.** 1. On or before April 1, 2004, the Board of Athletic  
28 Trainers, created by section 16 of this act, shall appoint an Advisory  
29 Committee on the regulation of personal trainers, consisting of  
30 seven members, to recommend to the Nevada Legislature such  
31 legislation as the Advisory Committee deems necessary and  
32 appropriate concerning the regulation of personal trainers in this  
33 state.

34 2. The Board shall appoint at least four licensed health care  
35 professionals to serve on the Advisory Committee.

36 3. The Advisory Committee shall elect a Chairman and Vice  
37 Chairman from among its members. A majority of the members of  
38 the Advisory Committee constitutes a quorum for conducting the  
39 business of the Advisory Committee.

40 4. The members of the Advisory Committee are not entitled to  
41 receive compensation, per diem allowances or travel expenses for  
42 their service on the Advisory Committee.

43 5. On or before January 15, 2005, the Advisory Committee  
44 shall provide recommendations to the Nevada Legislature as to  
45 whether personal training is a learned profession affecting public



1 health, safety and welfare to the extent that state regulation is  
2 necessary and desirable for the protection of the health and welfare  
3 of the residents of Nevada.

4     **Sec. 56.** Sections 28 and 29 of this act expire by limitation on  
5 the date on which the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 666 requiring each  
6 state to establish procedures under which the state has authority to  
7 withhold or suspend, or to restrict the use of professional,  
8 occupational and recreational licenses of persons who:  
9     1. Have failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to  
10 a procedure to determine the paternity of a child or to establish or  
11 enforce an obligation for the support of a child; or  
12     2. Are in arrears in the payment for the support of one or more  
13 children,  
14 are repealed by the Congress of the United States.

