

## Amendment No. 158

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 314 (BDR 54-878)

**Proposed by:** Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor**Amends:** Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

Adoption of this amendment will ADD a 2/3s majority vote requirement for final passage of A.B. 314 (§ 1).

| ASSEMBLY ACTION |                          |      |                          | Initial and Date | SENATE ACTION |                          |      |                          | Initial and Date |
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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) ***blue bold italics*** is new language in the original bill; (2) ***green bold italic underlining*** is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment; and (6) ***green bold dashed underlining*** is newly added transitory language.

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Date: 4/13/2009

A.B. No. 314—Makes various changes to provisions governing the practice of dentistry. (BDR 54-878)



ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 314—ASSEMBLYMEN WOODBURY, HARDY, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL; AIZLEY, ATKINSON, BOBZIEN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CHRISTENSEN, COBB, CONKLIN, GANSERT, GOEDHART, GOICOECHEA, GRADY, GUSTAVSON, HAMBRICK, KIHUEN, KIRKPATRICK, MANENDO, MASTROLUCA, MCARTHUR, MUNFORD, PARNELL, SETTELMAYER, SPIEGEL AND STEWART

MARCH 12, 2009

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS WIENER, CARLTON;  
COPENING, HARDY AND PARKS

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Makes various changes to provisions governing the practice of dentistry. (BDR 54-878)

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 dentistry; authorizing the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada to issue a limited ~~permits to treat patients under certain circumstances as part of a supervised course of dental education;~~ license to supervise certain courses of continuing education involving live patients; authorizing students to participate in such courses of continuing education under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

**Section 1** of this bill allows a person ~~licensed to practice dentistry in another jurisdiction) who has received a degree in dentistry from an accredited program~~ to receive a limited ~~permit to treat a specified patient as part of a supervised course of dental education under certain circumstances. Section 1 also places certain restrictions on the treatment of a patient by a person who receives such a limited permit.)~~ license to supervise certain courses of continuing education involving live patients. A limited ~~permit~~ license issued under **section 1** expires ~~(5 years)~~ 1 year after being issued and may be renewed ~~for an additional year if necessary to complete the course of continuing dental education.)~~ annually. **Section 1 also:** (1) authorizes the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada to charge a fee for the issuance or renewal of the limited license; (2) authorizes the Board to suspend or revoke the limited license under certain circumstances; and (3) imposes a duty upon the holder of the limited license to report certain events to the Board.

**Section 2** of this bill provides that NRS 631.215 does not prevent a dentist who is licensed in another state or country from participating in a course of postgraduate

continuing education in dentistry supervised by the holder of a limited license issued pursuant to section 1 under certain circumstances.

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

**Section 1.** Chapter 631 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Board shall, without a clinical examination required by NRS 631.240 or 631.300, issue a limited ~~(permit)~~ license to a person to ~~treat a specified patient if the person:~~

~~(a) Is a student enrolled in a supervised course of dental education presented as part of a program of postgraduate dental education; and~~

~~(b) Has a license to practice dentistry issued pursuant to the laws of another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia or a foreign country that authorizes the person to treat the specified patient in that jurisdiction;~~ supervise courses of continuing education involving live patients at an institute or organization with a permanent facility registered with the Board for the sole purpose of providing postgraduate continuing education in dentistry if the person has received a degree from a dental school or college accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor.

2. ~~{A person to whom a limited permit is issued pursuant to this section may only treat a specified patient who:~~

~~(a) Is a patient of the person in the jurisdiction in which the person is licensed to practice dentistry; and~~

~~(b) Has provided a properly executed informed consent to the treatment.~~

3. ~~A limited license issued pursuant to this section authorizes the person to whom it is issued to practice only at the facility at which the supervised course of dental education is conducted while under the direct supervision of a member of the faculty at that facility;~~

~~4. A limited ~~(permit)~~ license issued pursuant to this section expires {5 years} 1 year after the date of its issuance and may be renewed {on or before the date of its expiration for 1 additional year if necessary for the completion of a supervised course of dental education} annually upon submission of proof acceptable to the Board of compliance with subsection 1 and payment of any fee required pursuant to subsection 3.~~

3. The Board may impose a fee of not more than \$100 for the issuance and each renewal of a limited license issued pursuant to this section.

4. A limited license issued pursuant to this section may be suspended or revoked by the Board if the holder of the limited license:

(a) Has had his license to practice dentistry suspended, revoked or placed on probation in another state, territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia or a foreign country;

(b) Has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude; or

(c) Has a documented history of substance abuse.

5. A holder of a limited license issued pursuant to this section shall notify the Board in writing by certified mail not later than 30 days after:

(a) The death of a patient being treated by a dentist under the supervision of the holder of a limited license;

(b) Any incident which:

(1) Results in the hospitalization of or a permanent physical or mental injury to a patient being treated by a dentist under the supervision of the holder of a limited license; and

(2) Occurs while the dentist is treating the patient under the supervision of the holder of a limited license; or

(c) Any event or circumstance described in subsection 4.

**Sec. 2. NRS 631.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

631.215 1. Any person shall be deemed to be practicing dentistry who:

(a) Uses words or any letters or title in connection with his name which in any way represents him as engaged in the practice of dentistry, or any branch thereof;

(b) Advertises or permits to be advertised by any medium that he can or will attempt to perform dental operations of any kind;

(c) Diagnoses, professes to diagnose or treats or professes to treat any of the diseases or lesions of the oral cavity, teeth, gingiva or the supporting structures thereof;

(d) Extracts teeth;

(e) Corrects malpositions of the teeth or jaws;

(f) Takes impressions of the teeth, mouth or gums, unless the person is authorized by the regulations of the Board to engage in such activities without being a licensed dentist;

(g) Examines a person for, or supplies artificial teeth as substitutes for natural teeth;

(h) Places in the mouth and adjusts or alters artificial teeth;

(i) Does any practice included in the clinical dental curricula of accredited dental colleges or a residency program for those colleges;

(j) Administers or prescribes such remedies, medicinal or otherwise, as are needed in the treatment of dental or oral diseases;

(k) Uses X-ray radiation or laser radiation for dental treatment or dental diagnostic purposes, unless the person is authorized by the regulations of the Board to engage in such activities without being a licensed dentist;

(l) Determines:

(1) Whether a particular treatment is necessary or advisable; or

(2) Which particular treatment is necessary or advisable; or

(m) Dispenses tooth whitening agents or undertakes to whiten or bleach teeth by any means or method, unless the person is:

(1) Dispensing or using a product that may be purchased over the counter for a person's own use; or

(2) Authorized by the regulations of the Board to engage in such activities without being a licensed dentist.

2. Nothing in this section:

(a) Prevents a dental assistant, dental hygienist or qualified technician from making radiograms or X-ray exposures or using X-ray radiation or laser radiation for dental treatment or dental diagnostic purposes upon the direction of a licensed dentist.

(b) Prohibits the performance of mechanical work, on inanimate objects only, by any person employed in or operating a dental laboratory upon the written work authorization of a licensed dentist.

(c) Prevents students from performing dental procedures that are part of the curricula of an accredited dental school or college or an accredited school of dental hygiene or an accredited school of dental assisting.

(d) Prevents a licensed dentist or dental hygienist from another state or country from appearing as a clinician for demonstrating certain methods of technical

procedures before a dental society or organization, convention or dental college or an accredited school of dental hygiene or an accredited school of dental assisting.

(e) Prohibits the manufacturing of artificial teeth upon receipt of a written authorization from a licensed dentist if the manufacturing does not require direct contact with the patient.

(f) Prevents a person who is actively licensed as a dentist in another jurisdiction from treating a patient if:

(1) The patient has previously been treated by the dentist in the jurisdiction in which the dentist is licensed;

(2) The dentist treats the patient only during a course of continuing education involving live patients which:

(I) Is conducted at an institute or organization with a permanent facility registered with the Board for the sole purpose of providing postgraduate continuing education in dentistry; and

(II) Meets all applicable requirements for approval as a course of continuing education; and

(3) The dentist treats the patient only under the supervision of a person licensed pursuant to section 1 of this act.

Sec. 3. NRS 631.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.330 1. Licenses issued pursuant to NRS 631.271 and 631.275 and section 1 of this act must be renewed annually. All other licenses must be renewed biennially.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 631.271 and 631.275, ~~and~~ and section 1 of this act:

(a) Each holder of a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene must, upon:

(1) Payment of the required fee;

(2) Submission of proof of completion of the required continuing education; and

(3) Submission of all information required to complete the renewal,

➔ be granted a renewal certificate which will authorize continuation of the practice for 2 years.

(b) A licensee must comply with the provisions of this subsection and subsection 1 on or before June 30. Failure to comply with those provisions by June 30 every 2 years automatically suspends the license, and it may be reinstated only upon payment of the fee for reinstatement and compliance with the requirements of this subsection.

3. If a license suspended pursuant to this section is not reinstated within 12 months after suspension, it is automatically revoked.

Sec. 4. NRS 631.345 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.345 1. ~~The~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, the Board shall by regulation establish fees for the performance of the duties imposed upon it by this chapter which must not exceed the following amounts:

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| Application fee for an initial license to practice dentistry .....                                                                             | \$1,500 |
| Application fee for an initial license to practice dental hygiene.....                                                                         | 750     |
| Application fee for a specialist's license to practice dentistry.....                                                                          | 300     |
| Application fee for a limited license or restricted license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene .....                                      | 300     |
| Application and examination fee for a permit to administer general anesthesia, conscious sedation or deep sedation.....                        | 750     |
| Fee for any reinspection required by the Board to maintain a permit to administer general anesthesia, conscious sedation or deep sedation..... | 500     |

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| 1  | Biennial renewal fee for a permit to administer general anesthesia, |       |
| 2  | conscious sedation or deep sedation.....                            | \$600 |
| 3  | Fee for the inspection of a facility required by the Board to renew |       |
| 4  | a permit to administer general anesthesia, conscious sedation       |       |
| 5  | or deep sedation .....                                              | 350   |
| 6  | Biennial license renewal fee for a general license, specialist's    |       |
| 7  | license, temporary license or restricted geographical license to    |       |
| 8  | practice dentistry.....                                             | 1,000 |
| 9  | Annual license renewal fee for a limited license or restricted      |       |
| 10 | license to practice dentistry.....                                  | 300   |
| 11 | Biennial license renewal fee for a general license, temporary       |       |
| 12 | license or restricted geographical license to practice dental       |       |
| 13 | hygiene.....                                                        | 600   |
| 14 | Annual license renewal fee for a limited license to practice dental |       |
| 15 | hygiene.....                                                        | 300   |
| 16 | Biennial license renewal fee for an inactive dentist .....          | 400   |
| 17 | Biennial license renewal fee for a dentist who is retired or has a  |       |
| 18 | disability.....                                                     | 100   |
| 19 | Biennial license renewal fee for an inactive dental hygienist.....  | 200   |
| 20 | Biennial license renewal fee for a dental hygienist who is retired  |       |
| 21 | or has a disability .....                                           | 100   |
| 22 | Reinstatement fee for a suspended license to practice dentistry or  |       |
| 23 | dental hygiene .....                                                | 500   |
| 24 | Reinstatement fee for a revoked license to practice dentistry or    |       |
| 25 | dental hygiene .....                                                | 500   |
| 26 | Reinstatement fee to return a dentist or dental hygienist who is    |       |
| 27 | inactive, retired or has a disability to active status.....         | 500   |
| 28 | Fee for the certification of a license .....                        | 50    |

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

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

**Sec. 5. NRS 631.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

631.350 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 631.271 and 631.347, and section 1 of this act, the Board may:

- (a) Refuse to issue a license to any person;
- (b) Revoke or suspend the license or renewal certificate issued by it to any person;
- (c) Fine a person it has licensed;
- (d) Place a person on probation for a specified period on any conditions the Board may order;
- (e) Issue a public reprimand to a person;
- (f) Limit a person's practice to certain branches of dentistry;
- (g) Require a person to participate in a program to correct alcohol or drug abuse or any other impairment;
- (h) Require that a person's practice be supervised;
- (i) Require a person to perform community service without compensation;
- (j) Require a person to take a physical or mental examination or an examination of his competence;

- 1 (k) Require a person to fulfill certain training or educational requirements;
- 2 (l) Require a person to reimburse a patient; or
- 3 (m) Any combination thereof,
- 4 ➔ upon submission of substantial evidence to the Board that the person has
- 5 engaged in any of the activities listed in subsection 2.
- 6 2. The following activities may be punished as provided in subsection 1:
- 7 (a) Engaging in the illegal practice of dentistry or dental hygiene;
- 8 (b) Engaging in unprofessional conduct; or
- 9 (c) Violating any regulations adopted by the Board or the provisions of this
- 10 chapter.
- 11 3. The Board may delegate to a hearing officer or panel its authority to take
- 12 any disciplinary action pursuant to this chapter, impose and collect fines therefor
- 13 and deposit the money therefrom in banks, credit unions or savings and loan
- 14 associations in this State.
- 15 4. If a hearing officer or panel is not authorized to take disciplinary action
- 16 pursuant to subsection 3 and the Board deposits the money collected from the
- 17 imposition of fines with the State Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund, it
- 18 may present a claim to the State Board of Examiners for recommendation to the
- 19 Interim Finance Committee if money is needed to pay attorney's fees or the costs of
- 20 an investigation, or both.
- 21 5. The Board shall not administer a private reprimand.
- 22 6. An order that imposes discipline and the findings of fact and conclusions of
- 23 law supporting that order are public records.