
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 55—COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

(ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS)

PREFILED DECEMBER 15, 2010

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to dentistry.
(BDR 54-498)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 holder of a limited license
a permit to perform certain dental practices; requiring the
Board to adopt regulations relating to such permits;
revising the requirements for the issuance of a limited
license; authorizing the Board to impose certain fees to
recover the costs of certain examinations; and providing
other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law: (1) authorizes the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada to issue
2 a limited license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene, without a clinical
3 examination, to a person who contracts with the Nevada System of Higher
4 Education and who satisfies certain other requirements; (2) requires the holder of a
5 limited license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene only in accordance with the
6 contract and at the educational or outpatient clinic, hospital or other facility where
7 the person is employed; and (3) prohibits the holder of a limited license from
8 engaging in the private practice of dentistry or dental hygiene or accepting other
9 compensation for the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene. (NRS 631.271)
10 **Section 1** of this bill: (1) authorizes an applicant for a limited license to satisfy one
11 of the requirements for such licensure by successfully passing a clinical
12 examination; (2) authorizes the Board to issue a permit to the holder of a limited
13 license which allows the holder of the limited license to engage in the private
14 practice of dentistry and to accept compensation for dental services from entities
15 other than that with which the license holder has contracted; and (3) requires the
16 Board to prescribe, by regulation, the standards, conditions and other requirements
17 for the issuance of such permits.



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18 **Section 2** of this bill authorizes the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada to
19 charge a fee to cover the actual cost to the Board of administering a clinical
20 examination.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 631.271 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 631.271 1. The Board shall, without a clinical examination
3 required by NRS 631.240 or 631.300, issue a limited license to
4 practice dentistry or dental hygiene to a person who:

5 (a) Is qualified for a license to practice dentistry or dental
6 hygiene in this State;

7 (b) Pays the required application fee;

8 (c) Has entered into a contract with ~~the~~ :

9 ***(1) The Nevada System of Higher Education to provide***
10 ***services as a dental intern, dental resident or instructor of dentistry***
11 ***or dental hygiene at an educational or outpatient clinic, hospital or***
12 ***other facility of the Nevada System of Higher Education; or***

13 ***(2) An accredited program of dentistry or dental hygiene of***
14 ***an institution which is accredited by a regional educational***
15 ***accrediting organization that is recognized by the United States***
16 ***Department of Education to provide services as a dental intern,***
17 ***dental resident or instructor of dentistry or dental hygiene at an***
18 ***educational or outpatient clinic, hospital or other facility of the***
19 ***institution and accredited by the Commission on Dental***
20 ***Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor***
21 ***specialty accrediting organization;***

22 (d) Satisfies the requirements of NRS 631.230 or 631.290, as
23 appropriate; and

24 (e) Satisfies at least one of the following requirements:

25 (1) Has a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene
26 issued pursuant to the laws of another state or territory of the United
27 States, or the District of Columbia;

28 (2) Presents to the Board a certificate granted by the Western
29 Regional Examining Board which contains a notation that the
30 person has passed, within the 5 years immediately preceding the
31 date of the application, a clinical examination administered by
32 the Western Regional Examining Board; ~~for~~

33 ***(3) Successfully passes a clinical examination approved by***
34 ***the Board and the American Board of Dental Examiners; or***

35 ***(4) Has the educational or outpatient clinic, hospital or other***
36 ***facility where the person will provide services as a dental intern or***
37 ***dental resident in an internship or residency program submit to the***
38 ***Board written confirmation that the person has been appointed to a***



1 position in the program and is a citizen of the United States or is
2 lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States. If a person
3 qualifies for a limited license pursuant to this subparagraph, the
4 limited license remains valid only while the person is actively
5 providing services as a dental intern or dental resident in the
6 internship or residency program, is lawfully entitled to remain and
7 work in the United States and is in compliance with all other
8 requirements for the limited license.

9 2. The Board shall not issue a limited license to a person:

10 (a) Who has been issued a license to practice dentistry or dental
11 hygiene if:

12 (1) The person is involved in a disciplinary action concerning
13 the license; or

14 (2) The license has been revoked or suspended; or

15 (b) Who has been refused a license to practice dentistry or dental
16 hygiene,

17 in this State, another state or territory of the United States, or the
18 District of Columbia.

19 3. ~~FA~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a* person
20 to whom a limited license is issued pursuant to subsection 1:

21 (a) May practice dentistry or dental hygiene in this State only:

22 (1) At the educational or outpatient clinic, hospital or other
23 facility where the person is employed; and

24 (2) In accordance with the contract required by paragraph (c)
25 of subsection 1.

26 (b) Shall not, for the duration of the limited license, engage in
27 the private practice of dentistry or dental hygiene in this State or
28 accept compensation for the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene
29 except such compensation as may be paid to the person by the
30 Nevada System of Higher Education *or an accredited program of*
31 *dentistry or dental hygiene* for services provided as a dental intern,
32 dental resident or instructor of dentistry or dental hygiene ~~FA~~
33 *pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1.*

34 4. *The Board may issue a permit authorizing a person who*
35 *holds a limited license to engage in the practice of dentistry or*
36 *dental hygiene in this State and to accept compensation for such*
37 *practice as may be paid to the person by entities other than the*
38 *Nevada System of Higher Education or an accredited program of*
39 *dentistry or dental hygiene with whom the person is under*
40 *contract pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1. The Board*
41 *shall, by regulation, prescribe the standards, conditions and other*
42 *requirements for the issuance of a permit.*

43 5. A limited license expires 1 year after its date of issuance and
44 may be renewed on or before the date of its expiration, unless the
45 holder no longer satisfies the requirements for the limited license.



1 The holder of a limited license may, upon compliance with the
2 applicable requirements set forth in NRS 631.330 and the
3 completion of a review conducted at the discretion of the Board, be
4 granted a renewal certificate that authorizes the continuation of
5 practice pursuant to the limited license for 1 year.

6 ~~5-1~~ 6. *A permit issued pursuant to subsection 4 expires on*
7 *the date that the holder's limited license expires and may be*
8 *renewed when the limited license is renewed, unless the holder no*
9 *longer satisfies the requirements for the permit.*

10 7. Within 7 days after the termination of a contract required by
11 paragraph (c) of subsection 1, the holder of a limited license shall
12 notify the Board of the termination, in writing, and surrender the
13 limited license *and a permit issued pursuant to this section, if any,*
14 to the Board.

15 ~~6-1~~ 8. The Board may revoke a limited license *and a permit*
16 *issued pursuant to this section, if any,* at any time upon submission
17 of substantial evidence to the Board that the holder of the license
18 violated any provision of this chapter or the regulations of the
19 Board.

20 **Sec. 2.** NRS 631.345 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 631.345 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 631.2715,
22 the Board shall by regulation establish fees for the performance
23 of the duties imposed upon it by this chapter which must not exceed
24 the following amounts:

26	Application fee for an initial license to practice	
27	dentistry.....	\$1,500
28	Application fee for an initial license to practice	
29	dental hygiene	750
30	Application fee for a specialist's license to	
31	practice dentistry	300
32	Application fee for a limited license or restricted	
33	license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene	300
34	<i>Fee for administering a clinical examination..... Actual cost</i>	
35	<i>of the</i>	
36	<i>examination</i>	
37	Application and examination fee for a permit to	
38	administer general anesthesia, conscious	
39	sedation or deep sedation.	750
40	Fee for any reinspection required by the Board to	
41	maintain a permit to administer general	
42	anesthesia, conscious sedation or deep	
43	sedation	500



1	Biennial renewal fee for a permit to administer	
2	general anesthesia, conscious sedation or deep	
3	sedation	\$600
4	Fee for the inspection of a facility required by the	
5	Board to renew a permit to administer general	
6	anesthesia, conscious sedation or deep	
7	sedation	350
8	Biennial license renewal fee for a general license,	
9	specialist's license, temporary license or	
10	restricted geographical license to practice	
11	dentistry.....	1,000
12	Annual license renewal fee for a limited license	
13	or restricted license to practice dentistry	300
14	Biennial license renewal fee for a general license,	
15	temporary license or restricted geographical	
16	license to practice dental hygiene	600
17	Annual license renewal fee for a limited license	
18	to practice dental hygiene	300
19	Biennial license renewal fee for an inactive	
20	dentist.....	400
21	Biennial license renewal fee for a dentist who is	
22	retired or has a disability.....	100
23	Biennial license renewal fee for an inactive dental	
24	hygienist.....	200
25	Biennial license renewal fee for a dental hygienist	
26	who is retired or has a disability	100
27	Reinstatement fee for a suspended license to	
28	practice dentistry or dental hygiene	500
29	Reinstatement fee for a revoked license to	
30	practice dentistry or dental hygiene	500
31	Reinstatement fee to return a dentist or dental	
32	hygienist who is inactive, retired or has a	
33	disability to active status.....	500
34	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.



1 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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