

SENATE BILL NO. 215—SENATOR HARDY

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Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning chiropractors' assistants. (BDR 54-834)

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 chiropractors' assistants; requiring the completion of certain continuing education requirements for the renewal of a certificate as a chiropractor's assistant; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Under existing law, a chiropractor's assistant may renew his or her certificate
- 2 as a chiropractor's assistant by paying a fee and submitting certain information to
- 3 the Chiropractic Physicians' Board of Nevada. (NRS 634.130) **Section 1** of this bill
- 4 additionally requires a chiropractor's assistant to complete at least 12 hours of
- 5 continuing education every 2 years as a condition of the renewal of his or her
- 6 certificate as a chiropractor's assistant. **Section 1** further provides that the
- 7 educational requirement may be waived by the Board if a chiropractor's assistant is
- 8 prevented by a serious or disabling illness or physical disability from completing
- 9 the educational requirement.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 634.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 634.130 1. Licenses and certificates must be renewed
- 3 biennially. Each person who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of
- 4 this chapter must, upon the payment of the required renewal fee and
- 5 the submission of all information required to complete the renewal,



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1 be granted a renewal certificate which authorizes the person to
2 continue to practice for 2 years.

3 2. The renewal fee must be paid and all information required to
4 complete the renewal must be submitted to the Board on or before
5 January 1 of each odd-numbered year.

6 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~4.4~~ **5 or 6**, a
7 licensee in active practice within this State must submit satisfactory
8 proof to the Board that, during the 24 months immediately
9 preceding the renewal date of the license, the licensee has attended
10 at least 36 hours of continuing education which is approved or
11 endorsed by the Board.

12 **4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 or 6, a holder**
13 **of a certificate as a chiropractor's assistant in active practice**
14 **within this State must submit satisfactory proof to the Board that,**
15 **during the 24 months immediately preceding the renewal date of**
16 **the certificate, the certificate holder has attended at least 12 hours**
17 **of continuing education which is approved or endorsed by the**
18 **Board. Any course of continuing education approved or endorsed**
19 **by the Board pursuant to this subsection must be conducted in a**
20 **live setting, including, without limitation, a conference, workshop**
21 **or academic course of instruction. The Board shall not approve or**
22 **endorse a course of continuing education which is self-directed or**
23 **conducted via home study or distance learning.**

24 5. The educational requirement of ~~this section~~ **subsection 3**
25 **or 4** may be waived by the Board if the licensee **or holder of a**
26 **certificate as a chiropractor's assistant** files with the Board a
27 statement of a chiropractic physician, osteopathic physician or
28 doctor of medicine certifying that the licensee **or holder of a**
29 **certificate as a chiropractor's assistant** is suffering from a serious
30 or disabling illness or physical disability which prevented the
31 licensee **or holder of a certificate as a chiropractor's assistant** from
32 completing the requirements for continuing education during the 24
33 months immediately preceding the renewal date of the license.

34 ~~4.4~~ **6.** A licensee **or holder of a certificate as a chiropractor's**
35 **assistant** is not required to comply with the requirements of
36 subsection 3 **or 4, respectively**, until the first odd-numbered year
37 after the year the Board issues to the licensee **or certificate holder**
38 an initial license **or certificate** to practice as a chiropractor **or**
39 **chiropractor's assistant, as applicable**, in this State.

40 ~~4.5~~ **7.** If a licensee fails to:

- 41 (a) Pay the renewal fee by January 1 of an odd-numbered year;
42 (b) Submit proof of continuing education pursuant to
43 subsection 3;
44 (c) Notify the Board of a change in the location of his or her
45 office pursuant to NRS 634.129; or



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(d) Submit all information required to complete the renewal, ➔ the license is automatically suspended and, except as otherwise provided in NRS 634.131, may be reinstated only upon the payment, by January 1 of the even-numbered year following the year in which the license was suspended, of the required fee for reinstatement in addition to the renewal fee.

~~16-1~~ 8. If a holder of a certificate as a chiropractor's assistant fails to:

(a) Pay the renewal fee by January 1 of an odd-numbered year;

(b) *Submit proof of continuing education pursuant to subsection 4;*

(c) Notify the Board of a change in the location of his or her office pursuant to NRS 634.129; or

~~16-1~~ (d) Submit all information required to complete the renewal,

➔ the certificate is automatically suspended and may be reinstated only upon the payment of the required fee for reinstatement in addition to the renewal fee.

Sec. 2. NRS 634.131 is hereby amended to read as follows:

634.131 1. If a license has been automatically suspended pursuant to the provisions of subsection ~~15-1~~ 7 of NRS 634.130 and not reinstated pursuant to the provisions of that subsection, the person who held the license may apply to the Board to have the license reinstated to active status.

2. An applicant to have a suspended license reinstated to active status pursuant to subsection 1 must:

(a) Either:

(1) Submit satisfactory evidence to the Board:

(I) That the applicant has maintained an active practice in another state, territory or country within the preceding 5 years;

(II) From all other licensing agencies which have issued the applicant a license that he or she is in good standing and has no legal actions pending against him or her; and

(III) That the applicant has participated in a program of continuing education in accordance with NRS 634.130 for the year in which he or she seeks to be reinstated to active status; or

(2) Score 75 percent or higher on an examination prescribed by the Board on the provisions of this chapter and the regulations adopted by the Board; and

(b) Pay:

(1) The fee for the biennial renewal of a license to practice chiropractic; and

(2) The fee for reinstating a license to practice chiropractic which has been suspended or revoked.



1 3. If any of the requirements set forth in subsection 2 are not
2 met by an applicant for the reinstatement of a suspended license to
3 active status, the Board, before reinstating the license of the
4 applicant to active status:

5 (a) Must hold a hearing to determine the professional
6 competency and fitness of the applicant; and

7 (b) May require the applicant to:

8 (1) Pass the Special Purposes Examination for Chiropractic
9 prepared by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners; and

10 (2) Satisfy any additional requirements that the Board deems
11 to be necessary.

12 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

