

SENATE BILL NO. 419—COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Establishes provisions relating to safe injection practices. (BDR 40-518)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly  
Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City  
Jail or Detention Facility.  
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 public health; requiring certain persons who administer controlled substances or dangerous drugs to complete annual training concerning safe injection practices; requiring the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services to approve or establish a training program concerning safe injection practices; requiring certain boards which license health care professionals to approve continuing education courses concerning safe infection practices; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

**Sections 4 and 7** of this bill require certain persons who are authorized to administer controlled substances or dangerous drugs to complete annually 2 hours of training relating to safe injection practices. **Sections 4 and 7** exempt from the training requirements persons who administer controlled substances or dangerous drugs which are topical drugs or are not for use by a human being. **Sections 4 and 7** also require the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services to approve or establish a training program which meets the requirements of those sections.

**Sections 1-3 and 7-21** of this bill require boards that license and certain health care facilities that employ persons who are authorized to administer controlled substances or dangerous drugs to ensure completion of the annual training relating to safe injection practices. Additionally, **sections 2, 3 and 10-20** require boards that license persons who are authorized to administer controlled substances or dangerous drugs to approve programs of training relating to safe injection practices



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and to credit those hours of training toward the hours of continuing education required for renewal of professional licenses held by such persons.

**Section 22** of this bill requires all persons who are required to complete the training relating to safe injection practices pursuant to **sections 4 and 7** to complete the initial annual training on or before December 31, 2012.

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

**Section 1.** Chapter 449 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*A medical facility, facility for the dependent, facility for refractive surgery or home for individual residential care shall ensure that each employee of the facility or home who is authorized to administer a controlled substance pursuant to NRS 453.375 or a dangerous drug pursuant to NRS 454.213 completes the training relating to practices for safe injections required by section 4 or 7 of this act, as applicable.*

**Sec. 2.** NRS 450B.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.160 1. The health authority may issue licenses to attendants and to firefighters employed by or serving as volunteers with a fire-fighting agency.

2. Each license must be evidenced by a card issued to the holder of the license, is valid for a period not to exceed 2 years and is renewable.

3. An applicant for a license must file with the health authority:

(a) A current, valid certificate evidencing the applicant's successful completion of a program or course for training in emergency medical technology, if the applicant is applying for a license as an attendant, or, if a volunteer attendant, at a level of skill determined by the board.

(b) A current valid certificate evidencing the applicant's successful completion of a program for training as an intermediate emergency medical technician or advanced emergency medical technician if the applicant is applying for a license as a firefighter with a fire-fighting agency.

(c) A signed statement showing:

(1) The name and address of the applicant;

(2) The name and address of the employer of the applicant;

and

(3) A description of the applicant's duties.

(d) Such other certificates for training and such other items as the board may specify.

4. The board shall adopt such regulations as it determines are necessary for the issuance, suspension, revocation and renewal of



licenses. *The regulations must require the holder of a license to complete annually the training relating to practices for safe injections required by section 4 or 7 of this act, as applicable.*

5. Each operator of an ambulance or air ambulance and each fire-fighting agency shall annually file with the health authority a complete list of the licensed persons in its service.

6. Licensed physicians, registered nurses and licensed physician assistants may serve as attendants without being licensed under the provisions of this section. A registered nurse who performs advanced emergency care in an ambulance or air ambulance shall perform the care in accordance with the regulations of the State Board of Nursing. A licensed physician assistant who performs advanced emergency care in an ambulance or air ambulance shall perform the care in accordance with the regulations of the Board of Medical Examiners.

7. Each licensed physician, registered nurse and licensed physician assistant who serves as an attendant must have current certification of completion of training in:

(a) Advanced life-support procedures for patients who require cardiac care;

(b) Life-support procedures for pediatric patients who require cardiac care; or

(c) Life-support procedures for patients with trauma that are administered before the arrival of those patients at a hospital.

➤ The certification must be issued by the Board of Medical Examiners for a physician or licensed physician assistant or by the State Board of Nursing for a registered nurse.

8. The Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of Nursing shall issue a certificate pursuant to subsection 7 if the licensed physician, licensed physician assistant or registered nurse attends:

(a) A course offered by a national organization which is nationally recognized for issuing such certification;

(b) Training conducted by the operator of an ambulance or air ambulance; or

(c) Any other course or training,

➤ approved by the Board of Medical Examiners or the State Board of Nursing, whichever is issuing the certification. The Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of Nursing may require certification of training in all three areas set forth in subsection 7 for a licensed physician, licensed physician assistant or registered nurse who primarily serves as an attendant in a county whose population is 400,000 or more.



**Sec. 3.** NRS 450B.1975 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.1975 1. An intermediate emergency medical technician or an advanced emergency medical technician who holds an endorsement to administer immunizations, dispense medication and prepare and respond to certain public health needs issued in accordance with the regulations adopted pursuant to this section may:

(a) Administer immunizations and dispense medications;

(b) Participate in activities designed to prepare the community to meet anticipated health needs, including, without limitation, participation in public vaccination clinics; and

(c) Respond to an actual epidemic or other emergency in the community,

↳ under the direct supervision of the local health officer, or a designee of the local health officer, of the jurisdiction in which the immunization is administered or the medication is dispensed or in which the emergency or need exists.

2. The district board of health, in a county whose population is 400,000 or more, may adopt regulations for the endorsement of intermediate emergency medical technicians and advanced emergency medical technicians pursuant to this section. The regulations must:

(a) Prescribe the minimum training required to obtain such an endorsement;

(b) Prescribe the continuing education requirements or other evidence of continued competency for renewal of the endorsement ~~[H]~~, *which must include the training relating to practices for safe injections required by section 4 or 7 of this act, as applicable;*

(c) Prescribe the fee for the issuance and renewal of the endorsement, which must not exceed \$5; and

(d) Not require licensure as an attendant as a condition of eligibility for an endorsement pursuant to this section.

3. The State Board of Health shall, for counties whose population is less than 400,000, adopt regulations for the endorsement of intermediate emergency medical technicians and advanced emergency medical technicians pursuant to this section. The regulations must:

(a) Prescribe the minimum training required to obtain such an endorsement;

(b) Prescribe the continuing education requirements or other evidence of continued competency for renewal of the endorsement ~~[H]~~, *which must include the training relating to practices for safe injections required by section 4 or 7 of this act, as applicable;*

(c) Prescribe the fee for the issuance and renewal of the endorsement, which must not exceed \$5;



(d) To the extent practicable, authorize local health officers to provide the training and continuing education required to obtain and renew an endorsement; and

(e) Not require licensure as an attendant as a condition of eligibility for an endorsement pursuant to this section.

4. As used in this section:

(a) "Emergency" means an occurrence or threatened occurrence for which, in the determination of the Governor, the assistance of state agencies is needed to supplement the efforts and capabilities of political subdivisions to save lives, protect property and protect the health and safety of persons in this State, or to avert the threat of damage to property or injury to or the death of persons in this State.

(b) "Local health officer" means a city health officer appointed pursuant to NRS 439.430, county health officer appointed pursuant to NRS 439.290 or district health officer appointed pursuant to NRS 439.368 or 439.400.

**Sec. 4.** Chapter 453 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a person described in NRS 453.375 who is authorized to administer a controlled substance shall complete annually 2 hours of training relating to practices for the safe injection of controlled substances.*


*2. A person who administers a controlled substance not for use by a human being, including, without limitation, a veterinarian, veterinary technician, euthanasia technician or person enrolled in a training program to become a veterinary technician, is not required to complete the training pursuant to subsection 1.*

*3. A person who is required to complete the training pursuant to this section and section 7 of this act is required to complete annually a total of 2 hours of training relating to practices for the safe injection of controlled substances or dangerous drugs.*

*4. The Health Division of the Department shall approve a training program relating to practices for the safe injection of controlled substances. If a training program is not offered in this State, the Health Division shall establish such a program.*

*5. A person who is required to complete the training required by this section may comply with the requirements of this section by completing the training program approved or established pursuant to subsection 4 or, if the person is licensed pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS or title 54 of NRS, a training program approved by the board which licenses the person.*

**Sec. 5.** NRS 453.371 is hereby amended to read as follows:

453.371 As used in NRS 453.371 to 453.552, inclusive , and section 4 of this act:



1 1. "Advanced practitioner of nursing" means a person who  
2 holds a certificate of recognition granted pursuant to NRS 632.237  
3 and is registered with the Board.

4 2. "Medical intern" means a medical graduate acting as an  
5 assistant in a hospital for the purpose of clinical training.

6 3. "Pharmacist" means a person who holds a certificate of  
7 registration issued pursuant to NRS 639.127 and is registered with  
8 the Board.

9 4. "Physician," "dentist," "podiatric physician," "veterinarian"  
10 and "euthanasia technician" mean persons authorized by a license to  
11 practice their respective professions in this State who are registered  
12 with the Board.

13 5. "Physician assistant" means a person who is registered with  
14 the Board and:

15 (a) Holds a license issued pursuant to NRS 630.273; or

16 (b) Holds a license issued pursuant to NRS 633.433.

17 **Sec. 6.** NRS 453.552 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 453.552 1. Any penalty imposed for violation of NRS  
19 453.011 to 453.551, inclusive, *and section 4 of this act* is in  
20 addition to, and not in lieu of, any civil or administrative penalty or  
21 sanction otherwise authorized by law.

22 2. Any violation of the provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.551,  
23 inclusive, *and section 4 of this act* where no other penalty is  
24 specifically provided, is a misdemeanor.

25 **Sec. 7.** Chapter 454 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
26 thereto a new section to read as follows:

27 *1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a person*  
28 *described in NRS 454.213 who is authorized to administer a*  
29 *dangerous drug shall complete annually 2 hours of training*  
30 *relating to practices for the safe injection of dangerous drugs.*

31 *2. A person who administers a topical drug or a dangerous*  
32 *drug not for use by a human being, including, without limitation,*  
33 *a chiropractic physician, physical therapist, veterinarian,*  
34 *veterinary technician or person enrolled in a training program to*  
35 *become a veterinary technician, is not required to complete the*  
36 *training pursuant to subsection 1.*

37 *3. A person who is required to complete the training pursuant*  
38 *to this section and section 4 of this act is required to complete*  
39 *annually a total of 2 hours of training relating to practices for the*  
40 *safe injection of controlled substances or dangerous drugs.*

41 *4. The Health Division of the Department of Health and*  
42 *Human Services shall approve a training program relating to*  
43 *practices for the safe injection of dangerous drugs. If a training*  
44 *program is not offered in this State, the Health Division shall*  
45 *establish such a program.*



1        **5. A person who is required to complete the training required**  
2 **by this section may comply with the requirements of this section by**  
3 **completing the training program approved or established pursuant**  
4 **to subsection 4 or, if the person is licensed pursuant to chapter**  
5 **450B of NRS or title 54 of NRS, a training program approved by**  
6 **the board which licenses the person.**

7        **Sec. 8.** NRS 454.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8        454.356 Except as otherwise specifically provided, every  
9 person who violates any provision of NRS 454.181 to 454.371,  
10 inclusive, **and section 7 of this act** is guilty of a misdemeanor.

11        **Sec. 9.** NRS 454.361 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12        454.361 A conviction of the violation of any of the provisions  
13 of NRS 454.181 to 454.371, inclusive, **and section 7 of this act**  
14 constitutes grounds for the suspension or revocation of any license  
15 issued to such person pursuant to the provisions of chapters 630,  
16 631, 633, 635, 636, 638 or 639 of NRS.

17        **Sec. 10.** Chapter 209 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
18 thereto a new section to read as follows:

19        **The Director shall ensure that each employee of the**  
20 **Department who is designated by the manager of a facility or**  
21 **warden of an institution as authorized to administer a controlled**  
22 **substance pursuant to NRS 453.375 or a dangerous drug pursuant**  
23 **to NRS 454.213 completes the training relating to practices for**  
24 **safe injections required by section 4 or 7 of this act, as applicable.**

25        **Sec. 11.** Chapter 630 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
26 thereto a new section to read as follows:

27        **The Board shall require the holder of a license as a**  
28 **practitioner of respiratory care to comply with the requirements**  
29 **for continuing education adopted by the Board, which must**  
30 **require the holder of the license to complete annually 2 hours of**  
31 **training relating to practices for safe injections required by section**  
32 **4 or 7 of this act, as applicable.**

33        **Sec. 12.** NRS 630.253 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34        630.253 1. The Board shall, as a prerequisite for the:

35        (a) Renewal of a license as a physician assistant; or

36        (b) Biennial registration of the holder of a license to practice  
37 medicine,

38        ➤ require each holder to comply with the requirements for  
39 continuing education adopted by the Board.

40        2. These requirements:

41        (a) May provide for the completion of one or more courses of  
42 instruction relating to risk management in the performance of  
43 medical services.



(b) *Must provide for the completion of training relating to practices for safe injections required by section 4 or 7 of this act, as applicable.*

(c) Must provide for the completion of a course of instruction, within 2 years after initial licensure, relating to the medical consequences of an act of terrorism that involves the use of a weapon of mass destruction. The course must provide at least 4 hours of instruction that includes instruction in the following subjects:

(1) An overview of acts of terrorism and weapons of mass destruction;

(2) Personal protective equipment required for acts of terrorism;

(3) Common symptoms and methods of treatment associated with exposure to, or injuries caused by, chemical, biological, radioactive and nuclear agents;

(4) Syndromic surveillance and reporting procedures for acts of terrorism that involve biological agents; and

(5) An overview of the information available on, and the use of, the Health Alert Network.

➔ The Board may thereafter determine whether to include in a program of continuing education additional courses of instruction relating to the medical consequences of an act of terrorism that involves the use of a weapon of mass destruction.

3. The Board shall encourage each holder of a license who treats or cares for persons who are more than 60 years of age to receive, as a portion of their continuing education, education in geriatrics and gerontology, including such topics as:

(a) The skills and knowledge that the licensee needs to address aging issues;

(b) Approaches to providing health care to older persons, including both didactic and clinical approaches;

(c) The biological, behavioral, social and emotional aspects of the aging process; and

(d) The importance of maintenance of function and independence for older persons.

4. As used in this section:

(a) "Act of terrorism" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4415.

(b) "Biological agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.442.

(c) "Chemical agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4425.

(d) "Radioactive agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4437.



(e) "Weapon of mass destruction" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4445.

**Sec. 13.** NRS 631.342 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.342 1. The Board shall adopt regulations concerning continuing education in dentistry and dental hygiene. The regulations must include:

(a) The number of hours of credit required annually ~~4~~, *which must include the training relating to practices for safe injections required by section 4 or 7 of this act, as applicable;*

(b) The criteria used to accredit each course; and

(c) The requirements for submission of proof of attendance at courses.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, as part of continuing education, each licensee must complete a course of instruction, within 2 years after initial licensure, relating to the medical consequences of an act of terrorism that involves the use of a weapon of mass destruction. The course must provide at least 4 hours of instruction that includes instruction in the following subjects:

(a) An overview of acts of terrorism and weapons of mass destruction;

(b) Personal protective equipment required for acts of terrorism;

(c) Common symptoms and methods of treatment associated with exposure to, or injuries caused by, chemical, biological, radioactive and nuclear agents;

(d) Syndromic surveillance and reporting procedures for acts of terrorism that involve biological agents; and

(e) An overview of the information available on, and the use of, the Health Alert Network.

3. Instead of the course described in subsection 2, a licensee may complete:

(a) A course in Basic Disaster Life Support or a course in Core Disaster Life Support if the course is offered by a provider of continuing education accredited by the National Disaster Life Support Foundation; or

(b) Any other course that the Board determines to be the equivalent of a course specified in paragraph (a).

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections 2 and 3, the Board may determine whether to include in a program of continuing education additional courses of instruction relating to the medical consequences of an act of terrorism that involves the use of a weapon of mass destruction.

5. As used in this section:

(a) "Act of terrorism" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4415.



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(b) "Biological agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.442.

(c) "Chemical agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4425.

(d) "Radioactive agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4437.

(e) "Weapon of mass destruction" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4445.

**Sec. 14.** NRS 632.343 is hereby amended to read as follows:

632.343 1. The Board shall not renew any license issued under this chapter until the licensee has submitted proof satisfactory to the Board of completion, during the 2-year period before renewal of the license, of 30 hours in a program of continuing education approved by the Board. ~~[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a* licensee is exempt from this provision for the first biennial period after graduation from:

(a) An accredited school of professional nursing;

(b) An accredited school of practical nursing;

(c) An approved school of professional nursing in the process of obtaining accreditation; or

(d) An approved school of practical nursing in the process of obtaining accreditation.

2. The Board shall review all courses offered to nurses for the completion of the requirement set forth in subsection 1. The Board may approve nursing and other courses which are directly related to the practice of nursing as well as others which bear a reasonable relationship to current developments in the field of nursing or any special area of practice in which a licensee engages. These may include academic studies, workshops, extension studies, home study and other courses.

3. The program of continuing education required by subsection 1 must include a course of instruction, to be completed within 2 years after initial licensure, relating to the medical consequences of an act of terrorism that involves the use of a weapon of mass destruction. The course must provide at least 4 hours of instruction that includes instruction in the following subjects:

(a) An overview of acts of terrorism and weapons of mass destruction;

(b) Personal protective equipment required for acts of terrorism;

(c) Common symptoms and methods of treatment associated with exposure to, or injuries caused by, chemical, biological, radioactive and nuclear agents;

(d) Syndromic surveillance and reporting procedures for acts of terrorism that involve biological agents; and



(e) An overview of the information available on, and the use of, the Health Alert Network.

➔ The Board may thereafter determine whether to include in a program of continuing education additional courses of instruction relating to the medical consequences of an act of terrorism that involves the use of a weapon of mass destruction.

4. *The program of continuing education required by subsection 1 must include the training relating to practices for safe injections required by section 4 or 7 of this act, as applicable.*

5. The Board shall encourage each licensee who treats or cares for persons who are more than 60 years of age to receive, as a portion of their continuing education, education in geriatrics and gerontology, including such topics as:

(a) The skills and knowledge that the licensee needs to address aging issues;

(b) Approaches to providing health care to older persons, including both didactic and clinical approaches;

(c) The biological, behavioral, social and emotional aspects of the aging process; and

(d) The importance of maintenance of function and independence for older persons.

~~5.1~~ 6. As used in this section:

(a) "Act of terrorism" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4415.

(b) "Biological agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.442.

(c) "Chemical agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4425.

(d) "Radioactive agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4437.

(e) "Weapon of mass destruction" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4445.

**Sec. 15.** Chapter 633 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*The Board shall require each holder of a license as a physician assistant to comply with the requirements for continuing education adopted by the Board, which must require the holder of the license to complete annually 2 hours of training relating to practices for safe injections required by section 4 or 7 of this act, as applicable.*

**Sec. 16.** NRS 633.471 is hereby amended to read as follows:

633.471 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and NRS 633.491, every holder of a license to practice osteopathic medicine issued under this chapter, except a temporary or a special



1 license, may renew the license on or before January 1 of each  
2 calendar year after its issuance by:

3 (a) Applying for renewal on forms provided by the Board. ~~{ }~~

4 (b) Paying the annual license renewal fee specified in this  
5 chapter. ~~{ }~~

6 (c) Submitting a list of all actions filed or claims submitted to  
7 arbitration or mediation for malpractice or negligence against the  
8 holder during the previous year. ~~{ }~~

9 (d) Submitting an affidavit to the Board that in the year  
10 preceding the application for renewal the holder has attended  
11 courses or programs of continuing education approved by the Board  
12 totaling a number of hours established by the Board which must not  
13 be less than 35 hours nor more than that set in the requirements for  
14 continuing medical education of the American Osteopathic  
15 Association. ~~{ ; and }~~ *The courses, programs and hours of*  
16 *continuing education established and approved by the Board must*  
17 *include the training relating to practices for safe injections*  
18 *required by section 4 or 7 of this act, as applicable.*

19 (e) Submitting all information required to complete the renewal.

20 2. The Secretary of the Board shall notify each licensee of the  
21 practice of osteopathic medicine of the requirements for renewal not  
22 less than 30 days before the date of renewal.

23 3. The Board shall request submission of verified evidence of  
24 completion of the required number of hours of continuing medical  
25 education annually from no fewer than one-third of the applicants  
26 for renewal of a license to practice osteopathic medicine. Upon a  
27 request from the Board, an applicant for renewal of a license to  
28 practice osteopathic medicine shall submit verified evidence  
29 satisfactory to the Board that in the year preceding the application  
30 for renewal the applicant attended courses or programs of  
31 continuing medical education approved by the Board totaling the  
32 number of hours established by the Board.

33 4. Members of the Armed Forces of the United States and the  
34 United States Public Health Service are exempt from payment of the  
35 annual license renewal fee during their active duty status.

36 **Sec. 17.** NRS 635.115 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 635.115 1. Every even-numbered year each podiatric  
38 physician must, at the time of paying the annual renewal fee, present  
39 to the Secretary of the Board satisfactory evidence that during the  
40 preceding 2 years the podiatric physician attended at least 50 hours  
41 of instruction in courses approved by the Board for purposes of  
42 continuing professional education and is currently certified in the  
43 techniques of administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation. ~~{ The }~~

44 2. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the* Board  
45 may waive all or part of the requirement of continuing education in



1 a particular year if the podiatric physician was prevented from that  
2 attendance by circumstances beyond his or her control.

3 ~~[2-]~~ 3. *The continuing professional education required by*  
4 *subsection 1 must include the training relating to practices for*  
5 *safe injections required by section 4 or 7 of this act, as applicable,*  
6 *and must require the annual completion of such training.*

7 4. If a podiatric physician fails to provide proof of his or her  
8 continuing education and does not obtain a waiver from the Board,  
9 the license must not be renewed.

10 **Sec. 18.** NRS 636.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 636.260 1. Before March 1 of each year, each licensee shall  
12 pay a renewal fee to the Executive Director in the amount specified  
13 in NRS 636.143. For the purposes of this subsection, the date of the  
14 postmark on any payment received by mail shall be deemed to be  
15 the date of receipt by the Executive Director.

16 2. The renewal fee must be accompanied by satisfactory  
17 evidence that the licensee has, within the immediately preceding 12-  
18 month period, completed the required number of hours in a course  
19 or courses of continuing education that have been approved by the  
20 Board. This evidence must be indicated on the form for proof of  
21 completion of continuing education that is furnished by the Board.  
22 The Board shall not require a licensee to complete more than 24  
23 hours of continuing education during each year. The Board may  
24 waive the requirement that a licensee complete all or part of the  
25 required number of hours of continuing education upon good cause  
26 shown by the licensee.

27 3. A licensee who is certified to administer and prescribe  
28 therapeutic pharmaceutical agents pursuant to NRS 636.288 must, at  
29 the time of paying the renewal fee, present evidence satisfactory to  
30 the Executive Director that, during the 12 months immediately  
31 preceding the payment of the renewal fee, the licensee completed an  
32 educational or postgraduate program approved by the Board. The  
33 Board shall establish the number of hours for completion of the  
34 program which must be not less than 30 hours nor more than 50  
35 hours ~~[ ]~~, *and must include the hours of training relating to*  
36 *practices for safe injections required by section 4 or 7 of this act,*  
37 *as applicable.*

38 **Sec. 19.** NRS 639.2176 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 639.2176 The Board shall adopt regulations necessary to carry  
40 out the purposes of NRS 639.2171 to 639.2176, inclusive, which  
41 must include ~~[the]~~ :

42 1. *The* methods of determining accredited programs ~~[, the]~~ ;

43 2. *The* number of hours of continuing professional education  
44 necessary to constitute a continuing education unit ~~[, the]~~ ;



1       **3. The** number of units required of each pharmacist during the  
2 period for which a certificate is issued , *including, without*  
3 *limitation, the training relating to practices for safe injections*  
4 *required by section 4 or 7 of this act, as applicable;* and ~~[such]~~

5       **4. Such** other regulations consistent with NRS 639.2171 to  
6 639.2176, inclusive, as the Board may determine to be necessary.

7       **Sec. 20.** NRS 640.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8       640.150 1. A license to practice physical therapy expires on  
9 July 31 of each year. A physical therapist may renew a license  
10 before its expiration upon:

11       (a) Presentation of proof of completion of a program of  
12 continuing education as required by subsection 3;

13       (b) Payment of a renewal fee established by the Board; and

14       (c) Submission of all information required to complete the  
15 renewal.

16       2. A license that is not renewed before July 31 of each year  
17 expires. An expired license may be reinstated, at the discretion of  
18 the Board, upon:

19       (a) Payment of the annual renewal fee and the annual expiration  
20 fee established by the Board for each year the license is expired; and

21       (b) Submission of all information required to complete the  
22 renewal.

23       3. The Board shall require licensed physical therapists to  
24 complete a program of continuing education as a requirement for the  
25 renewal of licenses. *The program of continuing education must*  
26 *include the training relating to practices for safe injections*  
27 *required by section 4 or 7 of this act, as applicable.* The Board  
28 shall, by regulation:

29       (a) Prescribe the curriculum;

30       (b) Approve the courses of study or training; and

31       (c) Establish the fees,

32       ↪ for the program.

33       4. The Board may, pursuant to subsection 3, establish a fee of  
34 not more than \$150 to consider approval of a course of study or  
35 training.

36       **Sec. 21.** Chapter 652 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
37 thereto a new section to read as follows:

38       *A medical laboratory shall ensure that each employee of the*  
39 *medical laboratory who is authorized to administer a controlled*  
40 *substance pursuant to NRS 453.375 or a dangerous drug pursuant*  
41 *to NRS 454.213 completes the training relating to practices for*  
42 *safe injections required by section 4 or 7 of this act, as applicable.*

43       **Sec. 22.** A person who is required to complete the training  
44 relating to practices for the safe injection of controlled substances or



1 dangerous drugs required by section 4 or 7 of this act, as applicable,  
2 shall complete the initial training on or before December 31, 2012.

3 **Sec. 23.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval  
4 for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other  
5 preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out this  
6 act and on January 1, 2012, for all other purposes.

