

Amendment No. 828

Senate Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 89 First Reprint (BDR 53-295)
Proposed by: Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy
Amends: Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

Adoption of this amendment will MAINTAIN the 2/3s majority vote requirement for final passage of A.B. 89 R1 (§§ 12, 13.3, 13.6, 19, 27, 27.2, 27.3, 27.8, 28.3, 32.6, 33, 36.5, 37.3, 41, 43, 45, 46, 50, 52, 54, 55, 58, 59, 61, 63, 64, 68, 69, 73, 74, 76, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84).

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added 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 proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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Date: 5/20/2015

A.B. No. 89—Makes various changes to provisions relating to certain professions.
 (BDR 53-295)



ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 89—COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

(ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR)

PREFILED DECEMBER 20, 2014

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Makes various changes to provisions relating to certain professions.
(BDR 53-295)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 professions; requiring the Administrator of the Employment Security Division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to gather and report certain data to the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs; authorizing a private employer to adopt an employment policy that gives preference in hiring to a veteran or the spouse of a veteran; authorizing the Nevada Equal Rights Commission to review such an employment policy under certain circumstances; revising provisions governing the dissemination of certain records of criminal history; authorizing certain persons to obtain a commercial driver's license without taking a driving skills test; authorizing certain qualified professionals to apply for a license by endorsement to practice in this State; requiring a regulatory body to develop opportunities for reciprocity of licensure for certain qualified professionals; requiring a regulatory body in certain circumstances to prepare and submit to the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs an annual report relating to veterans; authorizing certain regulatory bodies to enter into certain reciprocal agreements relating to the practice of licensed professionals; revising provisions relating to the licensure of an allopathic and osteopathic physician; revising provisions relating to the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene, including, without limitation, the licensing requirements for and the issuance of a license to dentists and dental hygienists; establishing a fee for the inspection of a facility required by the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada to ensure compliance with infection control guidelines; authorizing certain qualified physicians and podiatrists to obtain a license by endorsement under certain circumstances; ~~authorizing the Board of Examiners for Social Workers to grant a provisional license to certain persons;~~ and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 **Sections 1 and 2** of this bill set forth new provisions relating to the employment of
2 veterans. **Section 1** requires the Administrator of the Employment Security Division of the
3 Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to gather aggregate unemployment
4 data concerning veterans and report such data to the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs
5 on a quarterly basis. **Section 2** authorizes a private employer to adopt an employment policy
6 that gives preference in hiring to a veteran or the spouse of a veteran. **Section 2** also
7 authorizes the Nevada Equal Rights Commission to review the uniform application of such an
8 employment policy upon receiving a written complaint from a prospective employee of the
9 employer and requires the employer, upon a finding by the Commission that the policy has not
10 been applied uniformly, to revise his or her employment policy in accordance with the
11 recommendations of the Commission. Existing law generally provides for preferential
12 employment in public employment and the construction of public works for certain veterans.
13 (NRS 281.060, 284.260, 338.130)

14 Under existing law, before a person can be issued a commercial driver's license by this
15 State, the person is required, among other things, to pass a driving skills test for driving a
16 commercial motor vehicle. (NRS 483.928) **Section 5** of this bill provides an exemption to this
17 requirement for certain persons who have experience driving a commercial motor vehicle
18 because of their service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

19 Existing law also generally provides for the regulation of professions in this State. (Title
20 54 of NRS) ~~Section 9 of this bill authorizes certain qualified professionals who are licensed
21 in another state or territory of the United States and who are active members of, or the spouse
22 of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving
23 spouse of a veteran to apply for and receive a license by endorsement to practice their
24 respective profession in this State. Section 9 also provides that a person who meets such
25 requirements and receives a license by endorsement in certain professions is entitled to at least
26 a 50 percent reduction in the fee for an examination required as a prerequisite to licensure or
27 for initial issuance of a license.~~ **Sections 13.6, 27.2, 27.3, 28.3, 36.5, 41, 45, 46, 52, 55, 59,
28 63, 64, 69, 74 and 78-82 of this bill authorize certain qualified physicians, podiatrists and
29 other providers of health care and professionals to obtain an expedited license by
30 endorsement to practice their respective professions in this State if the physician,
31 podiatrist or other provider of health care or professional: (1) holds a valid and
32 unrestricted license to practice in the District of Columbia or another state or territory
33 of the United States; (2) is an active member or veteran of, the spouse of an active
34 member or veteran of, or the surviving spouse of a veteran of, the Armed Forces of the
35 United States; and (3) meets certain other requirements. Specifically, an expedited
36 license by endorsement may be obtained from the Board of Medical Examiners, the
37 State Board of Nursing, the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, the State Board of
38 Podiatry, the State Board of Optometry, the Board of Examiners for Audiology and
39 Speech Pathology, the State Board of Pharmacy, the State Board of Physical Therapy
40 Examiners, the Board of Occupational Therapy, the Board of Massage Therapists, the
41 Board of Psychological Examiners, the Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family
42 Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors, the Board of Examiners for Social
43 Workers and the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors.**

44 **Section 10** of this bill requires a regulatory body to develop opportunities for reciprocity
45 of licensure for such persons who hold a professional license that is not recognized by this
46 State. **Section 11** of this bill requires a regulatory body in certain circumstances to prepare and
47 submit to the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs an annual report providing information
48 on the number of veterans who have applied for a license, have been issued a license or have
49 renewed a license.

50 **Section 12** of this bill authorizes certain regulatory bodies of this State to enter into a
51 reciprocal agreement with the corresponding regulatory authority of another state or territory
52 of the United States for the purposes of authorizing and regulating the practice of certain
53 professions concurrently in this State and another jurisdiction. **Section 12** provides that such a
54 reciprocal agreement must not authorize a person to practice his or her profession
55 concurrently in this State unless the person meets certain credentialing requirements. **Sections
56 13.3, 30.5 and 33** of this bill authorize certain qualified physicians and certain qualified
57 podiatrists to obtain an expedited license by endorsement to practice in this State if the
58 physician or podiatrist meets certain requirements. **Section 14** of this bill authorizes the Board

59 of Medical Examiners to issue a license to practice medicine to certain persons who receive
60 postgraduate education in certain approved residency programs in Canada.

61 **Sections 20-27** of this bill revise various provisions relating to dentists and dental
62 hygienists. **Section 22.5** authorizes the Executive Director of the Board of Dental Examiners
63 of Nevada to issue a license to a qualified applicant without further review of the Board under
64 certain circumstances. **Sections 23 and 25** revise provisions relating to the licensing
65 requirements for dentists and dental hygienists, and **section 27** establishes a fee for the
66 inspection of a facility required by the Board to ensure compliance with infection control
67 guidelines.

68 ~~Additionally, existing law authorizes the Board of Examiners for Social Workers to grant
69 a license without examination to a person who holds a current license to engage in the practice
70 of social work in a state whose licensing requirements at the time the license was issued are
71 deemed by the Board to be substantially equivalent to the requirements set forth in the
72 statutory provisions governing social workers in this State. (NRS 641B-270) Section 36 of this
73 bill authorizes the Board to grant a provisional license to engage in social work as an
74 independent social worker or a clinical social worker to an active member of or the spouse of
75 an active member of the Armed Forces of the United States who applied for such a license if
76 the Board deems that the other state's licensing requirements are not substantially equivalent
77 to the requirements set forth in the statutory provisions governing social workers in this State.]~~

78 **Section 3** of this bill adds the Board of **Examiners for Social Workers** to the list of persons
79 and governmental entities to whom records of criminal history must be disseminated by an
80 agency of criminal justice upon request.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 612 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new
2 section to read as follows:

3 *1. The Administrator of the Division shall, for each calendar quarter,
4 gather aggregate unemployment data concerning veterans, including, without
5 limitation, benefits paid to veterans, and report such data to the Interagency
6 Council on Veterans Affairs.*

7 *2. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
8 417.005.*

9 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 613 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new
10 section to read as follows:

11 *1. A private employer may adopt an employment policy that gives preference
12 in hiring to a veteran or the spouse of a veteran. Such a policy must be applied
13 uniformly to employment decisions regarding the hiring or promotion of a
14 veteran or the spouse of a veteran or the retention of a veteran or the spouse of a
15 veteran during a reduction in the workforce.*

16 *2. A private employer who gives preference in hiring to a veteran or the
17 spouse of a veteran pursuant to subsection 1 does not violate any local or state
18 equal employment law.*

19 *3. The Nevada Equal Rights Commission may, upon receipt of a written
20 complaint from a prospective employee of a private employer who has adopted an
21 employment policy giving preference in hiring to a veteran or the spouse of a
22 veteran pursuant to subsection 1, review the employment policy to determine
23 whether the policy is being applied uniformly in accordance with subsection 1. If
24 the Commission determines that an employment policy is not being applied
25 uniformly, the Commission shall cause written notice of its findings, including
26 the recommendations of the Commission, to be provided to the employer and
27 prospective employee. Upon receipt of a notice from the Commission that an*

1 *employment policy is not being applied uniformly, the employer shall revise his or*
2 *her employment policy consistent with the recommendations of the Commission.*

3 4. *As used in this section:*

4 (a) *“Private employer” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 616A.295.*

5 (b) *“Veteran” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.*

6 **Sec. 3.** NRS 179A.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 179A.100 1. The following records of criminal history may be disseminated
8 by an agency of criminal justice without any restriction pursuant to this chapter:

9 (a) Any which reflect records of conviction only; and

10 (b) Any which pertain to an incident for which a person is currently within the
11 system of criminal justice, including parole or probation.

12 2. Without any restriction pursuant to this chapter, a record of criminal history
13 or the absence of such a record may be:

14 (a) Disclosed among agencies which maintain a system for the mutual
15 exchange of criminal records.

16 (b) Furnished by one agency to another to administer the system of criminal
17 justice, including the furnishing of information by a police department to a district
18 attorney.

19 (c) Reported to the Central Repository.

20 3. An agency of criminal justice shall disseminate to a prospective employer,
21 upon request, records of criminal history concerning a prospective employee or
22 volunteer which are the result of a name-based inquiry and which:

23 (a) Reflect convictions only; or

24 (b) Pertain to an incident for which the prospective employee or volunteer is
25 currently within the system of criminal justice, including parole or probation.

26 4. In addition to any other information to which an employer is entitled or
27 authorized to receive from a name-based inquiry, the Central Repository shall
28 disseminate to a prospective or current employer, or a person or entity designated to
29 receive the information on behalf of such an employer, the information contained in
30 a record of registration concerning an employee, prospective employee, volunteer
31 or prospective volunteer who is a sex offender or an offender convicted of a crime
32 against a child, regardless of whether the employee, prospective employee,
33 volunteer or prospective volunteer gives written consent to the release of that
34 information. The Central Repository shall disseminate such information in a
35 manner that does not reveal the name of an individual victim of an offense or the
36 information described in subsection 7 of NRS 179B.250. A request for information
37 pursuant to this subsection must conform to the requirements of the Central
38 Repository and must include:

39 (a) The name and address of the employer, and the name and signature of the
40 person or entity requesting the information on behalf of the employer;

41 (b) The name and address of the employer’s facility in which the employee,
42 prospective employee, volunteer or prospective volunteer is employed or volunteers
43 or is seeking to become employed or volunteer; and

44 (c) The name and other identifying information of the employee, prospective
45 employee, volunteer or prospective volunteer.

46 5. In addition to any other information to which an employer is entitled or
47 authorized to receive, the Central Repository shall disseminate to a prospective or
48 current employer, or a person or entity designated to receive the information on
49 behalf of such an employer, the information described in subsection 4 of NRS
50 179A.190 concerning an employee, prospective employee, volunteer or prospective
51 volunteer who gives written consent to the release of that information if the
52 employer submits a request in the manner set forth in NRS 179A.200 for obtaining
53 a notice of information. The Central Repository shall search for and disseminate

1 such information in the manner set forth in NRS 179A.210 for the dissemination of
2 a notice of information.

3 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the provisions of NRS
4 179A.180 to 179A.240, inclusive, do not apply to an employer who requests
5 information and to whom such information is disseminated pursuant to subsections
6 4 and 5.

7 7. Records of criminal history must be disseminated by an agency of criminal
8 justice, upon request, to the following persons or governmental entities:

9 (a) The person who is the subject of the record of criminal history for the
10 purposes of NRS 179A.150.

11 (b) The person who is the subject of the record of criminal history when the
12 subject is a party in a judicial, administrative, licensing, disciplinary or other
13 proceeding to which the information is relevant.

14 (c) The State Gaming Control Board.

15 (d) The State Board of Nursing.

16 (e) The Private Investigator's Licensing Board to investigate an applicant for a
17 license.

18 (f) A public administrator to carry out the duties as prescribed in chapter 253 of
19 NRS.

20 (g) A public guardian to investigate a ward or proposed ward or persons who
21 may have knowledge of assets belonging to a ward or proposed ward.

22 (h) Any agency of criminal justice of the United States or of another state or
23 the District of Columbia.

24 (i) Any public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities
25 Commission of Nevada when the information is necessary to conduct a security
26 investigation of an employee or prospective employee or to protect the public
27 health, safety or welfare.

28 (j) Persons and agencies authorized by statute, ordinance, executive order,
29 court rule, court decision or court order as construed by appropriate state or local
30 officers or agencies.

31 (k) Any person or governmental entity which has entered into a contract to
32 provide services to an agency of criminal justice relating to the administration of
33 criminal justice, if authorized by the contract, and if the contract also specifies that
34 the information will be used only for stated purposes and that it will be otherwise
35 confidential in accordance with state and federal law and regulation.

36 (l) Any reporter for the electronic or printed media in a professional capacity
37 for communication to the public.

38 (m) Prospective employers if the person who is the subject of the information
39 has given written consent to the release of that information by the agency which
40 maintains it.

41 (n) For the express purpose of research, evaluative or statistical programs
42 pursuant to an agreement with an agency of criminal justice.

43 (o) An agency which provides child welfare services, as defined in NRS
44 432B.030.

45 (p) The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of
46 Health and Human Services or its designated representative, as needed to ensure the
47 safety of investigators and caseworkers.

48 (q) The Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health
49 and Human Services or its designated representative, as needed to ensure the safety
50 of investigators and caseworkers.

51 (r) An agency of this or any other state or the Federal Government that is
52 conducting activities pursuant to Part D of Subchapter IV of Chapter 7 of Title 42
53 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 651 et seq.

1 (s) The State Disaster Identification Team of the Division of Emergency
2 Management of the Department.

3 (t) The Commissioner of Insurance.

4 (u) The Board of Medical Examiners.

5 (v) The State Board of Osteopathic Medicine.

6 (w) The Board of Massage Therapists and its Executive Director.

7 (x) *The Board of Examiners for Social Workers.*

8 (y) A multidisciplinary team to review the death of the victim of a crime that
9 constitutes domestic violence organized or sponsored by the Attorney General
10 pursuant to NRS 228.495.

11 8. Agencies of criminal justice in this State which receive information from
12 sources outside this State concerning transactions involving criminal justice which
13 occur outside Nevada shall treat the information as confidentially as is required by
14 the provisions of this chapter.

15 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)

16 **Sec. 5.** Chapter 483 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new
17 section to read as follows:

18 *1. In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 383.77, the requirement set forth in*
19 *paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 483.928 for the issuance of a commercial*
20 *driver's license by this State must be waived for an applicant who:*

21 *(a) Has experience driving a commercial motor vehicle because of his or her*
22 *service in the Armed Forces of the United States;*

23 *(b) Is licensed at the time of his or her application for a commercial driver's*
24 *license; and*

25 *(c) Meets the requirements set forth in subsection 2.*

26 *2. An applicant for a commercial driver's license who seeks a waiver*
27 *pursuant to subsection 1 of the requirement set forth in paragraph (b) of*
28 *subsection 2 of NRS 483.928 shall:*

29 *(a) Certify that, during the 2 years immediately preceding his or her*
30 *application for a commercial driver's license, the applicant has not had:*

31 *(1) More than one license in more than one jurisdiction at the same time,*
32 *except for a military license;*

33 *(2) A license suspended, revoked, cancelled or denied;*

34 *(3) A conviction for an offense listed in 49 C.F.R. § 383.51(b);*

35 *(4) More than one conviction for a serious traffic violation listed in 49*
36 *C.F.R. § 383.51(c); and*

37 *(5) A conviction for a violation of any military, state or local law relating*
38 *to motor vehicle traffic control, other than a parking violation, arising in*
39 *connection with any traffic accident, and has no record of an accident in which*
40 *he or she was at fault.*

41 *(b) Certify and provide evidence that he or she:*

42 *(1) Has been regularly employed in a military position that requires the*
43 *operation of a commercial motor vehicle within the 90 days immediately*
44 *preceding his or her application;*

45 *(2) Is exempt from the requirements for a commercial driver's license*
46 *pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 383.3(c); and*

47 *(3) Has operated a vehicle which is representative of the commercial*
48 *motor vehicle that he or she intends to operate for at least 2 years immediately*
49 *preceding the date of his or her application.*

50 **Sec. 6.** NRS 483.928 is hereby amended to read as follows:

51 483.928 A person who wishes to be issued a commercial driver's license by
52 this State must:

53 1. Apply to the Department for a commercial driver's license;

1 2. In accordance with standards contained in regulations adopted by the
2 Department:

3 (a) Pass a knowledge test for the type of motor vehicle the person operates or
4 expects to operate; and

5 (b) ~~Pass~~ **Except as otherwise provided in section 5 of this act, pass** a driving
6 skills test for driving a commercial motor vehicle taken in a motor vehicle which is
7 representative of the type of motor vehicle the person operates or expects to
8 operate;

9 3. Comply with all other requirements contained in the regulations adopted by
10 the Department pursuant to NRS 483.908;

11 4. Not be ineligible to be issued a commercial driver's license pursuant to
12 NRS 483.929; and

13 5. For the issuance of a commercial driver's license with an endorsement for
14 hazardous materials, submit a complete set of fingerprints and written permission
15 authorizing the Department to forward the fingerprints to the Central Repository for
16 Nevada Records of Criminal History and all applicable federal agencies to process
17 the fingerprints for a background check of the applicant in accordance with Section
18 1012 of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools
19 Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act (USA PATRIOT ACT) of 2001,
20 49 U.S.C. § 5103a.

21 **Sec. 7.** Chapter 622 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the
22 provisions set forth as sections 8 to 12, inclusive, of this act.

23 **Sec. 8.** *As used in sections 8 to 11, inclusive, of this act, unless the context*
24 *otherwise requires, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.*

25 **Sec. 9.** ~~1. Notwithstanding the applicable provisions for obtaining a~~
26 ~~license pursuant to this title, a regulatory body may issue such a license by~~
27 ~~endorsement to an applicant if:~~

28 ~~(a) The applicant holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to~~
29 ~~practice his or her respective profession in the District of Columbia or any state~~
30 ~~or territory of the United States;~~

31 ~~(b) The applicant is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member~~
32 ~~of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a~~
33 ~~veteran; and~~

34 ~~(c) The regulatory body determines that the provisions of law in the District~~
35 ~~of Columbia or the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license as~~
36 ~~described in paragraph (a) are substantially equivalent to the applicable~~
37 ~~provisions of law in this State.~~

38 ~~2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section shall~~
39 ~~submit to the applicable regulatory body with his or her application:~~

40 ~~(a) Proof satisfactory to the regulatory body that the applicant:~~

41 ~~(1) Satisfies the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 1;~~

42 ~~(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to~~
43 ~~work in the United States;~~

44 ~~(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding~~
45 ~~regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or any state or territory in which~~
46 ~~the applicant holds a license to practice his or her respective profession;~~

47 ~~(4) If applicable to the profession, has not been held civilly or criminally~~
48 ~~liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the~~
49 ~~United States; and~~

50 ~~(5) If applicable to the profession, is certified by a specialty board of the~~
51 ~~American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association;~~

52 ~~(b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and~~
53 ~~any accompanying material is true and correct; and~~

~~1 (c) Any other information required by the regulatory body in this State under
2 whose jurisdiction the license may be issued.~~

~~3 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a
4 license by endorsement pursuant to this section, a regulatory body shall provide
5 written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the
6 regulatory body to consider the application. The regulatory body shall approve or
7 deny the application not later than:~~

~~8 (a) Forty five days after receiving all the additional information required by
9 the regulatory body to complete the application; or~~

~~10 (b) If the regulatory body requires the applicant to submit fingerprints for
11 the purpose of obtaining a report on the applicant's background, 10 days after
12 receiving the report from the appropriate authority,~~

~~13 whichever occurs later.~~

~~14 4. A license by endorsement may be issued at a meeting of the regulatory
15 body or between its meetings by the chief executive officer of the regulatory body.
16 Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the regulatory body.~~

~~17 5. Notwithstanding any applicable provision of chapters 630 to 641C,
18 inclusive, or 644 of NRS establishing a fee for any examination required as a
19 prerequisite to licensure or for the issuance of a license, a regulatory body subject
20 to one of those chapters shall not collect from any person to whom a license by
21 endorsement is issued pursuant to this section more than one-half of the specified
22 fee for the examination or initial issuance of the license.~~

~~23 6. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
24 by endorsement, a regulatory body may grant a provisional license authorizing
25 the applicant to practice his or her respective profession in accordance with
26 regulations adopted by the regulatory body. (Deleted by amendment.)~~

**Sec. 10. A regulatory body shall develop opportunities for reciprocity of
27 licensure for any person who:**

**1. Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed
28 Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran; and**

**2. Holds a valid and unrestricted license to practice his or her profession
29 that is not recognized by this State.**

**Sec. 11. If a regulatory body collects information regarding whether an
30 applicant for a license is a veteran, the regulatory body shall prepare and submit
31 to the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs created by NRS 417.0191 an
32 annual report which provides information on the number of veterans who have:**

1. Applied for a license from the regulatory body.

2. Been issued a license by the regulatory body.

3. Renewed a license with the regulatory body.

**Sec. 12. 1. A regulatory body that regulates a profession pursuant to
33 chapters 630, 630A, 632 to 641C, inclusive, or 644 of NRS in this State may enter
34 into a reciprocal agreement with the corresponding regulatory authority of the
35 District of Columbia or any other state or territory of the United States for the
36 purposes of:**

**(a) Authorizing a qualified person licensed in the profession in that state or
37 territory to practice concurrently in this State and one or more other states or
38 territories of the United States; and**

(b) Regulating the practice of such a person.

**2. A regulatory body may enter into a reciprocal agreement pursuant to
39 subsection 1 only if the regulatory body determines that:**

**(a) The corresponding regulatory authority is authorized by law to enter into
40 such an agreement with the regulatory body; and**

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1 (b) *The applicable provisions of law governing the practice of the respective*
2 *profession in the state or territory on whose behalf the corresponding regulatory*
3 *authority would execute the reciprocal agreement are substantially similar to the*
4 *corresponding provisions of law in this State.*

5 3. *A reciprocal agreement entered into pursuant to subsection 1 must not*
6 *authorize a person to practice his or her profession concurrently in this State*
7 *unless the person:*

8 (a) *Has an active license to practice his or her profession in another state or*
9 *territory of the United States.*

10 (b) *Has been in practice for at least the 5 years immediately preceding the*
11 *date on which the person submits an application for the issuance of a license*
12 *pursuant to a reciprocal agreement entered into pursuant to subsection 1.*

13 (c) *Has not had his or her license suspended or revoked in any state or*
14 *territory of the United States.*

15 (d) *Has not been refused a license to practice in any state or territory of the*
16 *United States for any reason.*

17 (e) *Is not involved in ~~for~~ and does not have pending any disciplinary action*
18 *concerning his or her license or practice in any state or territory of the United*
19 *States.*

20 (f) *Pays any applicable fees for the issuance of a license that are otherwise*
21 *required for a person to obtain a license in this State.*

22 (g) *Submits to the applicable regulatory body the statement required by NRS*
23 *425.520.*

24 4. *If the regulatory body enters into a reciprocal agreement pursuant to*
25 *subsection 1, the regulatory body must prepare an annual report before January*
26 *31 of each year outlining the progress of the regulatory body as it relates to the*
27 *reciprocal agreement and submit the report to the Director of the Legislative*
28 *Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next session of the Legislature in odd-*
29 *numbered years or to the Legislative Committee on Health Care in even-*
30 *numbered years.*

31 **Sec. 13.** Chapter 630 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto ~~a new~~
32 ~~section to read~~ the provisions set forth as ~~follows~~ sections 13.3 and 13.6 of
33 this act.

34 **Sec. 13.3.** 1. *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 630.1605 and 630.161,*
35 *the Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice medicine to an*
36 *applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may*
37 *submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:*

38 (a) *Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice medicine*
39 *in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and*

40 (b) *Is certified in a specialty recognized by the American Board of Medical*
41 *Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association.*

42 2. *An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must*
43 *submit to the Board with his or her application:*

44 (a) *Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:*

45 (1) *Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;*

46 (2) *Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to*
47 *work in the United States;*

48 (3) *Has not been disciplined ~~for been the subject of multiple~~*
49 *investigations and is not currently under investigation by the corresponding*
50 *regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or any state or territory in which*
51 *the applicant holds a license to practice medicine; and*

52 (4) *Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the*
53 *District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;*

1 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the
2 Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 630.167;

3 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
4 any accompanying material is true and correct; and

5 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) Any other information required by the Board.

6 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a
7 license by endorsement to practice medicine pursuant to this section, the Board
8 shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information
9 required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the
10 application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a
11 license by endorsement to practice medicine to the applicant not later than:

12 (a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by
13 the Board to complete the application; or

14 (b) ~~If the Board requires the applicant to submit fingerprints for the purpose~~
15 ~~of obtaining a report on the applicant's background, 10~~ Ten days after receiving
16 ~~(the) a report [from the appropriate authority],~~ on the applicant's background
17 based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

18 ↳ whichever occurs later.

19 4. A license by endorsement to practice medicine may be issued at a meeting
20 of the Board or between its meetings by the President and Executive Director of
21 the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

22 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
23 by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional
24 license authorizing an applicant to practice medicine in accordance with
25 regulations adopted by the Board.

26 Sec. 13.6. 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice as
27 a physician assistant to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this
28 section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if
29 the applicant:

30 (a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice as a
31 physician assistant in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the
32 United States;

33 (b) Is certified in a specialty recognized by the American Board of Medical
34 Specialties; and

35 (c) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed
36 Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

37 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must
38 submit to the Board with his or her application:

39 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

40 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

41 (2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to
42 work in the United States;

43 (3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
44 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which
45 the applicant holds a license to practice as a physician assistant; and

46 (4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
47 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

48 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the
49 Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 630.167;

50 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
51 any accompanying material is true and correct; and

52 (d) Any other information required by the Board.

1 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a
2 license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to this
3 section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional
4 information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board
5 denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application
6 and issue a license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant to the
7 applicant not later than:

8 (a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by
9 the Board to complete the application; or

10 (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background
11 based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

12 whichever occurs later.

13 4. A license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant may be
14 issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President and
15 Executive Director of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action
16 of the Board.

17 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
18 by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional
19 license authorizing an applicant to practice as a physician assistant in
20 accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

21 6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
22 417.005.

23 **Sec. 14.** NRS 630.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 630.160 1. Every person desiring to practice medicine must, before
25 beginning to practice, procure from the Board a license authorizing the person to
26 practice.

27 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 630.1605, 630.161 and 630.258 to
28 630.266, inclusive, ~~and sections 9 and 13~~ section 13.3 of this act, a license may
29 be issued to any person who:

30 (a) Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to remain and work in
31 the United States;

32 (b) Has received the degree of doctor of medicine from a medical school:

33 (1) Approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the
34 American Medical Association and Association of American Medical Colleges; or

35 (2) Which provides a course of professional instruction equivalent to that
36 provided in medical schools in the United States approved by the Liaison
37 Committee on Medical Education;

38 (c) Is currently certified by a specialty board of the American Board of
39 Medical Specialties and who agrees to maintain the certification for the duration of
40 the licensure, or has passed:

41 (1) All parts of the examination given by the National Board of Medical
42 Examiners;

43 (2) All parts of the Federation Licensing Examination;

44 (3) All parts of the United States Medical Licensing Examination;

45 (4) All parts of a licensing examination given by any state or territory of
46 the United States, if the applicant is certified by a specialty board of the American
47 Board of Medical Specialties;

48 (5) All parts of the examination to become a licentiate of the Medical
49 Council of Canada; or

50 (6) Any combination of the examinations specified in subparagraphs (1),
51 (2) and (3) that the Board determines to be sufficient;

52 (d) Is currently certified by a specialty board of the American Board of
53 Medical Specialties in the specialty of emergency medicine, preventive medicine or

1 family ~~practice~~ *medicine* and who agrees to maintain certification in at least one
2 of these specialties for the duration of the licensure, or:

3 (1) Has completed 36 months of progressive postgraduate:

4 (I) Education as a resident in the United States or Canada in a program
5 approved by the Board, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education,
6 ~~for the Coordinating Council of Medical Education of the Canadian Medical~~
7 ~~Association;~~ *Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the Collège*
8 *des médecins du Québec or the College of Family Physicians of Canada, or their*
9 *successor organizations;* or

10 (II) Fellowship training in the United States or Canada approved by the
11 Board or the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education;

12 (2) Has completed at least 36 months of postgraduate education, not less
13 than 24 months of which must have been completed as a resident after receiving a
14 medical degree from a combined dental and medical degree program approved by
15 the Board; or

16 (3) Is a resident who is enrolled in a progressive postgraduate training
17 program in the United States or Canada approved by the Board, the Accreditation
18 Council for Graduate Medical Education, ~~for the Coordinating Council of~~
19 ~~Medical Education of the Canadian Medical Association;~~ *Royal College of*
20 *Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the Collège des médecins du Québec, the*
21 *College of Family Physicians of Canada or, as applicable, their successor*
22 *organizations,* has completed at least 24 months of the program and has committed,
23 in writing, to the Board that he or she will complete the program; and

24 (e) Passes a written or oral examination, or both, as to his or her qualifications
25 to practice medicine and provides the Board with a description of the clinical
26 program completed demonstrating that the applicant's clinical training met the
27 requirements of paragraph (b).

28 3. The Board may issue a license to practice medicine after the Board verifies,
29 through any readily available source, that the applicant has complied with the
30 provisions of subsection 2. The verification may include, but is not limited to, using
31 the Federation Credentials Verification Service. If any information is verified by a
32 source other than the primary source of the information, the Board may require
33 subsequent verification of the information by the primary source of the information.

34 4. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, if, after
35 issuing a license to practice medicine, the Board obtains information from a
36 primary or other source of information and that information differs from the
37 information provided by the applicant or otherwise received by the Board, the
38 Board may:

39 (a) Temporarily suspend the license;

40 (b) Promptly review the differing information with the Board as a whole or in a
41 committee appointed by the Board;

42 (c) Declare the license void if the Board or a committee appointed by the
43 Board determines that the information submitted by the applicant was false,
44 fraudulent or intended to deceive the Board;

45 (d) Refer the applicant to the Attorney General for possible criminal
46 prosecution pursuant to NRS 630.400; or

47 (e) If the Board temporarily suspends the license, allow the license to return to
48 active status subject to any terms and conditions specified by the Board, including:

49 (1) Placing the licensee on probation for a specified period with specified
50 conditions;

51 (2) Administering a public reprimand;

52 (3) Limiting the practice of the licensee;

1 (4) Suspending the license for a specified period or until further order of
2 the Board;

3 (5) Requiring the licensee to participate in a program to correct alcohol or
4 drug dependence or any other impairment;

5 (6) Requiring supervision of the practice of the licensee;

6 (7) Imposing an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000;

7 (8) Requiring the licensee to perform community service without
8 compensation;

9 (9) Requiring the licensee to take a physical or mental examination or an
10 examination testing his or her competence to practice medicine;

11 (10) Requiring the licensee to complete any training or educational
12 requirements specified by the Board; and

13 (11) Requiring the licensee to submit a corrected application, including the
14 payment of all appropriate fees and costs incident to submitting an application.

15 5. If the Board determines after reviewing the differing information to allow
16 the license to remain in active status, the action of the Board is not a disciplinary
17 action and must not be reported to any national database. If the Board determines
18 after reviewing the differing information to declare the license void, its action shall
19 be deemed a disciplinary action and shall be reportable to national databases.

20 **Sec. 15.** NRS 630.165 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 630.165 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, an applicant for a
22 license to practice medicine must submit to the Board, on a form provided by the
23 Board, an application in writing, accompanied by an affidavit stating that:

24 (a) The applicant is the person named in the proof of graduation and that it was
25 obtained without fraud or misrepresentation or any mistake of which the applicant
26 is aware; and

27 (b) The information contained in the application and any accompanying
28 material is complete and correct.

29 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement to practice medicine pursuant to
30 NRS 630.1605 ~~or section 19 or 13~~ **13.3 of this act** must submit to the Board, on a
31 form provided by the Board, an application in writing, accompanied by an affidavit
32 stating that:

33 (a) The applicant is the person named in the license to practice medicine issued
34 by the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States and that the
35 license was obtained without fraud or misrepresentation or any mistake of which
36 the applicant is aware; and

37 (b) The information contained in the application and any accompanying
38 material is complete and correct.

39 3. An application submitted pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 must include all
40 information required to complete the application.

41 4. In addition to the other requirements for licensure, the Board may require
42 such further evidence of the mental, physical, medical or other qualifications of the
43 applicant as it considers necessary.

44 5. The applicant bears the burden of proving and documenting his or her
45 qualifications for licensure.

46 **Sec. 16.** NRS 630.171 is hereby amended to read as follows:

47 630.171 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 630.263, in addition to the
48 other requirements for licensure, an applicant for a license to practice medicine
49 shall cause to be submitted to the Board, if applicable:

50 1. A certificate of completion of progressive postgraduate training from the
51 residency program where the applicant ~~received~~ **completed** training; and

1 2. Proof of satisfactory completion of a progressive postgraduate training
2 program specified in subparagraph (3) of paragraph (d) of subsection 2 of NRS
3 630.160 within 60 days after the scheduled completion of the program.

4 **Sec. 16.5. NRS 630.195 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

5 630.195 1. ~~It~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 13.3 of this act,
6 addition to the other requirements for licensure, an applicant for a license to
7 practice medicine who is a graduate of a foreign medical school shall submit to the
8 Board proof that the applicant has received:

9 (a) The degree of doctor of medicine or its equivalent, as determined by the
10 Board; and

11 (b) The standard certificate of the Educational Commission for Foreign
12 Medical Graduates or a written statement from that Commission that the applicant
13 passed the examination given by the Commission.

14 2. The proof of the degree of doctor of medicine or its equivalent must be
15 submitted directly to the Board by the medical school that granted the degree. If
16 proof of the degree is unavailable from the medical school that granted the degree,
17 the Board may accept proof from any other source specified by the Board.

18 **Sec. 17. NRS 630.258 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

19 630.258 1. A physician who is retired from active practice and who:

20 (a) Wishes to donate his or her expertise for the medical care and treatment of
21 persons in this State who are indigent, uninsured or unable to afford health care; or

22 (b) Wishes to provide services for any disaster relief operations conducted by a
23 governmental entity or nonprofit organization,

24 may obtain a special volunteer medical license by submitting an application to
25 the Board pursuant to this section.

26 2. An application for a special volunteer medical license must be on a form
27 provided by the Board and must include:

28 (a) Documentation of the history of medical practice of the physician;

29 (b) Proof that the physician previously has been issued an unrestricted license
30 to practice medicine in any state of the United States and that the physician has
31 never been the subject of disciplinary action by a medical board in any jurisdiction;

32 (c) Proof that the physician satisfies the requirements for licensure set forth in
33 NRS 630.160 or the requirements for licensure by endorsement set forth in NRS
34 630.1605 ~~It~~ or section ~~10 or 13~~ 13.3 of this act;

35 (d) Acknowledgment that the practice of the physician under the special
36 volunteer medical license will be exclusively devoted to providing medical care:

37 (1) To persons in this State who are indigent, uninsured or unable to afford
38 health care; or

39 (2) As part of any disaster relief operations conducted by a governmental
40 entity or nonprofit organization; and

41 (e) Acknowledgment that the physician will not receive any payment or
42 compensation, either direct or indirect, or have the expectation of any payment or
43 compensation, for providing medical care under the special volunteer medical
44 license, except for payment by a medical facility at which the physician provides
45 volunteer medical services of the expenses of the physician for necessary travel,
46 continuing education, malpractice insurance or fees of the State Board of
47 Pharmacy.

48 3. If the Board finds that the application of a physician satisfies the
49 requirements of subsection 2 and that the retired physician is competent to practice
50 medicine, the Board ~~shall~~ **must** issue a special volunteer medical license to the
51 physician.

52 4. The initial special volunteer medical license issued pursuant to this section
53 expires 1 year after the date of issuance. The license may be renewed pursuant to

1 this section, and any license that is renewed expires 2 years after the date of
2 issuance.

3 5. The Board shall not charge a fee for:

4 (a) The review of an application for a special volunteer medical license; or

5 (b) The issuance or renewal of a special volunteer medical license pursuant to
6 this section.

7 6. A physician who is issued a special volunteer medical license pursuant to
8 this section and who accepts the privilege of practicing medicine in this State
9 pursuant to the provisions of the special volunteer medical license is subject to all
10 the provisions governing disciplinary action set forth in this chapter.

11 7. A physician who is issued a special volunteer medical license pursuant to
12 this section shall comply with the requirements for continuing education adopted by
13 the Board.

14 **Sec. 18.** NRS 630.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 630.265 1. ~~Except as otherwise provided in~~ *Unless the Board denies such*
16 *licensure pursuant to* NRS 630.161 ~~or for other good cause,~~ the Board ~~may~~
17 *shall* issue to a qualified applicant a limited license to practice medicine as a
18 resident physician in a graduate program approved by the Accreditation Council for
19 Graduate Medical Education if the applicant is:

20 (a) A graduate of an accredited medical school in the United States or Canada;
21 or

22 (b) A graduate of a foreign medical school and has received the standard
23 certificate of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates or a
24 written statement from that Commission that the applicant passed the examination
25 given by it.

26 2. The medical school or other institution sponsoring the program shall
27 provide the Board with written confirmation that the applicant has been appointed
28 to a position in the program and is a citizen of the United States or lawfully entitled
29 to remain and work in the United States. A limited license remains valid only while
30 the licensee is actively practicing medicine in the residency program and is legally
31 entitled to work and remain in the United States.

32 3. The Board may issue a limited license for not more than 1 year but may
33 renew the license if the applicant for the limited license meets the requirements set
34 forth by the Board by regulation.

35 4. The holder of a limited license may practice medicine only in connection
36 with his or her duties as a resident physician or under such conditions as are
37 approved by the director of the program.

38 5. The holder of a limited license granted pursuant to this section may be
39 disciplined by the Board at any time for any of the grounds provided in NRS
40 630.161 or 630.301 to 630.3065, inclusive.

41 **Sec. 19.** NRS 630.268 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 630.268 1. The Board shall charge and collect not more than the following
43 fees:

| | | |
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| 44 | | |
| 45 | For application for and issuance of a license to | |
| 46 | practice as a physician, including a license by | |
| 47 | endorsement <i>issued pursuant to NRS 630.1605</i> | |
| 48 | <i>or, except as otherwise provided in subsection</i> | |
| 49 | <i>4, section 13.3 13.3 of this act</i> | \$600 |
| 50 | For application for and issuance of a temporary, locum tenens, | |
| 51 | limited, restricted, authorized facility, special, special | |
| 52 | purpose or special event license..... | 400 |

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|----|--|-----|
| 1 | For renewal of a limited, restricted, authorized facility or | |
| 2 | special license..... | 400 |
| 3 | For application for and issuance of a license as a physician | |
| 4 | assistant..... | 400 |
| 5 | For biennial registration of a physician assistant..... | 800 |
| 6 | For biennial registration of a physician..... | 800 |
| 7 | For application for and issuance of a license as a perfusionist or | |
| 8 | practitioner of respiratory care..... | 400 |
| 9 | For biennial renewal of a license as a perfusionist..... | 600 |
| 10 | For biennial registration of a practitioner of respiratory care..... | 600 |
| 11 | For biennial registration for a physician who is on inactive | |
| 12 | status..... | 400 |
| 13 | For written verification of licensure..... | 50 |
| 14 | For a duplicate identification card..... | 25 |
| 15 | For a duplicate license..... | 50 |
| 16 | For computer printouts or labels..... | 500 |
| 17 | For verification of a listing of physicians, per hour..... | 20 |
| 18 | For furnishing a list of new physicians..... | 100 |

2. ~~4.~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, in addition to the fees prescribed in subsection 1, the Board shall charge and collect necessary and reasonable fees for the expedited processing of a request or for any other incidental service the Board provides.

3. The cost of any special meeting called at the request of a licensee, an institution, an organization, a state agency or an applicant for licensure must be paid for by the person or entity requesting the special meeting. Such a special meeting must not be called until the person or entity requesting it has paid a cash deposit with the Board sufficient to defray all expenses of the meeting.

4. If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to:

(a) Section 13.3 of this act and the applicant is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license. As used in this paragraph, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

(b) Section 13.6 of this act, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.

Sec. 19.5. NRS 630.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.275 The Board shall adopt regulations regarding the licensure of a physician assistant, including, but not limited to:

1. The educational and other qualifications of applicants.
2. The required academic program for applicants.
3. The procedures for applications for and the issuance of licenses.

4. The procedures deemed necessary by the Board for applications for and the initial issuance of licenses by endorsement pursuant to section 13.6 of this act.

5. The tests or examinations of applicants by the Board.

~~5.~~ 6. The medical services which a physician assistant may perform, except that a physician assistant may not perform those specific functions and duties delegated or restricted by law to persons licensed as dentists, chiropractors, podiatric physicians and optometrists under chapters 631, 634, 635 and 636, respectively, of NRS, or as hearing aid specialists.

~~6.~~ 7. The duration, renewal and termination of licenses ~~+~~

~~7.~~ including licenses by endorsement.

8. The grounds and procedures respecting disciplinary actions against physician assistants.

~~8.~~ 9. The supervision of medical services of a physician assistant by a supervising physician, including, without limitation, supervision that is performed electronically, telephonically or by fiber optics from within or outside this State or the United States.

~~9.~~ 10. A physician assistant's use of equipment that transfers information concerning the medical condition of a patient in this State electronically, telephonically or by fiber optics from within or outside this State or the United States.

Sec. 20. Chapter 631 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

“Minimal sedation” means a minimally depressed level of consciousness, produced by a ~~pharmacological~~ pharmacologic or nonpharmacologic method, that retains the patient’s ability to independently and continuously maintain an airway and respond normally to tactile stimulation and verbal command, and during which cognitive function and coordination may be modestly impaired, but ventilatory and cardiovascular functions are unaffected.

Sec. 21. NRS 631.005 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.005 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 631.015 to 631.105, inclusive, **and section 20 of this act** have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 22. NRS 631.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.025 ~~“Conscious”~~ ***“Moderate sedation”*** means a ~~minimally~~ ***drug-induced*** depressed level of consciousness, ***produced by a pharmacologic or nonpharmacologic method or a combination thereof, ~~in~~ during which ~~the~~:***

1. The patient retains the ability ~~independently and continuously to maintain an airway and~~ to respond ~~appropriately~~ purposefully to ~~physical stimulation and~~ verbal commands ~~+~~, either alone or accompanied by light tactile stimulation;

2. Spontaneous ventilation is adequate and no interventions are required to maintain a patent airway; and

3. Cardiovascular function is usually maintained.

Sec. 22.5. NRS 631.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.220 1. Every applicant for a license to practice dental hygiene or dentistry, or any of its special branches, must:

(a) File an application with the Board. ~~at least 45 days before:~~

~~— (1) The date on which the examination will be given; or~~
~~— (2) If an examination is not required for the issuance of a license, the date on which the Board is scheduled to take action on the application.]~~

(b) Accompany the application with a recent photograph of the applicant together with the required fee and such other documentation as the Board may require by regulation.

(c) Submit with the application a complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report.

(d) If the applicant is required to take an examination pursuant to NRS 631.240 or 631.300, submit with the application proof satisfactory that the applicant passed the examination.

2. An application must include all information required to complete the application.

1 **3. The Secretary-Treasurer may, in accordance with regulations adopted by**
2 **the Board and if the Secretary-Treasurer determines that an application is:**

3 **(a) Sufficient, advise the Executive Director of the sufficiency of the**
4 **application. Upon the advice of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Executive Director**
5 **may issue a license to the applicant without further review by the Board.**

6 **(b) Insufficient, reject the application by sending written notice of the**
7 **rejection to the applicant.**

8 **Sec. 23.** NRS 631.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 631.240 1. Any person desiring to obtain a license to practice dentistry in
10 this State, after having complied with the regulations of the Board to determine
11 eligibility:

12 (a) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 622.090, must present to the Board a
13 certificate granted by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations
14 which contains a notation that the applicant has passed the National Board Dental
15 Examination with an average score of at least 75; and

16 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, must:

17 (1) Successfully pass a clinical examination approved by the Board and the
18 American Board of Dental Examiners; or

19 (2) Present to the Board a certificate granted by the Western Regional
20 Examining Board which contains a notation that the applicant has passed ~~[- within~~
21 ~~the 5 years immediately preceding the date of the application,]~~ a clinical
22 examination administered by the Western Regional Examining Board.

23 2. The Board shall examine each applicant in writing on the contents and
24 interpretation of this chapter and the regulations of the Board.

25 3. All persons who have satisfied the requirements for licensure as a dentist
26 must be registered as licensed dentists on the board register, as provided in this
27 chapter, and are entitled to receive a certificate of registration, signed by all
28 members of the Board.

29 **Sec. 23.5.** NRS 631.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 631.260 ~~[-As]~~ **Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of NRS 631.220,**
31 **as soon as possible after the examination has been given, the Board, under rules and**
32 **regulations adopted by it, shall determine the qualifications of the applicant and**
33 **shall issue to each person found by the Board to have the qualifications therefor a**
34 **license which will entitle the person to practice dental hygiene or dentistry, or any**
35 **special branch of dentistry, as in such license defined, subject to the provisions of**
36 **this chapter.**

37 **Sec. 24.** NRS 631.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 631.265 1. No licensed dentist or person who holds a restricted license
39 issued pursuant to NRS 631.275 may administer or supervise directly the
40 administration of general anesthesia, ~~[-conscious]~~ **minimal sedation, moderate**
41 **sedation or deep sedation to dental patients unless the dentist or person has been**
42 **issued a permit authorizing him or her to do so by the Board.**

43 2. The Board may issue a permit authorizing a licensed dentist or person who
44 holds a restricted license issued pursuant to NRS 631.275 to administer or supervise
45 directly the administration of general anesthesia, ~~[-conscious]~~ **minimal sedation,**
46 **moderate** sedation or deep sedation to dental patients under such standards,
47 conditions and other requirements as the Board shall by regulation prescribe.

48 **Sec. 25.** NRS 631.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

49 631.300 1. Any person desiring to obtain a license to practice dental
50 hygiene, after having complied with the regulations of the Board to determine
51 eligibility:

52 (a) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 622.090, must pass a written
53 examination given by the Board upon such subjects as the Board deems necessary

1 for the practice of dental hygiene or must present a certificate granted by the Joint
2 Commission on National Dental Examinations which contains a notation that the
3 applicant has passed the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination with a score
4 of at least 75; and

5 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, must:

6 (1) Successfully pass a clinical examination approved by the Board and the
7 American Board of Dental Examiners ~~for present evidence to the Board that the~~
8 ~~applicant has passed such a clinical examination within the 5 years immediately~~
9 ~~preceding the date of the application; ; or~~

10 (2) ~~Successfully complete a clinical examination in dental hygiene given~~
11 ~~by the Board which examines the applicant's practical knowledge of dental hygiene~~
12 ~~and which includes, but is not limited to, demonstrations in the removal of deposits~~
13 ~~from, and the polishing of, the exposed surface of the teeth; or~~

14 ~~Present to the Board a certificate granted by the Western Regional~~
15 ~~Examining Board which contains a notation that the applicant has passed~~ ~~within~~
16 ~~the 5 years immediately preceding the date of the application;~~ a clinical
17 examination administered by the Western Regional Examining Board.

18 2. ~~The clinical examination given by the Board must include components~~
19 ~~that are:~~

20 ~~(a) Written or oral, or a combination of both; and~~

21 ~~(b) Practical, as in the opinion of the Board is necessary to test the~~
22 ~~qualifications of the applicant.~~

23 ~~3.] The Board shall examine each applicant in writing on the contents and~~
24 ~~interpretation of this chapter and the regulations of the Board.~~

25 ~~4.] 3. All persons who have satisfied the requirements for licensure as a~~
26 ~~dental hygienist must be registered as licensed dental hygienists on the board~~
27 ~~register, as provided in this chapter, and are entitled to receive a certificate of~~
28 ~~registration, signed by all members of the Board.~~

29 **Sec. 26.** NRS 631.313 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 631.313 1. A licensed dentist may assign to a person in his or her employ
31 who is a dental hygienist, dental assistant or other person directly or indirectly
32 involved in the provision of dental care only such intraoral tasks as may be
33 permitted by a regulation of the Board or by the provisions of this chapter.

34 2. The performance of these tasks must be:

35 (a) If performed by a dental assistant or a person, other than a dental hygienist,
36 who is directly or indirectly involved in the provision of dental care, under the
37 supervision of the licensed dentist who made the assignment.

38 (b) If performed by a dental hygienist, authorized by the licensed dentist of the
39 patient for whom the tasks will be performed, except as otherwise provided in NRS
40 631.287.

41 3. No such assignment is permitted that requires:

42 (a) The diagnosis, treatment planning, prescribing of drugs or medications, or
43 authorizing the use of restorative, prosthodontic or orthodontic appliances.

44 (b) Surgery on hard or soft tissues within the oral cavity or any other intraoral
45 procedure that may contribute to or result in an irremediable alteration of the oral
46 anatomy.

47 (c) The administration of general anesthesia, ~~conscious~~ *minimal sedation,*
48 *moderate* sedation or deep sedation except as otherwise authorized by regulations
49 adopted by the Board.

50 (d) The performance of a task outside the authorized scope of practice of the
51 employee who is being assigned the task.

1 4. A dental hygienist may, pursuant to regulations adopted by the Board,
2 administer local anesthesia or nitrous oxide in a health care facility, as defined in
3 NRS 162A.740, if:

4 (a) The dental hygienist is so authorized by the licensed dentist of the patient to
5 whom the local anesthesia or nitrous oxide is administered; and

6 (b) The health care facility has licensed medical personnel and necessary
7 emergency supplies and equipment available when the local anesthesia or nitrous
8 oxide is administered.

9 **Sec. 27.** NRS 631.345 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 631.345 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 631.2715, the Board shall
11 by regulation establish fees for the performance of the duties imposed upon it by
12 this chapter which must not exceed the following amounts:

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| 14 | Application fee for an initial license to practice dentistry | \$1,500 |
| 15 | Application fee for an initial license to practice dental hygiene..... | 750 |
| 16 | Application fee for a specialist's license to practice dentistry | 300 |
| 17 | Application fee for a limited license or restricted license to | |
| 18 | practice dentistry or dental hygiene | 300 |
| 19 | Fee for administering a clinical examination in dentistry | 2,500 |
| 20 | Fee for administering a clinical examination in dental hygiene | 1,500 |
| 21 | Application and examination fee for a permit to administer | |
| 22 | general anesthesia, conscious <i>minimal sedation,</i> | |
| 23 | <i>moderate</i> sedation or deep sedation..... | 750 |
| 24 | Fee for any reinspection required by the Board to maintain a | |
| 25 | permit to administer general anesthesia, conscious | |
| 26 | <i>minimal sedation, moderate</i> sedation or deep sedation | 500 |
| 27 | Biennial renewal fee for a permit to administer general | |
| 28 | anesthesia, conscious <i>minimal sedation, moderate</i> | |
| 29 | sedation or deep sedation..... | 600 |
| 30 | Fee for the inspection of a facility required by the Board to | |
| 31 | renew a permit to administer general anesthesia, | |
| 32 | conscious <i>minimal sedation, moderate</i> sedation or deep | |
| 33 | sedation..... | 350 |
| 34 | <i>Fee for the inspection of a facility required by the Board to</i> | |
| 35 | <i>ensure compliance with infection control guidelines</i> | <i>500</i> |
| 36 | Biennial license renewal fee for a general license, specialist's | |
| 37 | license, temporary license or restricted geographical license | |
| 38 | to practice dentistry | 1,000 |
| 39 | Annual license renewal fee for a limited license or restricted | |
| 40 | license to practice dentistry | 300 |
| 41 | Biennial license renewal fee for a general license, temporary | |
| 42 | license or restricted geographical license to practice dental | |
| 43 | hygiene | 600 |
| 44 | Annual license renewal fee for a limited license to practice | |
| 45 | dental hygiene..... | 300 |
| 46 | Biennial license renewal fee for an inactive dentist | 400 |
| 47 | Biennial license renewal fee for a dentist who is retired or has a | |
| 48 | disability | 100 |
| 49 | Biennial license renewal fee for an inactive dental hygienist..... | 200 |
| 50 | Biennial license renewal fee for a dental hygienist who is | |
| 51 | retired or has a disability | 100 |
| 52 | Reinstatement fee for a suspended license to practice dentistry | |
| 53 | or dental hygiene | 500 |

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| 1 | Reinstatement fee for a revoked license to practice dentistry or | |
| 2 | dental hygiene..... | 500 |
| 3 | Reinstatement fee to return a dentist or dental hygienist who is | |
| 4 | inactive, retired or has a disability to active status..... | 500 |
| 5 | Fee for the certification of a license..... | 50 |

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

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

14 Sec. 27.1. Chapter 632 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the
15 provisions set forth as sections 27.2 and 27.3 of this act.

16 Sec. 27.2. 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 632.3405, the Board
17 may issue a license by endorsement to practice as a professional nurse to an
18 applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may
19 submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:

20 (a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice as a
21 professional nurse in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the
22 United States; and

23 (b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed
24 Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

25 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must
26 submit to the Board with his or her application:

27 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

28 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

29 (2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to
30 work in the United States;

31 (3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
32 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which
33 the applicant holds a license to practice as a professional nurse; and

34 (4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
35 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

36 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the
37 Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 632.344;

38 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
39 any accompanying material is true and correct; and

40 (d) Any other information required by the Board.

41 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a
42 license by endorsement to practice as a professional nurse pursuant to this
43 section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional
44 information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board
45 denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application
46 and issue a license by endorsement to practice as a professional nurse to the
47 applicant not later than:

48 (a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by
49 the Board to complete the application; or

50 (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background
51 based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,
52 whichever occurs later.

1 4. A license by endorsement to practice as a professional nurse may be
2 issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President and
3 Executive Director of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action
4 of the Board.

5 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
6 by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional
7 license authorizing an applicant to practice as a professional nurse in accordance
8 with regulations adopted by the Board.

9 6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
10 417.005.

11 Sec. 27.3. 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 632.3405, the Board
12 may issue a license by endorsement to practice as a practical nurse to an
13 applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may
14 submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:

15 (a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice as a
16 practical nurse in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United
17 States; and

18 (b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed
19 Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

20 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must
21 submit to the Board with his or her application:

22 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

23 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

24 (2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to
25 work in the United States;

26 (3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
27 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which
28 the applicant holds a license to practice as a practical nurse; and

29 (4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
30 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

31 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the
32 Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 632.344;

33 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
34 any accompanying material is true and correct; and

35 (d) Any other information required by the Board.

36 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a
37 license by endorsement to practice as a practical nurse pursuant to this section,
38 the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional
39 information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board
40 denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application
41 and issue a license by endorsement to practice as a practical nurse to the
42 applicant not later than:

43 (a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by
44 the Board to complete the application; or

45 (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background
46 based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,
47 whichever occurs later.

48 4. A license by endorsement to practice as a practical nurse may be issued
49 at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President and Executive
50 Director of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the
51 Board.

52 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
53 by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional

1 license authorizing an applicant to practice as a practical nurse in accordance
2 with regulations adopted by the Board.

3 6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
4 417.005.

5 Sec. 27.4. NRS 632.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 632.140 Except as otherwise provided in section 27.2 of this act:

7 1. Every applicant for a license to practice as a professional nurse in the State
8 of Nevada must submit to the Board written evidence under oath that the applicant:

- 9 (a) Is of good moral character.
10 (b) Is in good physical and mental health.
11 (c) Has completed a course of study in:

12 (1) An accredited school of professional nursing and holds a diploma
13 therefrom; or

14 (2) An approved school of professional nursing in the process of obtaining
15 accreditation and holds a diploma therefrom.

16 (d) Meets such other reasonable preliminary qualification requirements as the
17 Board may from time to time prescribe.

18 2. Each applicant must remit the fee required by this chapter with the
19 application for a license to practice as a professional nurse in this State.

20 Sec. 27.5. NRS 632.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 632.150 1. ~~Each~~ Except as otherwise provided in NRS 632.160, 632.237
22 and section 27.2 of this act, each applicant who is otherwise qualified for a license
23 to practice nursing as a professional nurse shall be required to write and pass an
24 examination on such subjects and in such form as the Board may from time to time
25 determine. Such written examination may be supplemented by an oral or practical
26 examination in the discretion of the Board.

27 2. The Board shall issue a license to practice nursing as a professional nurse
28 in the State of Nevada to each applicant who successfully passes such examination
29 or examinations.

30 Sec. 27.6. NRS 632.237 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 632.237 1. The Board may issue a license to practice as an advanced
32 practice registered nurse to a registered nurse ~~who~~:

33 (a) Who is licensed by endorsement pursuant to section 27.2 of this act and
34 holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice as an advanced
35 practice registered nurse in the District of Columbia or any other state or
36 territory of the United States; or

37 (b) Who

38 (1) Has completed an educational program designed to prepare a registered
39 nurse to:

40 ~~(1)~~ (I) Perform designated acts of medical diagnosis;

41 ~~(2)~~ (II) Prescribe therapeutic or corrective measures; and

42 ~~(3)~~ (III) Prescribe controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and
43 devices;

44 ~~(b)~~ (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, submits proof that he
45 or she is certified as an advanced practice registered nurse by the American Board
46 of Nursing Specialties, the National Commission for Certifying Agencies of the
47 Institute for Credentialing Excellence, or their successor organizations, or any other
48 nationally recognized certification agency approved by the Board; and

49 ~~(c)~~ (3) Meets any other requirements established by the Board for such
50 licensure.

51 2. An advanced practice registered nurse may:

- 52 (a) Engage in selected medical diagnosis and treatment; and

1 (b) If authorized pursuant to NRS 639.2351 and subject to the limitations set
2 forth in subsection 3, prescribe controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and
3 devices.

4 ↪ An advanced practice registered nurse shall not engage in any diagnosis,
5 treatment or other conduct which the advanced practice registered nurse is not
6 qualified to perform.

7 3. An advanced practice registered nurse who is authorized to prescribe
8 controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices pursuant to NRS
9 639.2351 shall not prescribe a controlled substance listed in schedule II unless:

10 (a) The advanced practice registered nurse has at least 2 years or 2,000 hours
11 of clinical experience; or

12 (b) The controlled substance is prescribed pursuant to a protocol approved by a
13 collaborating physician.

14 4. An advanced practice registered nurse may perform the acts described in
15 subsection 2 by using equipment that transfers information concerning the medical
16 condition of a patient in this State electronically, telephonically or by fiber optics
17 from within or outside this State or the United States.

18 5. The Board shall adopt regulations:

19 (a) Specifying any additional training, education and experience necessary for
20 licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse.

21 (b) Delineating the authorized scope of practice of an advanced practice
22 registered nurse.

23 (c) Establishing the procedure for application for application for licensure as an advanced
24 practice registered nurse.

25 6. The provisions of subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 do
26 not apply to an advanced practice registered nurse who obtains a license before July
27 1, 2014.

28 **Sec. 27.7. NRS 632.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

29 632.270 ~~Each~~ **Except as otherwise provided in section 27.3 of this act,**
30 **each** applicant for a license to practice as a practical nurse must submit to the
31 Board written evidence, under oath, that the applicant:

32 1. Is of good moral character.

33 2. Has a high school diploma or its equivalent as determined by the State
34 Board of Education.

35 3. Is at least 18 years of age.

36 4. Has:

37 (a) Successfully completed the prescribed course of study in an accredited
38 school of practical nursing or an accredited school of professional nursing, and
39 been awarded a diploma by the school;

40 (b) Successfully completed the prescribed course of study in an approved
41 school of practical nursing in the process of obtaining accreditation or an approved
42 school of professional nursing in the process of obtaining accreditation, and been
43 awarded a diploma by the school; or

44 (c) Been registered or licensed as a registered nurse under the laws of another
45 jurisdiction.

46 5. Meets any other qualifications prescribed in regulations of the Board.

47 **Sec. 27.8. NRS 632.345 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

48 632.345 1. The Board shall establish and may amend a schedule of fees and
49 charges for the following items and within the following ranges:

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51 Not less Not more
52 than than

| | | | |
|----|--|------|-------|
| 1 | Application for license to practice professional | | |
| 2 | nursing (registered nurse)..... | \$45 | \$100 |
| 3 | Application for license to practice practical nursing..... | 30 | 90 |
| 4 | Application for temporary license to practice | | |
| 5 | professional nursing or practical nursing | | |
| 6 | pursuant to NRS 632.300, which fee must be | | |
| 7 | credited toward the fee required for a regular | | |
| 8 | license, if the applicant applies for a license..... | 15 | 50 |
| 9 | Application for a certificate to practice as a nursing | | |
| 10 | assistant or medication aide - certified..... | 15 | 50 |
| 11 | Application for a temporary certificate to practice | | |
| 12 | as a nursing assistant pursuant to NRS 632.300, | | |
| 13 | which fee must be credited toward the fee | | |
| 14 | required for a regular certificate, if the applicant | | |
| 15 | applies for a certificate | 5 | 40 |
| 16 | Biennial fee for renewal of a license..... | 40 | 100 |
| 17 | Biennial fee for renewal of a certificate..... | 20 | 50 |
| 18 | Fee for reinstatement of a license..... | 10 | 100 |
| 19 | Application for a license to practice as an advanced | | |
| 20 | practice registered nurse | 50 | 200 |
| 21 | Application for recognition as a certified registered | | |
| 22 | nurse anesthetist..... | 50 | 200 |
| 23 | Biennial fee for renewal of a license to practice as | | |
| 24 | an advanced practice registered nurse or | | |
| 25 | certified registered nurse anesthetist..... | 50 | 200 |
| 26 | Examination fee for license to practice professional | | |
| 27 | nursing..... | 20 | 100 |
| 28 | Examination fee for license to practice practical | | |
| 29 | nursing..... | 10 | 90 |
| 30 | Rewriting examination for license to practice | | |
| 31 | professional nursing..... | 20 | 100 |
| 32 | Rewriting examination for license to practice | | |
| 33 | practical nursing | 10 | 90 |
| 34 | Duplicate license..... | 5 | 30 |
| 35 | Duplicate certificate..... | 5 | 30 |
| 36 | Proctoring examination for candidate from another | | |
| 37 | state | 25 | 150 |
| 38 | Fee for approving one course of continuing | | |
| 39 | education | 10 | 50 |
| 40 | Fee for reviewing one course of continuing | | |
| 41 | education which has been changed since | | |
| 42 | approval..... | 5 | 30 |
| 43 | Annual fee for approval of all courses of continuing | | |
| 44 | education offered | 100 | 500 |
| 45 | Annual fee for review of training program | 60 | 100 |
| 46 | Certification examination..... | 10 | 90 |
| 47 | Approval of instructors of training programs..... | 50 | 100 |
| 48 | Approval of proctors for certification examinations | 20 | 50 |
| 49 | Approval of training programs..... | 150 | 250 |
| 50 | Validation of licensure or certification..... | 5 | 25 |

1 2. *If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement*
2 *pursuant to section 27.2 or 27.3 of this act, the Board shall collect not more than*
3 *one-half of the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.*

4 3. The Board may collect the fees and charges established pursuant to this
5 section, and those fees or charges must not be refunded.

6 Sec. 28. (Deleted by amendment.)

7 *Sec. 28.3. Chapter 633 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a*
8 *new section to read as follows:*

9 *1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice as a physician*
10 *assistant to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An*
11 *applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the*
12 *applicant:*

13 *(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice as a*
14 *physician assistant in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the*
15 *United States;*

16 *(b) Is certified in a specialty recognized by the American Board of Medical*
17 *Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association; and*

18 *(c) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed*
19 *Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.*

20 2. *An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must*
21 *submit to the Board with his or her application:*

22 *(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:*

23 *(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;*

24 *(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to*
25 *work in the United States;*

26 *(3) Has not been disciplined and is not currently under investigation by*
27 *the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or*
28 *territory in which the applicant holds a license to practice as a physician*
29 *assistant; and*

30 *(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the*
31 *District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;*

32 *(b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the*
33 *Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 633.309;*

34 *(c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and*
35 *any accompanying material is true and correct;*

36 *(d) The application and initial license fee specified in this chapter; and*

37 *(e) Any other information required by the Board.*

38 3. *Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a*
39 *license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to this*
40 *section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional*
41 *information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board*
42 *denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application*
43 *and issue a license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant to the*
44 *applicant not later than:*

45 *(a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by*
46 *the Board to complete the application; or*

47 *(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background*
48 *based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,*

49 *whichever occurs later.*

50 4. *A license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant may be*
51 *issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President and*
52 *Executive Director of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action*
53 *of the Board.*

1 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
 2 by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional
 3 license authorizing an applicant to practice as a physician assistant in
 4 accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

5 6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
 6 417.005.

7 Sec. 28.6. NRS 633.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 8 633.305 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 633.400 and section 28.3 of
 9 this act:

10 1. Every applicant for a license shall:
 11 (a) File an application with the Board in the manner prescribed by regulations
 12 of the Board;

13 (b) Submit verified proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant meets any
 14 age, citizenship and educational requirements prescribed by this chapter; and

15 (c) Pay in advance to the Board the application and initial license fee specified
 16 in NRS 633.501.

17 2. An application filed with the Board pursuant to subsection 1 must include
 18 all information required to complete the application.

19 3. The Board may hold hearings and conduct investigations into any matter
 20 related to the application and, in addition to the proofs required by subsection 1,
 21 may take such further evidence and require such other documents or proof of
 22 qualifications as it deems proper.

23 4. The Board may reject an application if the Board has cause to believe that
 24 any credential or information submitted by the applicant is false, misleading,
 25 deceptive or fraudulent.

26 Sec. 29. NRS 633.311 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 633.311 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 633.315, ~~1.1~~ and 633.381 to
 28 633.419, inclusive, ~~and section 9 of this act,~~ an applicant for a license to practice
 29 osteopathic medicine may be issued a license by the Board if:

30 ~~1.1~~ (a) The applicant is 21 years of age or older;

31 ~~1.2~~ (b) The applicant is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to
 32 remain and work in the United States;

33 ~~1.3~~ (c) The applicant is a graduate of a school of osteopathic medicine;

34 ~~1.4~~ (d) The applicant:

35 ~~1(a)~~ (I) Has graduated from a school of osteopathic medicine before 1995 and
 36 has completed:

37 ~~1(+)~~ (I) A hospital internship; or

38 ~~1(2)~~ (II) One year of postgraduate training that complies with the
 39 standards of intern training established by the American Osteopathic Association;

40 ~~1(b)~~ (2) Has completed 3 years, or such other length of time as required by a
 41 specific program, of postgraduate medical education as a resident in the United
 42 States or Canada in a program approved by the Board, the Bureau of Professional
 43 Education of the American Osteopathic Association or the Accreditation Council
 44 for Graduate Medical Education; or

45 ~~1(e)~~ (3) Is a resident who is enrolled in a postgraduate training program in this
 46 State, has completed 24 months of the program and has committed, in writing, that
 47 he or she will complete the program;

48 ~~1(5)~~ (e) The applicant applies for the license as provided by law;

49 ~~1(6)~~ (f) The applicant passes:

50 ~~1(a)~~ (1) All parts of the licensing examination of the National Board of
 51 Osteopathic Medical Examiners;

52 ~~1(b)~~ (2) All parts of the licensing examination of the Federation of State
 53 Medical Boards ~~of the United States, Inc.;~~

1 ~~(e)~~ ;

2 (3) All parts of the licensing examination of the Board, a state, territory or
3 possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, and is certified by a
4 specialty board of the American Osteopathic Association or by the American Board
5 of Medical Specialties; or

6 ~~(d)~~ (4) A combination of the parts of the licensing examinations specified in
7 ~~paragraphs (a), (b) and (e)~~ *subparagraphs (1), (2) and (3)* that is approved by the
8 Board;

9 ~~(f)~~ (g) The applicant pays the fees provided for in this chapter; and

10 ~~(g)~~ (h) The applicant submits all information required to complete an
11 application for a license.

12 *2. An applicant for a license to practice osteopathic medicine may satisfy*
13 *the requirements for postgraduate education or training prescribed by paragraph*
14 *(d) of subsection 1:*

15 *(a) In one or more approved postgraduate programs, which may be*
16 *conducted at one or more facilities in this State or, except for a resident who is*
17 *enrolled in a postgraduate training program in this State pursuant to*
18 *subparagraph (3) of paragraph (d) of subsection 1, in the District of Columbia or*
19 *another state or territory of the United States;*

20 *(b) In one or more approved specialties or disciplines;*

21 *(c) In nonconsecutive months; and*

22 *(d) At any time before receiving his or her license.*

23 **Sec. 30.** NRS 633.322 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 633.322 In addition to the other requirements for licensure to practice
25 osteopathic medicine, an applicant shall cause to be submitted to the Board:

26 1. A certificate of completion of progressive postgraduate training from the
27 residency program where the applicant received training; and

28 2. If applicable, proof of satisfactory completion of a postgraduate training
29 program specified in *subparagraph (3) of paragraph ~~(e)~~ (d)* of subsection ~~1~~ *1* of
30 NRS 633.311 within 120 days after the scheduled completion of the program.

31 **Sec. 30.5.** NRS 633.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 633.400 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 633.315, the Board shall,
33 except for good cause, issue a license by endorsement to a person who has been
34 issued a license to practice osteopathic medicine by the District of Columbia or any
35 state or territory of the United States if:

36 (a) At the time the person files an application with the Board, the license is in
37 effect and unrestricted; and

38 (b) The applicant:

39 (1) Is currently certified by either a specialty board of the American Board
40 of Medical Specialties or a specialty board of the American Osteopathic
41 Association, or was certified or recertified within the past 10 years;

42 (2) Has had no adverse actions reported to the National Practitioner Data
43 Bank within the past 5 years;

44 (3) Has been continuously and actively engaged in the practice of
45 osteopathic medicine within his or her specialty for the past 5 years;

46 (4) Is not involved in and does not have pending any disciplinary action
47 concerning a license to practice osteopathic medicine in the District of Columbia or
48 any state or territory of the United States;

49 (5) Provides information on all the medical malpractice claims brought
50 against him or her, without regard to when the claims were filed or how the claims
51 were resolved; and

1 (6) Meets all statutory requirements to obtain a license to practice
2 osteopathic medicine in this State except that the applicant is not required to meet
3 the requirements set forth in NRS 633.311.

4 2. Any person applying for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section
5 ~~shall pay in~~ must submit:

6 (a) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the
7 Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 633.309;

8 (b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
9 any accompanying material is true and correct;

10 (c) In advance to the Board the application and initial license fee specified in
11 this chapter;† ; and

12 (d) Any other information required by the Board.

13 3. *Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a*
14 *license by endorsement to practice osteopathic medicine pursuant to this section,*
15 *the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional*
16 *information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board*
17 *denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application*
18 *and issue a license by endorsement to practice osteopathic medicine to the*
19 *applicant not later than:*

20 *(a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by*
21 *the Board to complete the application; or*

22 *(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background*
23 *based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,*

24 *↳ whichever occurs later.*

25 4. A license by endorsement may be issued at a meeting of the Board or
26 between its meetings by its President and Executive Director. Such action shall be
27 deemed to be an action of the Board.

28 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
29 by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional
30 license authorizing an applicant to practice osteopathic medicine in accordance
31 with regulations adopted by the Board.

32 **Sec. 31.** NRS 633.401 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 633.401 1. ~~Except as otherwise provided in~~ *Unless the Board denies such*
34 *licensure pursuant to NRS 633.315 †† or for other good cause, the Board †may†*
35 *shall issue a special license to practice osteopathic medicine:*

36 (a) To authorize a person who is licensed to practice osteopathic medicine in
37 an adjoining state to come into Nevada to care for or assist in the treatment of his or
38 her patients in association with an osteopathic physician in this State who has
39 primary care of the patients.

40 (b) To a resident while the resident is enrolled in a postgraduate training
41 program required pursuant to the provisions of *subparagraph (3) of* paragraph ~~(e)†~~
42 *(d)* of subsection ~~†† 1~~ of NRS 633.311.

43 (c) Other than a license issued pursuant to NRS 633.419, for a specified period
44 and for specified purposes to a person who is licensed to practice osteopathic
45 medicine in another jurisdiction.

46 2. For the purpose of paragraph (c) of subsection 1, the osteopathic physician
47 must:

48 (a) Hold a full and unrestricted license to practice osteopathic medicine in
49 another state;

50 (b) Not have had any disciplinary or other action taken against him or her by
51 any state or other jurisdiction; and

52 (c) Be certified by a specialty board of the American Board of Medical
53 Specialties, the American Osteopathic Association or their successors.

1 3. A special license issued under this section may be renewed by the Board
2 application of the licensee.

3 4. Every person who applies for or renews a special license under this section
4 shall pay respectively the special license fee or special license renewal fee specified
5 in this chapter.

6 **Sec. 32.** ~~NRS 633.416 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

7 ~~633.416 1. An osteopathic physician who is retired from active practice and
8 who:~~

9 ~~(a) Wishes to donate his or her expertise for the medical care and treatment of
10 persons in this State who are indigent, uninsured or unable to afford health care; or~~

11 ~~(b) Wishes to provide services for any disaster relief operations conducted by a
12 governmental entity or nonprofit organization;~~

13 ~~may obtain a special volunteer license to practice osteopathic medicine by
14 submitting an application to the Board pursuant to this section.~~

15 ~~2. An application for a special volunteer license to practice osteopathic
16 medicine must be on a form provided by the Board and must include:~~

17 ~~(a) Documentation of the history of medical practice of the osteopathic
18 physician;~~

19 ~~(b) Proof that the osteopathic physician previously has been issued an
20 unrestricted license to practice osteopathic medicine in any state of the United
21 States and that the osteopathic physician has never been the subject of disciplinary
22 action by a medical board in any jurisdiction;~~

23 ~~(c) Proof that the osteopathic physician satisfies the requirements for licensure
24 set forth in NRS 633.211 or the requirements for licensure by endorsement set forth
25 in NRS 633.400 [;] or section 9 of this act;~~

26 ~~(d) Acknowledgment that the practice of the osteopathic physician under the
27 special volunteer license to practice osteopathic medicine will be exclusively
28 devoted to providing medical care:~~

29 ~~(1) To persons in this State who are indigent, uninsured or unable to afford
30 health care; or~~

31 ~~(2) As part of any disaster relief operations conducted by a governmental
32 entity or nonprofit organization; and~~

33 ~~(e) Acknowledgment that the osteopathic physician will not receive any
34 payment or compensation, either direct or indirect, or have the expectation of any
35 payment or compensation, for providing medical care under the special volunteer
36 license to practice osteopathic medicine, except for payment by a medical facility at
37 which the osteopathic physician provides volunteer medical services of the
38 expenses of the osteopathic physician for necessary travel, continuing education,
39 malpractice insurance or fees of the State Board of Pharmacy.~~

40 ~~3. If the Board finds that the application of an osteopathic physician satisfies
41 the requirements of subsection 2 and that the retired osteopathic physician is
42 competent to practice osteopathic medicine, the Board [shall] *must* issue a special
43 volunteer license to practice osteopathic medicine to the osteopathic physician.~~

44 ~~4. The initial special volunteer license to practice osteopathic medicine issued
45 pursuant to this section expires 1 year after the date of issuance. The license may be
46 renewed pursuant to this section, and any license that is renewed expires 2 years
47 after the date of issuance.~~

48 ~~5. The Board shall not charge a fee for:~~

49 ~~(a) The review of an application for a special volunteer license to practice
50 osteopathic medicine; or~~

51 ~~(b) The issuance or renewal of a special volunteer license to practice
52 osteopathic medicine pursuant to this section.~~

~~6. An osteopathic physician who is issued a special volunteer license to practice osteopathic medicine pursuant to this section and who accepts the privilege of practicing osteopathic medicine in this State pursuant to the provisions of the special volunteer license to practice osteopathic medicine is subject to all the provisions governing disciplinary action set forth in this chapter. (Deleted by amendment.)~~

7. An osteopathic physician who is issued a special volunteer license to practice osteopathic medicine pursuant to this section shall comply with the requirements for continuing education adopted by the Board.

Sec. 32.3. NRS 633.434 is hereby amended to read as follows:

633.434 The Board shall adopt regulations regarding the licensure of a physician assistant, including, without limitation:

1. The educational and other qualifications of applicants.
2. The required academic program for applicants.
3. The procedures for applications for and the issuance of licenses.
4. The procedures deemed necessary by the Board for applications for and the issuance of initial licenses by endorsement pursuant to section 28.3 of this act.

5. The tests or examinations of applicants by the Board.

~~5.1~~ 6. The medical services which a physician assistant may perform, except that a physician assistant may not perform osteopathic manipulative therapy or those specific functions and duties delegated or restricted by law to persons licensed as dentists, chiropractors, doctors of Oriental medicine, podiatric physicians, optometrists and hearing aid specialists under chapters 631, 634, 634A, 635, 636 and 637A, respectively, of NRS.

~~6.1~~ 7. The grounds and procedures respecting disciplinary actions against physician assistants.

~~7.1~~ 8. The supervision of medical services of a physician The assistant by a supervising osteopathic physician.

Sec. 32.6. NRS 633.501 is hereby amended to read as follows:

633.501 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the Board shall charge and collect fees not to exceed the following amounts:

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| (a) Application and initial license fee for an osteopathic physician | \$800 |
| (b) Annual license renewal fee for an osteopathic physician..... | 500 |
| (c) Temporary license fee..... | 500 |
| (d) Special or authorized facility license fee | 200 |
| (e) Special event license fee | 200 |
| (f) Special or authorized facility license renewal fee..... | 200 |
| (g) Reexamination fee | 200 |
| (h) Late payment fee | 300 |
| (i) Application and initial license fee for a physician assistant..... | 400 |
| (j) Annual license renewal fee for a physician assistant..... | 400 |
| (k) Inactive license fee | 200 |

2. The Board may prorate the initial license fee for a new license issued pursuant to paragraph (a) or (i) of subsection 1 which expires less than 6 months after the date of issuance.

3. The cost of any special meeting called at the request of a licensee, an institution, an organization, a state agency or an applicant for licensure must be paid by the person or entity requesting the special meeting. Such a special meeting must not be called until the person or entity requesting the meeting has paid a cash deposit with the Board sufficient to defray all expenses of the meeting.

4. If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to:

1 (a) NRS 633.400 and is an active member of, or the spouse of an active
2 member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving
3 spouse of a veteran, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set
4 forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license. As used in this
5 paragraph, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

6 (b) Section 28.3 of this act, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of
7 the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.

8 **Sec. 33.** Chapter 635 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new
9 section to read as follows:

10 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice podiatry to an
11 applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may
12 submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant holds a
13 corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice podiatry in the District of
14 Columbia or any state or territory of the United States.

15 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must
16 submit to the Board with his or her application:

17 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

18 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

19 (2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to
20 work in the United States;

21 (3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
22 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or any state or territory in which
23 the applicant holds a license to practice podiatry; and

24 (4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
25 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

26 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the
27 Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 635.067;

28 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
29 any accompanying material is true and correct; and

30 ~~(c)~~ (d) Any other information required by the Board.

31 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a
32 license by endorsement to practice podiatry pursuant to this section, the Board
33 shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information
34 required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the
35 application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a
36 license by endorsement to practice podiatry to the applicant not later than ~~45~~ :

37 (a) ~~Forty-five~~ days after receiving all the additional information required by
38 the Board to complete the application ~~45~~ ; or

39 (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background
40 based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

41 ↪ whichever occurs later.

42 4. A license by endorsement to practice podiatry may be issued at a meeting
43 of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such an
44 action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

45 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
46 by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional
47 license authorizing an applicant to practice podiatry in accordance with
48 regulations adopted by the Board.

49 6. If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement
50 pursuant to this section and is an active member of, or the spouse of an active
51 member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving
52 spouse of a veteran, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee

1 established pursuant to NRS 635.050 for the initial issuance of the license. As
2 used in this subsection, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

3 **Sec. 34.** NRS 635.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 635.050 1. Any person wishing to practice podiatry in this State must,
5 before beginning to practice, procure from the Board a license to practice podiatry.

6 2. ~~1A~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section ~~19 or~~ 33 of this act,* a license
7 to practice podiatry may be issued by the Board to any person who:

8 (a) Is of good moral character.

9 (b) Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to remain and work in
10 the United States.

11 (c) Has received the degree of D.P.M., Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, from an
12 accredited school of podiatry.

13 (d) Has completed a residency approved by the Board.

14 (e) Has passed the examination given by the National Board of Podiatric
15 Medical Examiners.

16 (f) Has not committed any act described in subsection 2 of NRS 635.130. For
17 the purposes of this paragraph, an affidavit signed by the applicant stating that the
18 applicant has not committed any act described in subsection 2 of NRS 635.130
19 constitutes satisfactory proof.

20 3. An applicant for a license to practice podiatry must submit to the Board or
21 a committee thereof pursuant to such regulations as the Board may adopt:

22 (a) The fee for an application for a license of not more than \$600;

23 (b) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the requirements of subsection 2 have
24 been met; and

25 (c) All other information required by the Board to complete an application for
26 a license.

27 ↪ The Board shall, by regulation, establish the fee required to be paid pursuant to
28 this subsection.

29 4. The Board may reject an application if it appears that the applicant's
30 credentials are fraudulent or the applicant has practiced podiatry without a license
31 or committed any act described in subsection 2 of NRS 635.130.

32 5. The Board may require such further documentation or proof of
33 qualification as it may deem proper.

34 6. The provisions of this section do not apply to a person who applies for:

35 (a) A limited license to practice podiatry pursuant to NRS 635.075; or

36 (b) A provisional license to practice podiatry pursuant to NRS 635.082.

37 **Sec. 35.** NRS 635.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 635.065 1. In addition to the other requirements for licensure set forth in
39 this chapter, an applicant for a license to practice podiatry in this State who has
40 been licensed to practice podiatry in another state or the District of Columbia must
41 submit:

42 (a) An affidavit signed by the applicant that:

43 (1) Identifies each jurisdiction in which the applicant has been licensed to
44 practice; and

45 (2) States whether a disciplinary proceeding has ever been instituted
46 against the applicant by the licensing board of that jurisdiction and, if so, the status
47 of the proceeding; and

48 (b) If the applicant is currently licensed to practice podiatry in another state or
49 the District of Columbia, a certificate from the licensing board of that jurisdiction
50 stating that the applicant is in good standing and no disciplinary proceedings are
51 pending against the applicant.

1 2. ~~[[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 10 or 33 of this act, the*
2 Board may require an applicant who has been licensed to practice podiatry in
3 another state or the District of Columbia to:

4 (a) Pass an examination prescribed by the Board concerning the provisions of
5 this chapter and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto; or

6 (b) Submit satisfactory proof that:

7 (1) The applicant maintained an active practice in another state or the
8 District of Columbia within the 5 years immediately preceding the application;

9 (2) No disciplinary proceeding has ever been instituted against the
10 applicant by a licensing board in any jurisdiction in which he or she is licensed to
11 practice podiatry; and

12 (3) The applicant has participated in a program of continuing education
13 that is equivalent to the program of continuing education that is required pursuant
14 to NRS 635.115 for podiatric physicians licensed in this State.

15 **Sec. 36.** ~~[NRS 641B.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

16 ~~641B.275 1. The Board shall grant a provisional license to engage in social
17 work as a social worker to a person:~~

18 ~~(a) Who applies to take the next available examination and who is otherwise
19 eligible to be a social worker pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 641B.220; or~~

20 ~~(b) Who:~~

21 ~~(1) Possesses a baccalaureate degree or a master's degree in a related field
22 of study from an accredited college or university recognized by the Board; and~~

23 ~~(2) Presents evidence of enrollment in a program of study leading to a
24 degree in social work at a college or university accredited by the Council on Social
25 Work Education or which is a candidate for such accreditation and which is
26 approved by the Board.~~

27 ~~2. The Board shall grant a provisional license to engage in social work as an
28 independent social worker to a person who applies to take the next available
29 examination and who is otherwise eligible to be an independent social worker
30 pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 641B.230.~~

31 ~~3. The Board shall grant a provisional license to engage in social work as a
32 clinical social worker to a person who applies to take the next available
33 examination and who is otherwise eligible to be a clinical social worker pursuant to
34 subsection 1 of NRS 641B.240.~~

35 ~~4. The Board may grant a provisional license to engage in social work as an
36 independent social worker or as a clinical social worker pursuant to a plan of
37 supervision established by the Board by regulation to a person who is an active
38 member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United
39 States if:~~

40 ~~(a) The person applied for a license to engage in social work as an
41 independent social worker or a clinical social worker without examination
42 pursuant to NRS 641B.270; and~~

43 ~~(b) The Board deemed that the state in which the person holds a license to
44 engage in the practice of social work did not have licensing requirements at the
45 time the license was issued that are substantially equivalent to the requirements
46 set forth in this chapter.~~

47 ~~5. The Board shall establish by regulation the period during which a
48 provisional license issued pursuant to this section will be valid. The period must be:~~

49 ~~(a) [No] Not longer than 9 months for a person who is granted a provisional
50 license to engage in social work pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 or
51 subsection 2 or 3; and~~

~~(b) [No] Not longer than 2 years for a person who is granted a provisional license to engage in social work pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

Sec. 36.5. Chapter 636 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice optometry to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice optometry in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or any state or territory in which the applicant holds a license to practice optometry; and

(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct; and

(c) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement to practice optometry pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement to practice optometry to the applicant not later than 45 days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application.

4. A license by endorsement to practice optometry may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President and Executive Director of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice optometry in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 37. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 37.3. NRS 636.143 is hereby amended to read as follows:

636.143 **1.** The Board shall establish within the limits prescribed a schedule of fees for the following purposes:

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| | Not less than | Not more than |
| Examination..... | \$100 | \$500 |

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| 1 | Reexamination | 100 | 500 |
| 2 | Issuance of each license or duplicate license | 35 | 75 |
| 3 | Renewal of each license or duplicate | | |
| 4 | license | 100 | 500 |
| 5 | Issuance of a license for an extended | | |
| 6 | clinical facility | 100 | 500 |
| 7 | Issuance of a replacement renewal card for | | |
| 8 | a license | 10 | 50 |
| 9 | | | |

2. If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to section 36.5 of this act, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee established pursuant to subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.

Sec. 38. NRS 636.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 636.150 ~~Any~~ **Except as otherwise provided in section 36.5 of this act, any**
 person applying for a license to practice optometry in this State must:

1. File proof of his or her qualifications;
2. Make application for an examination;
3. Take and pass the examination;
4. Pay the prescribed fees; and
5. Verify that all the information he or she has provided to the Board or to any other entity pursuant to the provisions of this chapter is true and correct.

Sec. 39. NRS 636.155 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 636.155 ~~Any~~ **Except as otherwise provided in section 36.5 of this act, an**
 applicant must file with the Executive Director satisfactory proof that the applicant:

1. Is at least 21 years of age;
2. Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to reside and work in this country;
3. Is of good moral character;
4. Has been certified or recertified as completing a course of cardiopulmonary resuscitation within the 12-month period immediately preceding the examination for licensure; and
5. Has graduated from a school of optometry accredited by the established professional agency and the Board, maintaining a standard of 6 college years, and including, as a prerequisite to admission to the courses in optometry, at least 2 academic years of study in a college of arts and sciences accredited by the Association of American Universities or a similar regional accrediting agency.

Sec. 40. NRS 636.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 636.215 The Board shall execute a license for each person who has satisfied the requirements of NRS 636.150 **or section 36.5 of this act** and submitted all information required to complete an application for a license. A license must:

1. Certify that the licensee has been examined and found qualified to practice optometry in this State; and
2. Be signed by each member of the Board.

Sec. 41. Chapter 637B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to engage in the practice of audiology or speech pathology to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:
(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to engage in the practice of audiology or speech pathology, as applicable, in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

1 (b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed
2 Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

3 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must
4 submit to the Board with his or her application:

5 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

6 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

7 (2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to
8 work in the United States;

9 (3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
10 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or any state or territory in which
11 the applicant holds a license to engage in the practice of audiology or speech
12 pathology, as applicable; and

13 (4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
14 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

15 (b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
16 any accompanying material is true and correct; and

17 (c) Any other information required by the Board.

18 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a
19 license by endorsement to engage in the practice of audiology or speech
20 pathology pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the
21 applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the
22 application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board
23 shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement to engage in the
24 practice of audiology or speech pathology, as applicable, to the applicant not later
25 than 45 days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board
26 to complete the application.

27 4. A license by endorsement to engage in the practice of audiology or
28 speech pathology may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings
29 by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of
30 the Board.

31 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
32 by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional
33 license authorizing an applicant to engage in the practice of audiology or speech
34 pathology, as applicable, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

35 6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
36 417.005.

37 Sec. 42. NRS 637B.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 637B.160 1. ~~1.A~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 41 of this act,
39 an applicant for a license to engage in the practice of audiology or speech
40 pathology must be issued a license by the Board if the applicant:

41 (a) Is over the age of 21 years;

42 (b) Is a citizen of the United States, or is lawfully entitled to remain and work
43 in the United States;

44 (c) Is of good moral character;

45 (d) Meets the requirements for education or training and experience provided
46 by subsection 2;

47 (e) Has completed at least 300 clock hours of supervised clinical experience in
48 audiology or speech pathology, or both;

49 (f) Applies for the license in the manner provided by the Board;

50 (g) Passes any examination required by this chapter;

51 (h) Pays the fees provided for in this chapter; and

52 (i) Submits all information required to complete an application for a license.

2. An applicant must possess a master's degree in audiology or in speech pathology from an accredited educational institution or possess equivalent training and experience. If an applicant seeks to qualify on the basis of equivalent training and experience, the applicant must submit to the Board satisfactory evidence that he or she has obtained at least 60 semester credits, or equivalent quarter credits, in courses related to the normal development, function and use of speech and language or hearing, including, but not limited to, the management of disorders of speech or hearing and the legal, professional and ethical practices of audiology or speech pathology. At least 24 of the 60 credits, excluding any credits obtained for a thesis or dissertation, must have been obtained for courses directly relating to audiology or speech pathology.

Sec. 43. NRS 637B.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

637B.230 1. The Board shall charge and collect only the following fees whose amounts must be determined by the Board, but may not exceed:

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| Application fee for a license to practice speech pathology | \$100 |
| Application fee for a license to practice audiology | 100 |
| Annual fee for the renewal of a license | 50 |
| Reinstatement fee..... | 75 |

2. If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to section 41 of this act, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.

3. All fees are payable in advance and may not be refunded.

Sec. 44. Chapter 639 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 45 and 46 of this act.

Sec. 45. 1. The Board may issue a certificate by endorsement as a registered pharmacist to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a certificate if the applicant:

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted certificate as a registered pharmacist in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. An applicant for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the applicant holds a certificate as a registered pharmacist; and

(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct; and

(c) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a certificate by endorsement as a registered pharmacist pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the

1 application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a
2 certificate by endorsement as a registered pharmacist to the applicant not later
3 than 45 days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board
4 to complete the application.

5 4. A certificate by endorsement as a registered pharmacist may be issued at
6 a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board.
7 Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

8 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a
9 certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a
10 provisional certificate as a registered pharmacist to an applicant in accordance
11 with regulations adopted by the Board.

12 6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
13 417.005.

14 Sec. 46. 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to conduct a
15 pharmacy to an applicant who is a natural person and who meets the
16 requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an
17 application for such a license if the applicant:

18 (a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to conduct a
19 pharmacy in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United
20 States; and

21 (b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed
22 Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

23 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must
24 submit to the Board with his or her application:

25 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

26 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

27 (2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to
28 work in the United States;

29 (3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
30 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which
31 the applicant holds a license to conduct a pharmacy; and

32 (4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
33 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

34 (b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
35 any accompanying material is true and correct; and

36 (c) Any other information required by the Board.

37 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a
38 license by endorsement to conduct a pharmacy pursuant to this section, the
39 Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information
40 required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the
41 application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a
42 license by endorsement to conduct a pharmacy to the applicant not later than 45
43 days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to
44 complete the application.

45 4. A license by endorsement to conduct a pharmacy may be issued at a
46 meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such
47 an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

48 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
49 by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional
50 license to conduct a pharmacy to an applicant in accordance with regulations
51 adopted by the Board.

52 6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
53 417.005.

1 **Sec. 47. NRS 639.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

2 639.015 “Registered pharmacist” means:

3 1. A person registered in this State as such on July 1, 1947;

4 2. A person registered in this State as such in compliance with the provisions
5 of paragraph (c) of section 3 of chapter 195, Statutes of Nevada 1951; or

6 3. A person who has complied with the provisions of NRS 639.120, **639.134**
7 **or section 45 of this act** and whose name has been entered in the registry of
8 pharmacists of this State by the Executive Secretary of the Board and to whom a
9 valid certificate **or certificate by endorsement** as a registered pharmacist or valid
10 renewal thereof has been issued by the Board.

11 **Sec. 48. NRS 639.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

12 639.120 1. ~~1. A~~ **Except as otherwise provided in NRS 639.134 and section**
13 **45 of this act, an** applicant to become a registered pharmacist in this State must:

14 (a) Be of good moral character.

15 (b) Be a graduate of a college of pharmacy or department of pharmacy of a
16 university accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education or
17 Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs and approved by the
18 Board or a graduate of a foreign school who has passed an examination for foreign
19 graduates approved by the Board to demonstrate that his or her education is
20 equivalent.

21 (c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 622.090:

22 (1) Pass an examination approved and given by the Board with a grade of
23 at least 75 on the examination as a whole and a grade of at least 75 on the
24 examination on law.

25 (2) If he or she is an applicant for registration by reciprocity, pass the
26 examination on law with at least a grade of 75.

27 (d) Complete not less than 1,500 hours of practical pharmaceutical experience
28 as an intern pharmacist under the direct and immediate supervision of a registered
29 pharmacist.

30 2. The practical pharmaceutical experience required pursuant to paragraph (d)
31 of subsection 1 must relate primarily to the selling of drugs, poisons and devices,
32 the compounding and dispensing of prescriptions, preparing prescriptions and
33 keeping records and preparing reports required by state and federal statutes.

34 3. The Board may accept evidence of compliance with the requirements set
35 forth in paragraph (d) of subsection 1 from boards of pharmacy of other states in
36 which the experience requirement is equivalent to the requirements in this State.

37 **Sec. 49. NRS 639.127 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

38 639.127 1. An applicant for registration as a pharmacist in this State must
39 submit an application to the Executive Secretary of the Board on a form furnished
40 by the Board and must pay the fee fixed by the Board. The fee must be paid at the
41 time the application is submitted and is compensation to the Board for the
42 investigation and the examination of the applicant. Under no circumstances may the
43 fee be refunded.

44 2. Proof of the qualifications of any applicant must be made to the satisfaction
45 of the Board and must be substantiated by affidavits, records or such other evidence
46 as the Board may require.

47 3. An application is only valid for 1 year after the date it is received by the
48 Board unless the Board extends its period of validity.

49 4. A certificate of registration as a pharmacist must be issued to each person
50 who the Board determines is qualified pursuant to the provisions of NRS 639.120
51 and 639.134, ~~1. A~~ **and section 45 of this act.** The certificate entitles the person to
52 whom it is issued to practice pharmacy in this State.

53 **Sec. 50. NRS 639.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

639.170 1. The Board shall charge and collect not more than the following fees for the following services:

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|---|--------------------------------|
| For the examination of an applicant for registration as a pharmacist | Actual cost of the examination |
| For the investigation or registration of an applicant as a registered pharmacist | \$200 |
| For the investigation, examination or registration of an applicant as a registered pharmacist by reciprocity | 300 |
| For the investigation or issuance of an original license to conduct a retail pharmacy | 600 |
| For the biennial renewal of a license to conduct a retail pharmacy | 500 |
| For the investigation or issuance of an original license to conduct an institutional pharmacy | 600 |
| For the biennial renewal of a license to conduct an institutional pharmacy | 500 |
| For the issuance of an original or duplicate certificate of registration as a registered pharmacist | 50 |
| For the biennial renewal of registration as a registered pharmacist | 200 |
| For the reinstatement of a lapsed registration (in addition to the fees for renewal for the period of lapse) | 100 |
| For the initial registration of a pharmaceutical technician or pharmaceutical technician in training | 50 |
| For the biennial renewal of registration of a pharmaceutical technician or pharmaceutical technician in training | 50 |
| For the investigation or registration of an intern pharmacist | 50 |
| For the biennial renewal of registration as an intern pharmacist | 40 |
| For investigation or issuance of an original license to a manufacturer or wholesaler | 500 |
| For the biennial renewal of a license for a manufacturer or wholesaler | 500 |
| For the reissuance of a license issued to a pharmacy, when no change of ownership is involved, but the license must be reissued because of a change in the information required thereon | 100 |
| For authorization of a practitioner to dispense controlled substances or dangerous drugs, or both | 300 |
| For the biennial renewal of authorization of a practitioner to dispense controlled substances or dangerous drugs, or both | 300 |

2. *If an applicant submits an application for a certificate of registration or a license by endorsement pursuant to section 45 or 46 of this act, as applicable, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection 1, respectively, for:*

1 (a) The initial registration and issuance of an original certificate of
2 registration as a registered pharmacist.

3 (b) The issuance of an original license to conduct a retail or an institutional
4 pharmacy.

5 3. If a person requests a special service from the Board or requests the Board
6 to convene a special meeting, the person must pay the actual costs to the Board as a
7 condition precedent to the rendition of the special service or the convening of the
8 special meeting.

9 ~~2.~~ 4. All fees are payable in advance and are not refundable.

10 ~~4.~~ 5. The Board may, by regulation, set the penalty for failure to pay the fee
11 for renewal for any license, permit, authorization or certificate within the statutory
12 period, at an amount not to exceed 100 percent of the fee for renewal for each year
13 of delinquency in addition to the fees for renewal for each year of delinquency.

14 **Sec. 51. NRS 639.231 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

15 639.231 1. An application to conduct a pharmacy must be made on a form
16 furnished by the Board and must state the name, address, usual occupation and
17 professional qualifications, if any, of the applicant. If the applicant is other than a
18 natural person, the application must state such information as to each person
19 beneficially interested therein.

20 2. As used in subsection 1, and subject to the provisions of subsection 3, the
21 term "person beneficially interested" means:

22 (a) If the applicant is a partnership or other unincorporated association, each
23 partner or member.

24 (b) If the applicant is a corporation, each of its officers, directors and
25 stockholders, provided that no natural person shall be deemed to be beneficially
26 interested in a nonprofit corporation.

27 3. If the applicant is a partnership, unincorporated association or corporation
28 and the number of partners, members or stockholders, as the case may be, exceeds
29 four, the application must so state, and must list each of the four partners, members
30 or stockholders who own the four largest interests in the applicant entity and state
31 their percentages of interest. Upon request of the Executive Secretary of the Board,
32 the applicant shall furnish the Board with information as to partners, members or
33 stockholders not named in the application or shall refer the Board to an appropriate
34 source of such information.

35 4. The completed application form must be returned to the Board with the fee
36 prescribed by the Board, which may not be refunded. ~~Any~~ Except as otherwise
37 provided in section 46 of this act, any application which is not complete as
38 required by the provisions of this section may not be presented to the Board for
39 consideration.

40 ~~Upon~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 46 of this act, upon
41 compliance with all the provisions of this section and upon approval of the
42 application by the Board, the Executive Secretary shall issue a license to the
43 applicant to conduct a pharmacy. Any other provision of law notwithstanding, such
44 a license authorizes the holder to conduct a pharmacy and to sell and dispense drugs
45 and poisons and devices and appliances that are restricted by federal law to sale by
46 or on the order of a physician.

47 **Sec. 52. Chapter 640 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new**
48 **section to read as follows:**

49 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement as a physical therapist to
50 an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant
51 may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:

1 (a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license as a physical
2 therapist in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;
3 and

4 (b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed
5 Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

6 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must
7 submit to the Board with his or her application:

8 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

9 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

10 (2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to
11 work in the United States;

12 (3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
13 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which
14 the applicant holds a license as a physical therapist; and

15 (4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
16 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

17 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the
18 Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 640.090;

19 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
20 any accompanying material is true and correct;

21 (d) A fee in the amount set by a regulation of the Board pursuant to
22 paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 640.090 for an application for a license;
23 and

24 (e) Any other information required by the Board.

25 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a
26 license by endorsement as a physical therapist pursuant to this section, the Board
27 shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information
28 required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the
29 application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a
30 license by endorsement as a physical therapist to the applicant not later than:

31 (a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by
32 the Board to complete the application; or

33 (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background
34 based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,
35 whichever occurs later.

36 4. A license by endorsement as a physical therapist may be issued at a
37 meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the Chair of the Board. Such an
38 action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

39 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
40 by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional
41 license authorizing an applicant to practice as a physical therapist in accordance
42 with regulations adopted by the Board.

43 6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
44 417.005.

45 Sec. 53. NRS 640.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

46 640.080 ~~+~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 52 of this act, to be
47 eligible for licensure by the Board as a physical therapist, an applicant must:

48 1. Be of good moral character;

49 2. Have graduated from a school in which he or she completed a curriculum
50 of physical therapy approved by the Board; and

51 3. Pass to the satisfaction of the Board an examination designated by the
52 Board, unless he or she is entitled to licensure without examination as provided in
53 NRS 640.120 or 640.140.

1 **Sec. 54. NRS 640.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

2 640.090 1. Unless he or she is entitled to licensure under NRS 640.120 or
3 640.140, or section 52 of this act, a person who desires to be licensed as a physical
4 therapist must:

5 ~~1-1~~ (a) Apply to the Board, in writing, on a form furnished by the Board;

6 ~~1-2~~ (b) Include in the application evidence, under oath, satisfactory to the
7 Board, that the person possesses the qualifications required by NRS 640.080 other
8 than having passed the examination;

9 ~~1-3~~ (c) Pay to the Board at the time of filing the application a fee set by a
10 regulation of the Board in an amount not to exceed \$300;

11 ~~1-4~~ (d) Submit to the Board with the application a complete set of fingerprints
12 which the Board may forward to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of
13 Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its
14 report;

15 ~~1-5~~ (e) Submit other documentation and proof the Board may require; and

16 ~~1-6~~ (f) Submit all other information required to complete the application.

17 2. If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement
18 pursuant to section 52 of this act, the Board shall collect not more than one-half
19 of the fee specified in paragraph (c) of subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the
20 license.

21 **Sec. 55. Chapter 640A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a**
22 **new section to read as follows:**

23 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement as an occupational
24 therapist to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An
25 applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the
26 applicant:

27 (a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license as an occupational
28 therapist in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;
29 and

30 (b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed
31 Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

32 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must
33 submit to the Board with his or her application:

34 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

35 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

36 (2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to
37 work in the United States;

38 (3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
39 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which
40 the applicant holds a license as an occupational therapist; and

41 (4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
42 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

43 (b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
44 any accompanying material is true and correct;

45 (c) A fee in the amount set by a regulation of the Board pursuant to NRS
46 640A.190 for the initial issuance of a license; and

47 (d) Any other information required by the Board.

48 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a
49 license by endorsement as an occupational therapist pursuant to this section, the
50 Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information
51 required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the
52 application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a
53 license by endorsement as an occupational therapist to the applicant not later

1 than 45 days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board
2 to complete the application.

3 4. A license by endorsement as an occupational therapist may be issued at a
4 meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the Chair of the Board. Such an
5 action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

6 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
7 by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional
8 license authorizing an applicant to practice as an occupational therapist in
9 accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

10 6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
11 417.005.

12 **Sec. 56. NRS 640A.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

13 640A.120 ~~+~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 55 of this act, to be
14 eligible for licensing by the Board as an occupational therapist or occupational
15 therapy assistant, an applicant must:

16 1. Be a natural person of good moral character.

17 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 640A.130, have satisfied the
18 academic requirements of an educational program approved by the Board. The
19 Board shall not approve an educational program designed to qualify a person to
20 practice as an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant unless the
21 program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy
22 Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., or its successor
23 organization.

24 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 640A.130, have successfully
25 completed:

26 (a) If the application is for licensing as an occupational therapist, 24 weeks; or

27 (b) If the application is for licensing as an occupational therapy assistant, 16
28 weeks,

29 ~~↳~~ of supervised fieldwork experience approved by the Board. The Board shall not
30 approve any supervised experience unless the experience was sponsored by the
31 American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., or its successor organization, or
32 the educational institution at which the applicant satisfied the requirements of
33 subsection 2.

34 4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 640A.160 and 640A.170, pass an
35 examination approved by the Board.

36 **Sec. 57. NRS 640A.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

37 640A.140 1. ~~+~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 55 of this act, a
38 person who desires to be licensed by the Board as an occupational therapist or
39 occupational therapy assistant must:

40 (a) Submit an application to the Board on a form furnished by the Board; and

41 (b) Provide evidence satisfactory to the Board that he or she possesses the
42 qualifications required pursuant to subsections 1, 2 and 3 of NRS 640A.120.

43 2. The application must include all information required to complete the
44 application.

45 **Sec. 58. NRS 640A.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

46 640A.190 1. The Board may by regulation establish reasonable fees for:

47 (a) The examination of an applicant for a license;

48 (b) The initial issuance of a license;

49 (c) The issuance of a temporary license;

50 (d) The renewal of a license; and

51 (e) The late renewal of a license.

52 2. ~~+~~ If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement
53 pursuant to section 55 of this act, the Board shall collect not more than one-half

1 of the fee established pursuant to subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the
2 license.

3 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the fees must be set in such
4 an amount as to reimburse the Board for the cost of carrying out the provisions of
5 this chapter.

6 Sec. 59. Chapter 640C of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
7 new section to read as follows:

8 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice massage
9 therapy to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An
10 applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the
11 applicant:

12 (a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice massage
13 therapy in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;
14 and

15 (b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed
16 Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

17 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must
18 submit to the Board with his or her application:

19 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

20 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

21 (2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to
22 work in the United States;

23 (3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
24 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which
25 the applicant holds a license to practice massage therapy; and

26 (4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
27 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

28 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the
29 Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 640C.400;

30 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
31 any accompanying material is true and correct;

32 (d) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 640C.520 for the
33 application for and initial issuance of a license; and

34 (e) Any other information required by the Board.

35 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a
36 license by endorsement to practice massage therapy pursuant to this section, the
37 Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information
38 required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the
39 application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a
40 license by endorsement to practice massage therapy to the applicant not later
41 than:

42 (a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by
43 the Board to complete the application; or

44 (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background
45 based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

46 ↳ whichever occurs later.

47 4. A license by endorsement to practice massage therapy may be issued at a
48 meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the Chair and Executive
49 Director of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the
50 Board.

51 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
52 by endorsement, the Board may grant a provisional license authorizing an

1 applicant to practice as a massage therapist in accordance with regulations
2 adopted by the Board.

3 6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
4 417.005.

5 Sec. 60. NRS 640C.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 640C.400 1. The Board may issue a license to practice massage therapy.

7 2. An applicant for a license must:

8 (a) Be at least 18 years of age;

9 (b) ~~Submit~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 59 of this act, submit
10 to the Board:

11 (1) A completed application on a form prescribed by the Board;

12 (2) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 640C.520;

13 (3) Proof that the applicant has successfully completed a program of
14 massage therapy recognized by the Board;

15 (4) A certified statement issued by the licensing authority in each state,
16 territory or possession of the United States or the District of Columbia in which the
17 applicant is or has been licensed to practice massage therapy verifying that:

18 (I) The applicant has not been involved in any disciplinary action
19 relating to his or her license to practice massage therapy; and

20 (II) Disciplinary proceedings relating to his or her license to practice
21 massage therapy are not pending;

22 (5) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 640C.440, a complete set of
23 fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the
24 fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for
25 submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report;

26 (6) The names and addresses of five natural persons not related to the
27 applicant and not business associates of the applicant who are willing to serve as
28 character references;

29 (7) A statement authorizing the Board or its designee to conduct an
30 investigation to determine the accuracy of any statements set forth in the
31 application; and

32 (8) If required by the Board, a financial questionnaire; and

33 (c) In addition to any examination required pursuant to NRS 640C.320, ~~+~~ and
34 except as otherwise provided in section 59 of this act:

35 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, pass a written
36 examination administered by any board that is accredited by the National
37 Commission for Certifying Agencies, or its successor organization, to examine
38 massage therapists; or

39 (2) At the applicant's discretion and in lieu of a written examination, pass
40 an oral examination prescribed by the Board.

41 3. If the Board determines that the examinations being administered pursuant
42 to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (c) of subsection 2 are inadequately testing the
43 knowledge and competency of applicants, the Board shall prepare or cause to be
44 prepared its own written examination to test the knowledge and competency of
45 applicants. Such an examination must be offered not less than four times each year.
46 The location of the examination must alternate between Clark County and Washoe
47 County. Upon request, the Board must provide a list of approved interpreters at the
48 location of the examination to interpret the examination for an applicant who, as
49 determined by the Board, requires an interpreter for the examination.

50 4. The Board shall recognize a program of massage therapy that is:

51 (a) Approved by the Commission on Postsecondary Education; or

52 (b) Offered by a public college in this State or any other state.

53 ➔ The Board may recognize other programs of massage therapy.

1 5. ~~The~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 59 of this act, the Board or
2 its donee shall:

3 (a) Conduct an investigation to determine:

4 (1) The reputation and character of the applicant;

5 (2) The existence and contents of any record of arrests or convictions of
6 the applicant;

7 (3) The existence and nature of any pending litigation involving the
8 applicant that would affect his or her suitability for licensure; and

9 (4) The accuracy and completeness of any information submitted to the
10 Board by the applicant;

11 (b) If the Board determines that it is unable to conduct a complete
12 investigation, require the applicant to submit a financial questionnaire and
13 investigate the financial background and each source of funding of the applicant;

14 (c) Report the results of the investigation of the applicant within the period the
15 Board establishes by regulation pursuant to NRS 640C.320; and

16 (d) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.0115, maintain the results of the
17 investigation in a confidential manner for use by the Board and its members and
18 employees in carrying out their duties pursuant to this chapter. The provisions of
19 this paragraph do not prohibit the Board or its members or employees from
20 communicating or cooperating with or providing any documents or other
21 information to any other licensing board or any other federal, state or local agency
22 that is investigating a person, including, without limitation, a law enforcement
23 agency.

24 **Sec. 61. NRS 640C.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

25 640C.520 1. The Board shall establish a schedule of fees and charges. The
26 fees for the following items must not exceed the following amounts:

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| 27 | An examination established by the Board pursuant to this chapter..... | \$600 |
| 28 | An application for a license | 300 |
| 29 | An application for a license without an examination | 300 |
| 30 | A background check of an applicant..... | 600 |
| 31 | The issuance of a license..... | 400 |
| 32 | The renewal of a license | 200 |
| 33 | The restoration of an expired license | 500 |
| 34 | The reinstatement of a suspended or revoked license | 500 |
| 35 | The issuance of a replacement license | 75 |
| 36 | The restoration of an inactive license..... | 300 |
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39 2. If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement
40 pursuant to section 59 of this act, the Board shall collect not more than one-half
41 of the fee specified in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.

42 3. The total fees collected by the Board pursuant to this section must not
43 exceed the amount of money necessary for the operation of the Board and for the
44 maintenance of an adequate reserve.

45 **Sec. 62. Chapter 641 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the**
46 **provisions set forth as sections 63 and 64 of this act.**

47 **Sec. 63. 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement as a**
48 **psychologist or behavior analyst to an applicant who meets the requirements set**
49 **forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for**
50 **such a license if the applicant:**

51 (a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license as a psychologist or
52 behavior analyst, as applicable, in the District of Columbia or any state or
53 territory of the United States; and

1 (b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed
2 Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

3 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must
4 submit to the Board with his or her application:

5 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

6 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

7 (2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to
8 work in the United States;

9 (3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
10 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which
11 the applicant holds a license as a psychologist or behavior analyst, as applicable;
12 and

13 (4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
14 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

15 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the
16 Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 641.160;

17 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
18 any accompanying material is true and correct;

19 (d) The fee prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641.370 for the
20 issuance of an initial license; and

21 (e) Any other information required by the Board.

22 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a
23 license by endorsement as a psychologist or behavior analyst pursuant to this
24 section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional
25 information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board
26 denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application
27 and issue a license by endorsement as a psychologist or behavior analyst, as
28 applicable, to the applicant not later than:

29 (a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by
30 the Board to complete the application; or

31 (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background
32 based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

33 whichever occurs later.

34 4. A license by endorsement as a psychologist or behavior analyst may be
35 issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the
36 Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

37 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
38 by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional
39 license authorizing an applicant to practice as a psychologist or behavior analyst,
40 as applicable, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

41 6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
42 417.005.

43 Sec. 64. 1. The Board may issue a certificate by endorsement as an
44 autism behavior interventionist to an applicant who meets the requirements set
45 forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for
46 such a certificate if the applicant:

47 (a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted certificate as an autism
48 behavior interventionist in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the
49 United States; and

50 (b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed
51 Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

52 2. An applicant for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section
53 must submit to the Board with his or her application:

- 1 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:
2 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;
3 (2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to
4 work in the United States;
5 (3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
6 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which
7 the applicant holds a certificate as an autism behavior interventionist; and
8 (4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
9 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;
10 (b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
11 any accompanying material is true and correct;
12 (c) The fee prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641.370 for the
13 issuance of an initial certificate; and
14 (d) Any other information required by the Board.
15 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a
16 certificate by endorsement as an autism behavior interventionist pursuant to this
17 section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional
18 information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board
19 denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application
20 and issue a certificate by endorsement as an autism behavior interventionist to
21 the applicant not later than 45 days after receiving all the additional information
22 required by the Board to complete the application.
23 4. A certificate by endorsement as an autism behavior interventionist may
24 be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of
25 the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.
26 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a
27 certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a
28 provisional certificate authorizing an applicant to practice as an autism behavior
29 interventionist in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.
30 6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
31 417.005.
32 **Sec. 65. NRS 641.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:**
33 641.170 1. ~~Each~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 63 of this act,
34 each application for licensure as a psychologist must be accompanied by evidence
35 satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:
36 (a) Is at least 21 years of age.
37 (b) Is of good moral character as determined by the Board.
38 (c) Is a citizen of the United States, or is lawfully entitled to remain and work
39 in the United States.
40 (d) Has earned a doctorate in psychology from an accredited educational
41 institution approved by the Board, or has other doctorate-level training from an
42 accredited educational institution deemed equivalent by the Board in both subject
43 matter and extent of training.
44 (e) Has at least 2 years of experience satisfactory to the Board, 1 year of which
45 must be postdoctoral experience in accordance with the requirements established by
46 regulations of the Board.
47 2. ~~Each~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 63 of this act, each
48 application for licensure as a behavior analyst must be accompanied by evidence
49 satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:
50 (a) Is at least 21 years of age.
51 (b) Is of good moral character as determined by the Board.
52 (c) Is a citizen of the United States, or is lawfully entitled to remain and work
53 in the United States.

1 (d) Has earned a master's degree from an accredited college or university in a
2 field of social science or special education and holds a current certification as a
3 Board Certified Behavior Analyst by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board,
4 Inc., or any successor in interest to that organization.

5 (e) Has completed other education, training or experience in accordance with
6 the requirements established by regulations of the Board.

7 (f) Has completed satisfactorily a written examination in Nevada law and
8 ethical practice as administered by the Board.

9 3. Each application for licensure as an assistant behavior analyst must be
10 accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

11 (a) Is at least 21 years of age.

12 (b) Is of good moral character as determined by the Board.

13 (c) Is a citizen of the United States, or is lawfully entitled to remain and work
14 in the United States.

15 (d) Has earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in
16 a field of social science or special education approved by the Board and holds a
17 current certification as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst by the Behavior Analyst
18 Certification Board, Inc., or any successor in interest to that organization.

19 (e) Has completed other education, training or experience in accordance with
20 the requirements established by regulations of the Board.

21 (f) Has completed satisfactorily a written examination in Nevada law and
22 ethical practice as administered by the Board.

23 4. ~~Within~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 63 of this act, within 120
24 days after receiving an application and the accompanying evidence from an
25 applicant, the Board shall:

26 (a) Evaluate the application and accompanying evidence and determine
27 whether the applicant is qualified pursuant to this section for licensure; and

28 (b) Issue a written statement to the applicant of its determination.

29 5. The written statement issued to the applicant pursuant to subsection 4 must
30 include:

31 (a) If the Board determines that the qualifications of the applicant are
32 insufficient for licensure, a detailed explanation of the reasons for that
33 determination.

34 (b) If the applicant for licensure as a psychologist has not earned a doctorate in
35 psychology from an accredited educational institution approved by the Board and
36 the Board determines that the doctorate-level training from an accredited
37 educational institution is not equivalent in subject matter and extent of training, a
38 detailed explanation of the reasons for that determination.

39 **Sec. 66. NRS 641.172 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

40 641.172 1. ~~Each~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 64 of this act,
41 each application for certification as an autism behavior interventionist must be
42 accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

43 (a) Is at least 18 years of age.

44 (b) Is of good moral character as determined by the Board.

45 (c) Is a citizen of the United States, or is lawfully entitled to remain and work
46 in the United States.

47 (d) Has completed satisfactorily a written examination in Nevada law and
48 ethical practice as administered by the Board.

49 (e) Has completed satisfactorily a standardized practical examination
50 developed and approved by the Board. The examination must be conducted by the
51 applicant's supervisor, who shall make a videotape or other audio and visual
52 recording of the applicant's performance of the examination for submission to the

1 Board. The Board may review the recording as part of its evaluation of the
2 applicant's qualifications.

3 2. ~~Without~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 64 of this act, within 120
4 days after receiving an application and the accompanying evidence from an
5 applicant, the Board shall:

6 (a) Evaluate the application and accompanying evidence and determine
7 whether the applicant is qualified pursuant to this section for certification as an
8 autism behavior interventionist; and

9 (b) Issue a written statement to the applicant of its determination.

10 3. If the Board determines that the qualifications of the applicant are
11 insufficient for certification, the written statement issued to the applicant pursuant
12 to subsection 2 must include a detailed explanation of the reasons for that
13 determination.

14 **Sec. 67. NRS 641.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

15 641.180 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS 641.190,
16 and section 63 of this act, each applicant for a license as a psychologist must pass
17 the national examination. In addition to the national examination, the Board may
18 require an examination in whatever applied or theoretical fields it deems
19 appropriate.

20 2. The Board shall notify each applicant of the results of the national
21 examination and any other examination required pursuant to subsection 1.

22 3. The Board may waive the requirement of the national examination for a
23 person who:

24 (a) Is licensed in another state;

25 (b) Has at least 10 years' experience; and

26 (c) Is a diplomate in the American Board of Professional Psychology or a
27 fellow in the American Psychological Association, or who has other equivalent
28 status as determined by the Board.

29 **Sec. 68. NRS 641.370 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

30 641.370 1. The Board shall charge and collect not more than the following
31 fees respectively:

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| 32 | | |
| 33 | For the national examination, in addition to the actual cost to the | |
| 34 | Board of the examination..... | \$100 |
| 35 | For any other examination required pursuant to the provisions of | |
| 36 | subsection 1 of NRS 641.180, in addition to the actual costs | |
| 37 | to the Board of the examination..... | 100 |
| 38 | For the issuance of an initial license or certificate..... | 25 |
| 39 | For the biennial renewal of a license of a psychologist..... | 500 |
| 40 | For the biennial renewal of a license of a licensed behavior | |
| 41 | analyst..... | 400 |
| 42 | For the biennial renewal of a license of a licensed assistant | |
| 43 | behavior analyst..... | 275 |
| 44 | For the biennial renewal of a certificate of a certified autism | |
| 45 | behavior interventionist..... | 175 |
| 46 | For the restoration of a license suspended for the nonpayment of | |
| 47 | the biennial fee for the renewal of a license..... | 100 |
| 48 | For the registration of a firm, partnership or corporation which | |
| 49 | engages in or offers to engage in the practice of psychology..... | 300 |
| 50 | For the registration of a nonresident to practice as a consultant..... | 100 |
| 51 | | |

52 2. An applicant who passes the national examination and any other
53 examination required pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 641.180

1 and who is eligible for a license as a psychologist shall pay the biennial fee for the
2 renewal of a license, which must be prorated for the period from the date the license
3 is issued to the end of the biennium.

4 3. An applicant who passes the examination and is eligible for a license as a
5 behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst or a certificate as a autism behavior
6 interventionist shall pay the biennial fee for the renewal of a license or certificate,
7 which must be prorated for the period from the date the license or certificate is
8 issued to the end of the biennium.

9 4. ~~4.4~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, in addition to the fees
10 set forth in subsection 1, the Board may charge and collect a fee for the expedited
11 processing of a request or for any other incidental service it provides. The fee must
12 not exceed the cost to provide the service.

13 5. If an applicant submits an application for a license or certificate by
14 endorsement pursuant to section 63 or 64 of this act, as applicable, the Board
15 shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the
16 initial issuance of the license or certificate.

17 Sec. 69. Chapter 641A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
18 new section to read as follows:

19 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice as a marriage
20 and family therapist or clinical professional counselor to an applicant who meets
21 the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board
22 an application for such a license if the applicant:

23 (a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license as a marriage and
24 family therapist or clinical professional counselor, as applicable, in the District of
25 Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

26 (b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed
27 Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

28 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must
29 submit to the Board with his or her application:

30 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

31 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

32 (2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to
33 work in the United States;

34 (3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
35 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which
36 the applicant holds a license as a marriage and family therapist or clinical
37 professional counselor, as applicable; and

38 (4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
39 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

40 (b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
41 any accompanying material is true and correct;

42 (c) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641A.290 for the
43 application for and initial issuance of a license; and

44 (d) Any other information required by the Board.

45 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a
46 license by endorsement to practice as a marriage and family therapist or clinical
47 professional counselor pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written
48 notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to
49 consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause,
50 the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement to
51 practice as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor, as
52 applicable, to the applicant not later than 45 days after receiving all the
53 additional information required by the Board to complete the application.

1 4. A license by endorsement to practice as a marriage and family therapist
2 or clinical professional counselor may be issued at a meeting of the Board or
3 between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be
4 deemed to be an action of the Board.

5 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
6 by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional
7 license authorizing an applicant to practice as a marriage and family therapist or
8 clinical professional counselor, as applicable, in accordance with regulations
9 adopted by the Board.

10 6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
11 417.005.

12 **Sec. 70. NRS 641A.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

13 641A.220 ~~Each~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 69 of this act,
14 each applicant for a license to practice as a marriage and family therapist must
15 furnish evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

- 16 1. Is at least 21 years of age;
- 17 2. Is of good moral character;
- 18 3. Is a citizen of the United States, or is lawfully entitled to remain and work
19 in the United States;
- 20 4. Has completed residency training in psychiatry from an accredited
21 institution approved by the Board, has a graduate degree in marriage and family
22 therapy, psychology or social work from an accredited institution approved by the
23 Board or has completed other education and training which is deemed equivalent by
24 the Board;
- 25 5. Has:
 - 26 (a) At least 2 years of postgraduate experience in marriage and family therapy;
 - 27 and
 - 28 (b) At least 3,000 hours of supervised experience in marriage and family
29 therapy, of which at least 1,500 hours must consist of direct contact with clients;
30 and
- 31 6. Holds an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution approved by
32 the Board.

33 **Sec. 71. NRS 641A.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

34 641A.230 1. ~~Each~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, ~~and~~ section
35 69 of this act, each qualified applicant for a license to practice as a marriage and
36 family therapist must pass a written examination given by the Board on his or her
37 knowledge of marriage and family therapy. Examinations must be given at a time
38 and place and under such supervision as the Board may determine.

39 2. The Board shall accept receipt of a passing grade by a qualified applicant
40 on the national examination sponsored by the Association of Marital and Family
41 Therapy Regulatory Boards in lieu of requiring a written examination pursuant to
42 subsection 1.

43 3. In addition to the requirements of subsections 1 and 2, the Board may
44 require an oral examination. The Board may examine applicants in whatever
45 applied or theoretical fields it deems appropriate.

46 **Sec. 72. NRS 641A.231 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

47 641A.231 ~~Each~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 69 of this act,
48 each applicant for a license to practice as a clinical professional counselor must
49 furnish evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

- 50 1. Is at least 21 years of age;
- 51 2. Is of good moral character;
- 52 3. Is a citizen of the United States, or is lawfully entitled to remain and work
53 in the United States;

1 4. Has:

2 (a) Completed residency training in psychiatry from an accredited institution
3 approved by the Board;

4 (b) A graduate degree from a program approved by the Council for
5 Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs as a program in
6 mental health counseling or community counseling; or

7 (c) An acceptable degree as determined by the Board which includes the
8 completion of a practicum and internship in mental health counseling which was
9 taken concurrently with the degree program and was supervised by a licensed
10 mental health professional; and

11 5. Has:

12 (a) At least 2 years of postgraduate experience in professional counseling;

13 (b) At least 3,000 hours of supervised experience in professional counseling
14 which includes, without limitation:

15 (1) At least 1,500 hours of direct contact with clients; and

16 (2) At least 100 hours of counseling under the direct supervision of an
17 approved supervisor of which at least 1 hour per week was completed for each
18 work setting at which the applicant provided counseling; and

19 (c) Passed the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination which
20 is administered by the National Board for Certified Counselors.

21 **Sec. 73. NRS 641A.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

22 641A.290 **1.** The Board shall charge and collect not more than the following
23 fees, respectively:

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| 24 | For application for a license..... | \$75 |
| 25 | For examination of an applicant for a license | 200 |
| 26 | For issuance of a license..... | 50 |
| 27 | For annual renewal of a license..... | 150 |
| 28 | For reinstatement of a license revoked for nonpayment of the fee | |
| 29 | for renewal..... | 100 |
| 30 | For an inactive license | 150 |
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| 32 | | |

33 **2. If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement**
34 **pursuant to section 69 of this act, the Board shall collect not more than one-half**
35 **of the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.**

36 **Sec. 74. Chapter 641B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a**
37 **new section to read as follows:**

38 **1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to engage in social work**
39 **to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant**
40 **may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:**

41 **(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to engage in social**
42 **work in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and**

43 **(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed**
44 **Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.**

45 **2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must**
46 **submit to the Board with his or her application:**

47 **(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:**

48 **(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;**

49 **(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to**
50 **work in the United States;**

51 **(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding**
52 **regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which**
53 **the applicant holds a license to engage in social work;**

1 (4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
 2 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

3 (5) Is currently engaged in social work under the license held required by
 4 paragraph (a) of subsection 1;

5 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the
 6 Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 641B.202;

7 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
 8 any accompanying material is true and correct; and

9 (d) Any other information required by the Board.

10 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a
 11 license by endorsement to engage in social work pursuant to this section, the
 12 Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information
 13 required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the
 14 application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a
 15 license by endorsement to engage in social work to the applicant not later than:

16 (a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by
 17 the Board to complete the application; or

18 (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background
 19 based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

20 whichever occurs later.

21 4. A license by endorsement to engage in social work may be issued at a
 22 meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such
 23 an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

24 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
 25 by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional
 26 license authorizing an applicant to engage in social work in accordance with
 27 regulations adopted by the Board.

28 6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
 29 417.005.

30 Sec. 75. NRS 641B.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 641B.250 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 641B.270 and
 32 641B.275, and section 74 of this act, before the issuance of a license, each
 33 applicant, otherwise eligible for licensure, who has paid the fee and presented the
 34 required credentials, other than an applicant for a license to engage in social work
 35 as an associate in social work, must appear personally and pass an examination
 36 concerning his or her knowledge of the practice of social work.

37 2. Any such examination must be fair and impartial, practical in character
 38 with questions designed to discover the applicant's fitness.

39 3. The Board may employ specialists and other professional consultants or
 40 examining services in conducting the examination.

41 4. The member of the Board who is the representative of the general public
 42 shall not participate in the grading of the examination.

43 5. The Board shall examine applicants for licensure at least twice a year.

44 Sec. 76. NRS 641B.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

45 641B.300 1. The Board shall charge and collect fees not to exceed the
 46 following amounts for:

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| 47 | | |
| 48 | Initial application | \$40 |
| 49 | Provisional license | 75 |
| 50 | Initial issuance of a license | 100 |
| 51 | Annual renewal of a license | 150 |
| 52 | Restoration of a suspended license or reinstatement of a revoked | |
| 53 | license | 150 |

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| 1 | Restoration of an expired license | 200 |
| 2 | Renewal of a delinquent license | 100 |
| 3 | Reciprocal license without examination | 100 |

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6 2. If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement
7 pursuant to section 74 of this act, the Board shall collect not more than one-half
8 of the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.

9 Sec. 77. Chapter 641C of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the
10 provisions set forth as sections 78 to 82, inclusive, of this act.

11 Sec. 78. 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement as a clinical
12 alcohol and drug abuse counselor to an applicant who meets the requirements set
13 forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for
14 such a license if the applicant:

15 (a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license as a clinical alcohol
16 and drug abuse counselor in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of
17 the United States; and

18 (b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed
19 Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

20 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must
21 submit to the Board with his or her application:

22 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

23 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

24 (2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to
25 work in the United States;

26 (3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
27 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which
28 the applicant holds a license as a clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor; and

29 (4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
30 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

31 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the
32 Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 641C.260;

33 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
34 any accompanying material is true and correct;

35 (d) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641C.470 for the
36 initial application for and issuance of an initial license; and

37 (e) Any other information required by the Board.

38 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a
39 license by endorsement as a clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor pursuant
40 to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any
41 additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless
42 the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the
43 application and issue a license by endorsement as a clinical alcohol and drug
44 abuse counselor to the applicant not later than:

45 (a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by
46 the Board to complete the application; or

47 (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background
48 based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

49 ↳ whichever occurs later.

50 4. A license by endorsement as a clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor
51 may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President
52 of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

53 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional

1 license authorizing an applicant to practice as a clinical alcohol and drug abuse
2 counselor in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

3 6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
4 417.005.

5 Sec. 79. 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement as an alcohol
6 and drug abuse counselor to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in
7 this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a
8 license if the applicant:

9 (a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license as an alcohol and
10 drug abuse counselor in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the
11 United States; and

12 (b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed
13 Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

14 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must
15 submit to the Board with his or her application:

16 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

17 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

18 (2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to
19 work in the United States;

20 (3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
21 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which
22 the applicant holds a license as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor; and

23 (4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
24 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

25 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the
26 Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 641C.260;

27 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
28 any accompanying material is true and correct;

29 (d) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641C.470 for the
30 initial application for and issuance of an initial license; and

31 (e) Any other information required by the Board.

32 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a
33 license by endorsement as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor pursuant to this
34 section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional
35 information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board
36 denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application
37 and issue a license by endorsement as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor to the
38 applicant not later than:

39 (a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by
40 the Board to complete the application; or

41 (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background
42 based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

43 whichever occurs later.

44 4. A license by endorsement as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor may
45 be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of
46 the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

47 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
48 by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional
49 license authorizing an applicant to practice as an alcohol and drug abuse
50 counselor in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

51 6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
52 417.005.

1 Sec. 80. 1. The Board may issue a certificate by endorsement as an
2 alcohol and drug abuse counselor to an applicant who meets the requirements set
3 forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for
4 such a certificate if the applicant:

5 (a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted certificate as an alcohol
6 and drug abuse counselor in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of
7 the United States; and

8 (b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed
9 Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

10 2. An applicant for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section
11 must submit to the Board with his or her application:

12 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

13 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

14 (2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to
15 work in the United States;

16 (3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
17 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which
18 the applicant holds a certificate as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor; and

19 (4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
20 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

21 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the
22 Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 641C.260;

23 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
24 any accompanying material is true and correct;

25 (d) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641C.470 for the
26 initial application for and issuance of an initial certificate; and

27 (e) Any other information required by the Board.

28 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a
29 certificate by endorsement as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor pursuant to
30 this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any
31 additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless
32 the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the
33 application and issue a certificate by endorsement as an alcohol and drug abuse
34 counselor to the applicant not later than:

35 (a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by
36 the Board to complete the application; or

37 (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background
38 based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

39 whichever occurs later.

40 4. A certificate by endorsement as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor
41 may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President
42 of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

43 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a
44 certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a
45 provisional certificate authorizing an applicant to practice as an alcohol and
46 drug abuse counselor in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

47 6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
48 417.005.

49 Sec. 81. 1. The Board may issue a certificate by endorsement as a
50 problem gambling counselor to an applicant who meets the requirements set
51 forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for
52 such a certificate if the applicant:

1 (a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted certificate as a problem
2 gambling counselor in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the
3 United States; and

4 (b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed
5 Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

6 2. An applicant for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section
7 must submit to the Board with his or her application;

8 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

9 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

10 (2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to
11 work in the United States;

12 (3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
13 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which
14 the applicant holds a certificate as a problem gambling counselor; and

15 (4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
16 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

17 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the
18 Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 641C.260;

19 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
20 any accompanying material is true and correct;

21 (d) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641C.470 for the
22 initial application for and issuance of an initial certificate; and

23 (e) Any other information required by the Board.

24 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a
25 certificate by endorsement as a problem gambling counselor pursuant to this
26 section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional
27 information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board
28 denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application
29 and issue a certificate by endorsement as a problem gambling counselor to the
30 applicant not later than:

31 (a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by
32 the Board to complete the application; or

33 (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background
34 based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

35 ↪ whichever occurs later.

36 4. A certificate by endorsement as a problem gambling counselor may be
37 issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the
38 Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

39 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a
40 certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a
41 provisional certificate authorizing an applicant to practice as a problem gambling
42 counselor in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

43 6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
44 417.005.

45 Sec. 82. 1. Notwithstanding any regulations adopted pursuant to NRS
46 641C.500, the Board may issue a certificate by endorsement as a detoxification
47 technician to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section.
48 An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a certificate if the
49 applicant:

50 (a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted certificate as a
51 detoxification technician in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of
52 the United States; and

1 (b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed
2 Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

3 2. An applicant for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section
4 must submit to the Board with his or her application:

5 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

6 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

7 (2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to
8 work in the United States;

9 (3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
10 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which
11 the applicant holds a certificate as a detoxification technician; and

12 (4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
13 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

14 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the
15 Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided pursuant to NRS
16 641C.500;

17 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
18 any accompanying material is true and correct;

19 (d) Any fee prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641C.500 for the
20 issuance of a certificate; and

21 (e) Any other information required by the Board.

22 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a
23 certificate by endorsement as a detoxification technician pursuant to this section,
24 the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional
25 information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board
26 denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application
27 and issue a certificate by endorsement as a detoxification technician to the
28 applicant not later than:

29 (a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by
30 the Board to complete the application; or

31 (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background
32 based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

33 whichever occurs later.

34 4. A certificate by endorsement as a detoxification technician may be issued
35 at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board.
36 Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

37 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a
38 certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a
39 provisional certificate authorizing an applicant to practice as a detoxification
40 technician in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

41 6. If an applicant submits an application for a certificate by endorsement
42 pursuant to this section, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of any fee
43 prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641C.500 for the initial issuance of the
44 certificate.

45 7. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
46 417.005.

47 Sec. 83. NRS 641C.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:

48 641C.290 1. ~~Each~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 78 of this act,
49 each applicant for a license as a clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor must
50 pass a written and oral examination concerning his or her knowledge of the clinical
51 practice of counseling alcohol and drug abusers, the applicable provisions of this
52 chapter and any applicable regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to the
53 provisions of this chapter.

2. ~~Each~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 79 or 80 of this act, each applicant for a license or certificate as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor must pass a written and oral examination concerning his or her knowledge of the practice of counseling alcohol and drug abusers, the applicable provisions of this chapter and any applicable regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

3. ~~Each~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 81 of this act, each applicant for a certificate as a problem gambling counselor must pass a written examination concerning his or her knowledge of the practice of counseling problem gamblers, the applicable provisions of this chapter and any applicable regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

4. The Board shall:

(a) Examine applicants at least two times each year.

(b) Establish the time and place for the examinations.

(c) Provide such books and forms as may be necessary to conduct the examinations.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 622.090, establish, by regulation, the requirements for passing the examination.

5. The Board may employ other persons to conduct the examinations.

Sec. 84. NRS 641C.470 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641C.470 1. The Board shall charge and collect not more than the following fees:

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| For the initial application for a license or certificate..... | \$150 |
| For the issuance of a provisional license or certificate..... | 125 |
| For the issuance of an initial license or certificate | 60 |
| For the renewal of a license or certificate as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor, a license as a clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor or a certificate as a problem gambling counselor | 300 |
| For the renewal of a certificate as a clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor intern, an alcohol and drug abuse counselor intern or a problem gambling counselor intern | 75 |
| For the renewal of a delinquent license or certificate..... | 75 |
| For the restoration of an expired license or certificate | 150 |
| For the restoration or reinstatement of a suspended or revoked license or certificate..... | 300 |
| For the issuance of a license or certificate without examination..... | 150 |
| For an examination | 150 |
| For the approval of a course of continuing education | 150 |

2. If an applicant submits an application for a license or certificate by endorsement pursuant to sections 79 to 81, inclusive, of this act, as applicable, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee specified in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.

3. The fees charged and collected pursuant to this section are not refundable.

Sec. 85. Section 12 of this act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12. 1. A regulatory body that regulates a profession pursuant to chapters 630, 630A, 632 to 641C, inclusive, or 644 of NRS in this State may enter into a reciprocal agreement with the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or any other state or territory of the United States for the purposes of:

1 (a) Authorizing a qualified person licensed in the profession in that
2 state or territory to practice concurrently in this State and one or more other
3 states or territories of the United States; and

4 (b) Regulating the practice of such a person.

5 2. A regulatory body may enter into a reciprocal agreement pursuant
6 to subsection 1 only if the regulatory body determines that:

7 (a) The corresponding regulatory authority is authorized by law to
8 enter into such an agreement with the regulatory body; and

9 (b) The applicable provisions of law governing the practice of the
10 respective profession in the state or territory on whose behalf the
11 corresponding regulatory authority would execute the reciprocal agreement
12 are substantially similar to the corresponding provisions of law in this State.

13 3. A reciprocal agreement entered into pursuant to subsection 1 must
14 not authorize a person to practice his or her profession concurrently in this
15 State unless the person:

16 (a) Has an active license to practice his or her profession in another
17 state or territory of the United States.

18 (b) Has been in practice for at least the 5 years immediately preceding
19 the date on which the person submits an application for the issuance of a
20 license pursuant to a reciprocal agreement entered into pursuant to
21 subsection 1.

22 (c) Has not had his or her license suspended or revoked in any state or
23 territory of the United States.

24 (d) Has not been refused a license to practice in any state or territory of
25 the United States for any reason.

26 (e) Is not involved in and does not have pending any disciplinary
27 action concerning his or her license or practice in any state or territory of
28 the United States.

29 (f) Pays any applicable fees for the issuance of a license that are
30 otherwise required for a person to obtain a license in this State.

31 ~~(g) Submits to the applicable regulatory body the statement required~~
32 ~~by NRS 425.520.~~

33 4. If the regulatory body enters into a reciprocal agreement pursuant
34 to subsection 1, the regulatory body must prepare an annual report before
35 January 31 of each year outlining the progress of the regulatory body as it
36 relates to the reciprocal agreement and submit the report to the Director of
37 the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next session of the
38 Legislature in odd-numbered years or to the Legislative Committee on
39 Health Care in even-numbered years.

40 ~~Sec. 37.5.~~ **Sec. 86.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do
41 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit
42 a report to the Legislature.

43 ~~Sec. 38.~~ **Sec. 87. 1.** This section and sections 1 to 84, inclusive, and
44 86 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

45 **2.** Section 85 of this act becomes effective on the date on which the
46 provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 666 requiring each state to establish procedures
47 under which the state has authority to withhold or suspend, or to restrict the
48 use of professional, occupational and recreational licenses of persons who:

49 (a) Have failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to a
50 proceeding to determine the paternity of a child or to establish or enforce an
51 obligation for the support of a child; or

52 (b) Are in arrears in the payment for the support of one or more children,
53 are repealed by the Congress of the United States.