

SENATE BILL NO. 101—SENATOR HARDY

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Restricts the authority to administer neuromodulators derived from *Clostridium botulinum* and dermal and soft tissue fillers to certain medical professionals. (BDR 40-677)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention Facility.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to professions; prohibiting the injection of neuromodulators derived from *Clostridium botulinum*, neuromodulators that are biosimilar to or the bioequivalent of such neuromodulators and dermal and soft tissue fillers by certain persons and under certain conditions; authorizing the imposition of professional discipline against persons who violate such a prohibition; requiring certain persons to receive training before injecting neuromodulators derived from *Clostridium botulinum*, neuromodulators that are biosimilar to or the bioequivalent of such neuromodulators or dermal or soft tissue fillers; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Existing law authorizes a medical assistant who is directed and supervised by a  
2 physician or physician assistant or a licensed dental hygienist who is directed and  
3 supervised by a dentist to possess and administer dangerous drugs under certain  
4 circumstances. (NRS 454.213) Existing law further requires the Board of Medical  
5 Examiners to adopt regulations governing the administration of botulinum toxin,  
6 commonly known as Botox, by a medical assistant or any person under the  
7 jurisdiction of the Board. (NRS 630.047, 630.138)

8 This bill: (1) replaces the term “botulinum toxin” with references to  
9 neuromodulators derived from *Clostridium botulinum* or that are biosimilar to or



the bioequivalent of such neuromodulators; and (2) revises provisions governing the injection of such neuromodulators and dermal or soft tissue fillers. **Section 2** of this bill removes the requirement for the Board of Medical Examiners to adopt regulations governing the administration of botulinum toxin by a medical assistant. Instead, **sections 1 and 1.8** of this bill prohibit: (1) any person other than a physician, physician assistant, dentist, registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse or podiatric physician who has received training prescribed by his or her licensing board from injecting a neuromodulator derived from *Clostridium botulinum*, a neuromodulator that is biosimilar to or the bioequivalent of such a neuromodulator or dermal or soft tissue fillers; (2) such persons from delegating such injection to an unauthorized person; and (3) any person from injecting a neuromodulator derived from *Clostridium botulinum*, a neuromodulator that is biosimilar to or the bioequivalent of such a neuromodulator or dermal or soft tissue fillers outside his or her scope of practice or in a location other than a medical facility or the office of an authorized medical professional. **Sections 1.3, 4 and 6.6** of this bill make conforming changes to clarify that unauthorized medical professionals are prohibited from injecting such neuromodulators and dermal or soft tissue fillers. **Sections 1.9, 3.3, 6.4, 6.9 and 7.2** of this bill require the Board of Medical Examiners, Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada, State Board of Nursing, State Board of Osteopathic Medicine and State Board of Podiatry, respectively, to prescribe training for physicians and physician assistants, dentists, registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, osteopathic physicians and physician assistants and podiatric physicians, as applicable, who wish to inject such neuromodulators or dermal or soft tissue fillers.

Existing law generally provides that a violation of the provisions of law governing dangerous drugs is a misdemeanor and grounds for the suspension or revocation of certain professional licenses. (NRS 454.356, 454.361) Existing law further provides that a person who violates a provision of law governing dangerous drugs by using a minor as an agent or who illegally provides a dangerous drug to a minor is guilty of a category B felony. (NRS 454.306) **Sections 1.4-1.6** of this bill make these provisions applicable to the unauthorized injection of or delegation of the injection of a neuromodulator derived from *Clostridium botulinum* or a neuromodulator that is biosimilar to or the bioequivalent of such a neuromodulator. **Section 1.8** of this bill similarly makes the unauthorized injection of or delegation of the injection of dermal or soft tissue fillers a misdemeanor. **Sections 3, 6, 6.8, 7, 7.5 and 7.8** of this bill authorize the Board of Medical Examiners, Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada, State Board of Nursing, State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, State Board of Podiatry and State Board of Cosmetology to impose disciplinary action against licensees who violate prohibitions on the unauthorized injection of or delegation of the injection of a neuromodulator derived from *Clostridium botulinum* or a neuromodulator that is biosimilar to or the bioequivalent of such a neuromodulator or dermal or soft tissue fillers.

**Section 1.2** of this bill updates the definition of the term "dangerous drug" to reflect the current terminology used in federal regulations.

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WHEREAS, Neuromodulators derived from *Clostridium botulinum* or that are biosimilar to or the bioequivalent of such neuromodulators are considered dangerous drugs in this State; and

WHEREAS, Only certain medical professionals are authorized under the law of this State to administer dangerous drugs; and

WHEREAS, The improper injection of neuromodulators derived from *Clostridium botulinum*, neuromodulators that are biosimilar to



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1 or the bioequivalent of such neuromodulators and dermal and soft  
2 tissue fillers can cause significant harmful side effects; and

3 WHEREAS, Persons who lack the necessary training or proper  
4 credentials are currently not restricted from injecting  
5 neuromodulators derived from *Clostridium botulinum*,  
6 neuromodulators that are biosimilar to or the bioequivalent  
7 of such neuromodulators and dermal and soft tissue fillers in this  
8 State; and

9 WHEREAS, To promote the health, safety and welfare of the  
10 residents of this State, it is the intent of the Legislature to clearly  
11 define the persons who are authorized to inject neuromodulators  
12 derived from *Clostridium botulinum*, neuromodulators that are  
13 biosimilar to or the bioequivalent of such neuromodulators and  
14 dermal and soft tissue fillers, and the conditions under which such  
15 injections may occur; now, therefore,

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17 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
18 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:  
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20 **Section 1.** Chapter 454 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
21 thereto a new section to read as follows:

22 *1. A person shall not inject a neuromodulator that is derived*  
23 *from Clostridium botulinum or is biosimilar to or the*  
24 *bioequivalent of such a neuromodulator:*

25 *(a) Unless the person is:*

26 *(1) A physician or physician assistant licensed pursuant to*  
27 *chapter 630 of NRS who has successfully completed the training*  
28 *prescribed by the Board of Medical Examiners pursuant to section*  
29 *1.9 of this act;*

30 *(2) A dentist who has successfully completed the training*  
31 *prescribed by the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada pursuant*  
32 *to section 3.3 of this act;*

33 *(3) A registered nurse or advanced practice registered*  
34 *nurse who has successfully completed the training prescribed by*  
35 *the State Board of Nursing pursuant to section 6.4 of this act;*

36 *(4) A physician or physician assistant licensed pursuant to*  
37 *chapter 633 of NRS who has successfully completed the training*  
38 *prescribed by the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine pursuant to*  
39 *6.9 of this act; or*

40 *(5) A podiatric physician who has successfully completed*  
41 *the training prescribed by the State Board of Podiatry pursuant to*  
42 *section 7.2 of this act.*

43 *(b) Outside his or her scope of practice.*

44 *(c) At a location other than a medical facility, as defined in*  
45 *NRS 449.0151, or the office of a physician or physician assistant*



1 *licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, dentist, advanced*  
2 *practice registered nurse or podiatric physician.*

3 2. *A person who is authorized by subsection 1 to inject a*  
4 *neuromodulator described in that subsection shall not delegate*  
5 *such injection to a person who is prohibited by subsection 1 from*  
6 *injecting such a neuromodulator.*

7 **Sec. 1.1.** NRS 454.181 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 454.181 Definitions of words and terms in NRS 454.00922,  
9 454.191, 454.201 and 454.211 apply only to NRS 454.181 to  
10 454.371, inclusive ~~§~~, *and section 1 of this act.*

11 **Sec. 1.15.** NRS 454.191 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 454.191 "Administer" means the direct application of a drug or  
13 medicine referred to in NRS 454.181 to 454.371, inclusive, *and*  
14 *section 1 of this act*, whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion or  
15 any other means, to the body of a patient or research subject.

16 **Sec. 1.2.** NRS 454.201 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 454.201 "Dangerous drug" means any drug, other than a  
18 controlled substance, unsafe for self-medication or unsupervised  
19 use, and includes the following:

20 1. Any drug which has been approved by the Food and Drug  
21 Administration for general distribution and bears the legend ~~†~~  
22 ~~"Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription";~~  
23 *"Rx only";*

24 2. Procaine hydrochloride with preservatives and stabilizers  
25 (Gerovital H3) in injectable doses and amygdalin (laetrile) which  
26 have been licensed by the State Board of Health for manufacture in  
27 this State but have not been approved as drugs by the Food and  
28 Drug Administration; or

29 3. Any drug which, pursuant to the Board's regulations, may  
30 be sold only by prescription because the Board has found those  
31 drugs to be dangerous to public health or safety.

32 **Sec. 1.3.** NRS 454.213 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 454.213 1. ~~†A~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of*  
34 *this act*, a drug or medicine referred to in NRS 454.181 to 454.371,  
35 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* may be possessed and  
36 administered by:

37 (a) A practitioner.

38 (b) A physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633  
39 of NRS, at the direction of his or her supervising physician or a  
40 licensed dental hygienist acting in the office of and under the  
41 supervision of a dentist.

42 (c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (d), a registered  
43 nurse licensed to practice professional nursing or licensed practical  
44 nurse, at the direction of a prescribing physician, physician assistant  
45 licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, dentist, podiatric



1 physician or advanced practice registered nurse, or pursuant to a  
2 chart order, for administration to a patient at another location.

3 (d) In accordance with applicable regulations of the Board, a  
4 registered nurse licensed to practice professional nursing or licensed  
5 practical nurse who is:

6 (1) Employed by a health care agency or health care facility  
7 that is authorized to provide emergency care, or to respond to the  
8 immediate needs of a patient, in the residence of the patient; and

9 (2) Acting under the direction of the medical director of that  
10 agency or facility who works in this State.

11 (e) A medication aide - certified at a designated facility under  
12 the supervision of an advanced practice registered nurse or  
13 registered nurse and in accordance with standard protocols  
14 developed by the State Board of Nursing. As used in this paragraph,  
15 "designated facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
16 NRS 632.0145.

17 (f) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (g), an advanced  
18 emergency medical technician or a paramedic, as authorized by  
19 regulation of the State Board of Pharmacy and in accordance with  
20 any applicable regulations of:

21 (1) The State Board of Health in a county whose population  
22 is less than 100,000;

23 (2) A county board of health in a county whose population is  
24 100,000 or more; or

25 (3) A district board of health created pursuant to NRS  
26 439.362 or 439.370 in any county.

27 (g) An advanced emergency medical technician or a paramedic  
28 who holds an endorsement issued pursuant to NRS 450B.1975,  
29 under the direct supervision of a local health officer or a designee of  
30 the local health officer pursuant to that section.

31 (h) A respiratory therapist employed in a health care facility.  
32 The therapist may possess and administer respiratory products only  
33 at the direction of a physician.

34 (i) A dialysis technician, under the direction or supervision of a  
35 physician or registered nurse only if the drug or medicine is used for  
36 the process of renal dialysis.

37 (j) A medical student or student nurse in the course of his or her  
38 studies at an accredited college of medicine or approved school of  
39 professional or practical nursing, at the direction of a physician and:

40 (1) In the presence of a physician or a registered nurse; or

41 (2) Under the supervision of a physician or a registered nurse  
42 if the student is authorized by the college or school to administer the  
43 drug or medicine outside the presence of a physician or nurse.

44 ➔ A medical student or student nurse may administer a dangerous  
45 drug in the presence or under the supervision of a registered nurse



1 alone only if the circumstances are such that the registered nurse  
2 would be authorized to administer it personally.

3 (k) Any person designated by the head of a correctional  
4 institution.

5 (l) An ultimate user or any person designated by the ultimate  
6 user pursuant to a written agreement.

7 (m) A nuclear medicine technologist, at the direction of a  
8 physician and in accordance with any conditions established by  
9 regulation of the Board.

10 (n) A radiologic technologist, at the direction of a physician and  
11 in accordance with any conditions established by regulation of the  
12 Board.

13 (o) A chiropractic physician, but only if the drug or medicine is  
14 a topical drug used for cooling and stretching external tissue during  
15 therapeutic treatments.

16 (p) A physical therapist, but only if the drug or medicine is a  
17 topical drug which is:

18 (1) Used for cooling and stretching external tissue during  
19 therapeutic treatments; and

20 (2) Prescribed by a licensed physician for:

21 (I) Iontophoresis; or

22 (II) The transmission of drugs through the skin using  
23 ultrasound.

24 (q) In accordance with applicable regulations of the State Board  
25 of Health, an employee of a residential facility for groups, as  
26 defined in NRS 449.017, pursuant to a written agreement entered  
27 into by the ultimate user.

28 (r) A veterinary technician or a veterinary assistant at the  
29 direction of his or her supervising veterinarian.

30 (s) In accordance with applicable regulations of the Board, a  
31 registered pharmacist who:

32 (1) Is trained in and certified to carry out standards and  
33 practices for immunization programs;

34 (2) Is authorized to administer immunizations pursuant to  
35 written protocols from a physician; and

36 (3) Administers immunizations in compliance with the  
37 "Standards for Immunization Practices" recommended and  
38 approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of  
39 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

40 (t) A registered pharmacist pursuant to written guidelines and  
41 protocols developed and approved pursuant to NRS 639.2809.

42 (u) A person who is enrolled in a training program to become a  
43 physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS,  
44 dental hygienist, advanced emergency medical technician,  
45 paramedic, respiratory therapist, dialysis technician, nuclear



1 medicine technologist, radiologic technologist, physical therapist or  
2 veterinary technician if the person possesses and administers the  
3 drug or medicine in the same manner and under the same conditions  
4 that apply, respectively, to a physician assistant licensed pursuant to  
5 chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, dental hygienist, advanced emergency  
6 medical technician, paramedic, respiratory therapist, dialysis  
7 technician, nuclear medicine technologist, radiologic technologist,  
8 physical therapist or veterinary technician who may possess and  
9 administer the drug or medicine, and under the direct supervision of  
10 a person licensed or registered to perform the respective medical art  
11 or a supervisor of such a person.

12 (v) A medical assistant, in accordance with applicable  
13 regulations of the:

14 (1) Board of Medical Examiners, at the direction of the  
15 prescribing physician and under the supervision of a physician or  
16 physician assistant.

17 (2) State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, at the direction of  
18 the prescribing physician and under the supervision of a physician  
19 or physician assistant.

20 2. As used in this section, "accredited college of medicine" has  
21 the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 453.375.

22 **Sec. 1.4.** NRS 454.306 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 454.306 A person who violates any provision of NRS 454.181  
24 to 454.371, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* by use of a minor as  
25 an agent or by unlawfully furnishing any dangerous drug to a minor  
26 is guilty of a category B felony and shall be punished by  
27 imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less  
28 than 5 years and a maximum term of not more than 20 years, or by a  
29 fine of not more than \$20,000, or by both fine and imprisonment.

30 **Sec. 1.5.** NRS 454.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 454.356 Except as otherwise specifically provided, every  
32 person who violates any provision of NRS 454.181 to 454.371,  
33 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* is guilty of a misdemeanor.

34 **Sec. 1.6.** NRS 454.361 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 454.361 A conviction of the violation of any of the provisions  
36 of NRS 454.181 to 454.371, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*  
37 constitutes grounds for the suspension or revocation of any license  
38 issued to such person pursuant to the provisions of chapters 630,  
39 631, 633, 635, 636, 638 or 639 of NRS.

40 **Sec. 1.7.** NRS 454.366 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 454.366 The Board shall administer and enforce NRS 454.181  
42 to 454.371, inclusive ~~†~~, *and section 1 of this act*.

43 **Sec. 1.8.** Chapter 629 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
44 thereto a new section to read as follows:

45 *1. A person shall not inject dermal or soft tissue fillers:*



(a) Unless the person is:

(1) A physician or physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS who has successfully completed the training prescribed by the Board of Medical Examiners pursuant to section 1.9 of this act;

(2) A dentist who has successfully completed the training prescribed by the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada pursuant to section 3.3 of this act;

(3) A registered nurse or advanced practice registered nurse who has successfully completed the training prescribed by the State Board of Nursing pursuant to section 6.4 of this act;

(4) A physician or physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 633 of NRS who has successfully completed the training prescribed by the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine pursuant to 6.9 of this act; or

(5) A podiatric physician who has successfully completed the training prescribed by the State Board of Podiatry pursuant to section 7.2 of this act.

(b) Outside his or her scope of practice.

(c) At a location other than a medical facility or the office of a physician or physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, dentist, advanced practice registered nurse or podiatric physician.

2. A person who is authorized by subsection 1 to inject dermal or soft tissue fillers shall not delegate such injection to a person who is prohibited by subsection 1 from injecting dermal or soft tissue fillers.

3. A person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

4. As used in this section, "dermal or soft tissue filler" means a material that is injected into the skin to fill in wrinkles or into the soft tissue to alter the contour of the soft tissue.

**Sec. 1.9.** Chapter 630 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Board shall adopt regulations prescribing the training that a physician or physician assistant must receive before injecting:

(a) A neuromodulator that is derived from Clostridium botulinum;

(b) A neuromodulator that is biosimilar to or the bioequivalent of a neuromodulator described in paragraph (a); or

(c) Dermal or soft tissue fillers.

2. A physician or physician assistant who has received the training prescribed pursuant to subsection 1 shall present proof of



1 *such training upon the request of a patient or any state or local*  
2 *governmental agency or agent thereof.*

3 *3. As used in this section "dermal or soft tissue filler" has the*  
4 *meaning ascribed to it in section 1.8 of this act.*

5 **Sec. 2.** NRS 630.138 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 630.138 The Board ~~†~~

7 ~~1. May~~ *may* adopt regulations governing the supervision of a  
8 medical assistant, including, without limitation, regulations which  
9 prescribe limitations on the possession and administration of a  
10 dangerous drug by a medical assistant.

11 ~~2. Shall adopt regulations governing the possession and~~  
12 ~~administration of botulinum toxin, commonly known as Botox, by a~~  
13 ~~medical assistant or any other person, including, without limitation:~~

14 ~~(a) The qualifications and training required for administration;~~  
15 ~~and~~

16 ~~(b) The manner and place of administration.†~~

17 **Sec. 3.** NRS 630.306 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 630.306 1. The following acts, among others, constitute  
19 grounds for initiating disciplinary action or denying licensure:

20 (a) Inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety  
21 because of illness, a mental or physical condition or the use of  
22 alcohol, drugs, narcotics or any other substance.

23 (b) Engaging in any conduct:

24 (1) Which is intended to deceive;

25 (2) Which the Board has determined is a violation of the  
26 standards of practice established by regulation of the Board; or

27 (3) Which is in violation of a regulation adopted by the State  
28 Board of Pharmacy.

29 (c) Administering, dispensing or prescribing any controlled  
30 substance, or any dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS,  
31 to or for himself or herself or to others except as authorized by law.

32 (d) Performing, assisting or advising the injection of any  
33 substance containing liquid silicone into the human body, except for  
34 the use of silicone oil to repair a retinal detachment.

35 (e) Practicing or offering to practice beyond the scope permitted  
36 by law or performing services which the licensee knows or has  
37 reason to know that he or she is not competent to perform or which  
38 are beyond the scope of his or her training.

39 (f) Performing, without first obtaining the informed consent of  
40 the patient or the patient's family, any procedure or prescribing any  
41 therapy which by the current standards of the practice of medicine is  
42 experimental.

43 (g) Continual failure to exercise the skill or diligence or use the  
44 methods ordinarily exercised under the same circumstances by  
45 physicians in good standing practicing in the same specialty or field.



(h) Habitual intoxication from alcohol or dependency on controlled substances.

(i) Making or filing a report which the licensee or applicant knows to be false or failing to file a record or report as required by law or regulation.

(j) Failing to comply with the requirements of NRS 630.254.

(k) Failure by a licensee or applicant to report in writing, within 30 days, any disciplinary action taken against the licensee or applicant by another state, the Federal Government or a foreign country, including, without limitation, the revocation, suspension or surrender of a license to practice medicine in another jurisdiction.

(l) Failure by a licensee or applicant to report in writing, within 30 days, any criminal action taken or conviction obtained against the licensee or applicant, other than a minor traffic violation, in this State or any other state or by the Federal Government, a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or any local or federal jurisdiction of a foreign country.

(m) Failure to be found competent to practice medicine as a result of an examination to determine medical competency pursuant to NRS 630.318.

(n) Operation of a medical facility at any time during which:

(1) The license of the facility is suspended or revoked; or

(2) An act or omission occurs which results in the suspension or revocation of the license pursuant to NRS 449.160.

➔ This paragraph applies to an owner or other principal responsible for the operation of the facility.

(o) Failure to comply with the requirements of NRS 630.373.

(p) Engaging in any act that is unsafe or unprofessional conduct in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

(q) Knowingly or willfully procuring or administering a controlled substance or a dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, unless the unapproved controlled substance or dangerous drug:

(1) Was procured through a retail pharmacy licensed pursuant to chapter 639 of NRS;

(2) Was procured through a Canadian pharmacy which is licensed pursuant to chapter 639 of NRS and which has been recommended by the State Board of Pharmacy pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 639.2328;

(3) Is marijuana being used for medical purposes in accordance with chapter 453A of NRS; or

(4) Is an investigational drug or biological product prescribed to a patient pursuant to NRS 630.3735 or 633.6945.



(r) Failure to supervise adequately a medical assistant pursuant to the regulations of the Board.

(s) Failure to comply with the provisions of NRS 630.3745.

(t) Failure to obtain any training required by the Board pursuant to NRS 630.2535.

*(u) Failure to comply with the provisions of section 1 or 1.8 of this act.*

2. As used in this section, "investigational drug or biological product" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 454.351.

**Sec. 3.3.** Chapter 631 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. The Board shall adopt regulations prescribing the training that a dentist must receive before injecting:*

*(a) A neuromodulator that is derived from Clostridium botulinum;*

*(b) A neuromodulator that is biosimilar to or the bioequivalent of a neuromodulator described in paragraph (a); or*

*(c) Dermal or soft tissue fillers.*

*2. A dentist who has received the training prescribed pursuant to subsection 1 shall present proof of such training upon the request of a patient or any state or local governmental agency or agent thereof.*

*3. As used in this section "dermal or soft tissue filler" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 1.8 of this act.*

**Sec. 4.** NRS 631.313 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.313 1. ~~1A~~ *Except as otherwise provided in sections 1 and 1.8 of this act, a* licensed dentist may assign to a person in his or her employ who is a dental hygienist, dental assistant or other person directly or indirectly involved in the provision of dental care only such intraoral tasks as may be permitted by a regulation of the Board or by the provisions of this chapter.

2. The performance of these tasks must be:

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

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

3. No such assignment is permitted that requires:

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

**Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 6.** NRS 631.3475 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.3475 The following acts, among others, constitute unprofessional conduct:

1. Malpractice;

2. Professional incompetence;

3. Suspension or revocation of a license to practice dentistry, the imposition of a fine or other disciplinary action by any agency of another state authorized to regulate the practice of dentistry in that state;

4. More than one act by the dentist or dental hygienist constituting substandard care in the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene;

5. Administering, dispensing or prescribing any controlled substance or any dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS, if it is not required to treat the dentist's patient;

6. Knowingly procuring or administering a controlled substance or a dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, unless the unapproved controlled substance or dangerous drug:

(a) Was procured through a retail pharmacy licensed pursuant to chapter 639 of NRS;

(b) Was procured through a Canadian pharmacy which is licensed pursuant to chapter 639 of NRS and which has been recommended by the State Board of Pharmacy pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 639.2328; or

(c) Is marijuana being used for medical purposes in accordance with chapter 453A of NRS;



1       7. *Failure to comply with the provisions of section 1 or 1.8 of*  
2 *this act;*

3       8. Chronic or persistent inebriety or addiction to a controlled  
4 substance, to such an extent as to render the person unsafe or  
5 unreliable as a practitioner, or such gross immorality as tends to  
6 bring reproach upon the dental profession;

7       ~~8-1~~ 9. Conviction of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral  
8 turpitude or which relates to the practice of dentistry in this State, or  
9 conviction of any criminal violation of this chapter;

10       ~~9-1~~ 10. Conviction of violating any of the provisions of NRS  
11 616D.200, 616D.220, 616D.240 or 616D.300 to 616D.440,  
12 inclusive;

13       ~~10-1~~ 11. Failure to comply with the provisions of NRS  
14 453.163 or 453.164;

15       ~~11-1~~ 12. Failure to obtain any training required by the Board  
16 pursuant to NRS 631.344; or

17       ~~12-1~~ 13. Operation of a medical facility, as defined in NRS  
18 449.0151, at any time during which:

19       (a) The license of the facility is suspended or revoked; or

20       (b) An act or omission occurs which results in the suspension or  
21 revocation of the license pursuant to NRS 449.160.

22       ➔ This subsection applies to an owner or other principal responsible  
23 for the operation of the facility.

24       Sec. 6.2. Chapter 632 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
25 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 6.3 and 6.4 of this act.

26       Sec. 6.3. *“Dermal or soft tissue filler” has the meaning*  
27 *ascribed to it in section 1.8 of this act.*

28       Sec. 6.4. 1. *The Board shall adopt regulations prescribing*  
29 *the training that a registered nurse or advanced practice registered*  
30 *nurse must receive before injecting:*

31       (a) *A neuromodulator that is derived from Clostridium*  
32 *botulinum;*

33       (b) *A neuromodulator that is biosimilar to or the bioequivalent*  
34 *of a neuromodulator described in paragraph (a); or*

35       (c) *Dermal or soft tissue fillers.*

36       2. *A registered nurse or advanced practice registered nurse*  
37 *who has received the training prescribed pursuant to subsection 1*  
38 *shall present proof of such training upon the request of a patient*  
39 *or any state or local governmental agency or agent thereof.*

40       Sec. 6.5. NRS 632.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
41       632.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise  
42 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 632.011 to 632.0195,  
43 inclusive, *and section 6.3 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to  
44 them in those sections.



**Sec. 6.6.** NRS 632.294 is hereby amended to read as follows:

632.294 1. A medication aide - certified may only administer authorized medications and perform related tasks at a designated facility under the supervision of an advanced practice registered nurse or a registered nurse and in accordance with standard protocols developed by the Board.

2. Except as otherwise provided by subsection 4, a medication aide - certified may only administer authorized medications by the following methods:

- (a) Orally;
- (b) Topically;
- (c) By the use of drops in the eye, ear or nose;
- (d) Vaginally;
- (e) Rectally;
- (f) Transdermally; and
- (g) By the use of an oral inhaler.

3. Except as otherwise provided by subsection 4, a medication aide - certified shall not:

(a) Receive, have access to or administer any controlled substance;

(b) Administer parenteral or enteral medications;

(c) Administer any substances by nasogastric or gastronomy tubes;

(d) Calculate drug dosages;

(e) Destroy medication;

(f) Receive orders, either in writing or verbally, for new or changed medication;

(g) Transcribe orders from medical records;

(h) Order or administer initial medications;

(i) Evaluate reports of medication errors;

(j) Perform treatments;

(k) Conduct patient assessments or evaluations;

(l) Engage in teaching activities for patients; ~~for~~

(m) *Inject a neuromodulator that is derived from Clostridium botulinum or a neuromodulator that is biosimilar to or the bioequivalent of such a neuromodulator;*

(n) *Inject a dermal or soft tissue filler; or*

(o) Engage in any activity prohibited pursuant to subsection 4.

4. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Board may adopt regulations authorizing or prohibiting any additional activities of a medication aide - certified. The Board shall not adopt regulations authorizing a medication aide - certified to perform the tasks described in paragraph (m) or (n) of subsection 3.*



5. As used in this section, "supervision" means active oversight of the patient care services provided by a medication aide - certified while on the premises of a designated facility.

**Sec. 6.8.** NRS 632.347 is hereby amended to read as follows:

632.347 1. The Board may deny, revoke or suspend any license or certificate applied for or issued pursuant to this chapter, or take other disciplinary action against a licensee or holder of a certificate, upon determining that the licensee or certificate holder:

(a) Is guilty of fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license or certificate pursuant to this chapter.

(b) Is guilty of any offense:

(1) Involving moral turpitude; or

(2) Related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensee or holder of a certificate,

➔ in which case the record of conviction is conclusive evidence thereof.

(c) Has been convicted of violating any of the provisions of NRS 616D.200, 616D.220, 616D.240 or 616D.300 to 616D.440, inclusive.

(d) Is unfit or incompetent by reason of gross negligence or recklessness in carrying out usual nursing functions.

(e) Uses any controlled substance, dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS, or intoxicating liquor to an extent or in a manner which is dangerous or injurious to any other person or which impairs his or her ability to conduct the practice authorized by the license or certificate.

(f) Is a person with mental incompetence.

(g) Is guilty of unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Conviction of practicing medicine without a license in violation of chapter 630 of NRS, in which case the record of conviction is conclusive evidence thereof.

(2) Impersonating any applicant or acting as proxy for an applicant in any examination required pursuant to this chapter for the issuance of a license or certificate.

(3) Impersonating another licensed practitioner or holder of a certificate.

(4) Permitting or allowing another person to use his or her license or certificate to practice as a licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, nursing assistant or medication aide - certified.

(5) Repeated malpractice, which may be evidenced by claims of malpractice settled against the licensee or certificate holder.

(6) Physical, verbal or psychological abuse of a patient.



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(7) Conviction for the use or unlawful possession of a controlled substance or dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS.

(h) Has willfully or repeatedly violated the provisions of this chapter. The voluntary surrender of a license or certificate issued pursuant to this chapter is prima facie evidence that the licensee or certificate holder has committed or expects to commit a violation of this chapter.

(i) Is guilty of aiding or abetting any person in a violation of this chapter.

(j) Has falsified an entry on a patient's medical chart concerning a controlled substance.

(k) Has falsified information which was given to a physician, pharmacist, podiatric physician or dentist to obtain a controlled substance.

(l) Has knowingly procured or administered a controlled substance or a dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, unless the unapproved controlled substance or dangerous drug:

(1) Was procured through a retail pharmacy licensed pursuant to chapter 639 of NRS;

(2) Was procured through a Canadian pharmacy which is licensed pursuant to chapter 639 of NRS and which has been recommended by the State Board of Pharmacy pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 639.2328;

(3) Is marijuana being used for medical purposes in accordance with chapter 453A of NRS; or

(4) Is an investigational drug or biological product prescribed to a patient pursuant to NRS 630.3735 or 633.6945.

(m) Has been disciplined in another state in connection with a license to practice nursing or a certificate to practice as a nursing assistant or medication aide - certified, or has committed an act in another state which would constitute a violation of this chapter.

(n) Has engaged in conduct likely to deceive, defraud or endanger a patient or the general public.

(o) Has willfully failed to comply with a regulation, subpoena or order of the Board.

(p) Has operated a medical facility at any time during which:

(1) The license of the facility was suspended or revoked; or

(2) An act or omission occurred which resulted in the suspension or revocation of the license pursuant to NRS 449.160.

➔ This paragraph applies to an owner or other principal responsible for the operation of the facility.

(q) *Has violated the provisions of section 1 or 1.8 of this act.*



(r) Is an advanced practice registered nurse who has failed to obtain any training required by the Board pursuant to NRS 632.2375.

~~(+)~~ (s) Is an advanced practice registered nurse who has failed to comply with the provisions of NRS 453.163 or 453.164.

2. For the purposes of this section, a plea or verdict of guilty or guilty but mentally ill or a plea of nolo contendere constitutes a conviction of an offense. The Board may take disciplinary action pending the appeal of a conviction.

3. A licensee or certificate holder is not subject to disciplinary action solely for administering auto-injectable epinephrine pursuant to a valid order issued pursuant to NRS 630.374 or 633.707.

4. As used in this section, "investigational drug or biological product" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 454.351.

**Sec. 6.9.** Chapter 633 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

***1. The Board shall adopt regulations prescribing the training that an osteopathic physician or physician assistant must receive before injecting:***

***(a) A neuromodulator that is derived from Clostridium botulinum;***

***(b) A neuromodulator that is biosimilar to or the bioequivalent of a neuromodulator described in paragraph (a); or***

***(c) Dermal or soft tissue fillers.***

***2. An osteopathic physician or physician assistant who has received the training prescribed pursuant to subsection 1 shall present proof of such training upon the request of a patient or any state or local governmental agency or agent thereof.***

***3. As used in this section "dermal or soft tissue filler" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 1.8 of this act.***

**Sec. 7.** NRS 633.511 is hereby amended to read as follows:

633.511 1. The grounds for initiating disciplinary action pursuant to this chapter are:

(a) Unprofessional conduct.

(b) Conviction of:

(1) A violation of any federal or state law regulating the possession, distribution or use of any controlled substance or any dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS;

(2) A felony relating to the practice of osteopathic medicine or practice as a physician assistant;

(3) A violation of any of the provisions of NRS 616D.200, 616D.220, 616D.240 or 616D.300 to 616D.440, inclusive;

(4) Murder, voluntary manslaughter or mayhem;

(5) Any felony involving the use of a firearm or other deadly weapon;



(6) Assault with intent to kill or to commit sexual assault or mayhem;

(7) Sexual assault, statutory sexual seduction, incest, lewdness, indecent exposure or any other sexually related crime;

(8) Abuse or neglect of a child or contributory delinquency; or

(9) Any offense involving moral turpitude.

(c) The suspension of a license to practice osteopathic medicine or to practice as a physician assistant by any other jurisdiction.

(d) Malpractice or gross malpractice, which may be evidenced by a claim of malpractice settled against a licensee.

(e) Professional incompetence.

(f) Failure to comply with the requirements of NRS 633.527.

(g) Failure to comply with the requirements of subsection 3 of NRS 633.471.

(h) Failure to comply with the provisions of NRS 633.694.

(i) Operation of a medical facility, as defined in NRS 449.0151, at any time during which:

(1) The license of the facility is suspended or revoked; or

(2) An act or omission occurs which results in the suspension or revocation of the license pursuant to NRS 449.160.

➔ This paragraph applies to an owner or other principal responsible for the operation of the facility.

(j) Failure to comply with the provisions of subsection 2 of NRS 633.322.

(k) Signing a blank prescription form.

(l) Knowingly or willfully procuring or administering a controlled substance or a dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, unless the unapproved controlled substance or dangerous drug:

(1) Was procured through a retail pharmacy licensed pursuant to chapter 639 of NRS;

(2) Was procured through a Canadian pharmacy which is licensed pursuant to chapter 639 of NRS and which has been recommended by the State Board of Pharmacy pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 639.2328;

(3) Is marijuana being used for medical purposes in accordance with chapter 453A of NRS; or

(4) Is an investigational drug or biological product prescribed to a patient pursuant to NRS 630.3735 or 633.6945.

(m) Attempting, directly or indirectly, by intimidation, coercion or deception, to obtain or retain a patient or to discourage the use of a second opinion.



(n) Terminating the medical care of a patient without adequate notice or without making other arrangements for the continued care of the patient.

(o) In addition to the provisions of subsection 3 of NRS 633.524, making or filing a report which the licensee knows to be false, failing to file a record or report that is required by law or knowingly or willfully obstructing or inducing another to obstruct the making or filing of such a record or report.

(p) Failure to report any person the licensee knows, or has reason to know, is in violation of the provisions of this chapter or the regulations of the Board within 30 days after the date the licensee knows or has reason to know of the violation.

(q) Failure by a licensee or applicant to report in writing, within 30 days, any criminal action taken or conviction obtained against the licensee or applicant, other than a minor traffic violation, in this State or any other state or by the Federal Government, a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or any local or federal jurisdiction of a foreign country.

(r) Engaging in any act that is unsafe in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

(s) Failure to comply with the provisions of NRS 629.515.

(t) Failure to supervise adequately a medical assistant pursuant to the regulations of the Board.

(u) Failure to obtain any training required by the Board pursuant to NRS 633.473.

(v) Failure to comply with the provisions of NRS 633.6955.

(w) Failure to comply with the provisions of NRS 453.163 or 453.164.

***(x) Failure to comply with the provisions of section 1 or 1.8 of this act.***

2. As used in this section, "investigational drug or biological product" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 454.351.

**Sec. 7.2.** Chapter 635 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

***1. The Board shall adopt regulations prescribing the training that a podiatric physician must receive before injecting:***

***(a) A neuromodulator that is derived from Clostridium botulinum;***

***(b) A neuromodulator that is biosimilar to or the bioequivalent of a neuromodulator described in paragraph (a); or***

***(c) Dermal or soft tissue fillers.***

***2. A podiatric physician who has received the training prescribed pursuant to subsection 1 shall present proof of such training upon the request of a patient or any state or local governmental agency or agent thereof.***



1        **3. As used in this section “dermal or soft tissue filler” has the**  
2        **meaning ascribed to it in section 1.8 of this act.**

3        **Sec. 7.5.** NRS 635.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4        635.130 1. The Board, after notice and a hearing as required  
5 by law, and upon any cause enumerated in subsection 2, may take  
6 one or more of the following disciplinary actions:

7        (a) Deny an application for a license or refuse to renew a  
8 license.

9        (b) Suspend or revoke a license.

10        (c) Place a licensee on probation.

11        (d) Impose a fine not to exceed \$5,000.

12        2. The Board may take disciplinary action against a licensee for  
13 any of the following causes:

14        (a) The making of a false statement in any affidavit required of  
15 the applicant for application, examination or licensure pursuant to  
16 the provisions of this chapter.

17        (b) Lending the use of the holder’s name to an unlicensed  
18 person.

19        (c) If the holder is a podiatric physician, permitting an  
20 unlicensed person in his or her employ to practice as a podiatry  
21 hygienist.

22        (d) Habitual indulgence in the use of alcohol or any controlled  
23 substance which impairs the intellect and judgment to such an extent  
24 as in the opinion of the Board incapacitates the holder in the  
25 performance of his or her professional duties.

26        (e) Conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude.

27        (f) Conviction of violating any of the provisions of NRS  
28 616D.200, 616D.220, 616D.240 or 616D.300 to 616D.440,  
29 inclusive.

30        (g) Conduct which in the opinion of the Board disqualifies the  
31 licensee to practice with safety to the public.

32        (h) The commission of fraud by or on behalf of the licensee  
33 regarding his or her license or practice.

34        (i) Gross incompetency.

35        (j) Affliction of the licensee with any mental or physical  
36 disorder which seriously impairs his or her competence as a  
37 podiatric physician or podiatry hygienist.

38        (k) False representation by or on behalf of the licensee regarding  
39 his or her practice.

40        (l) Unethical or unprofessional conduct.

41        (m) Failure to comply with the requirements of subsection 1 of  
42 NRS 635.118.

43        (n) Willful or repeated violations of this chapter or regulations  
44 adopted by the Board.



(o) Willful violation of the regulations adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy.

(p) Knowingly procuring or administering a controlled substance or a dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, unless the unapproved controlled substance or dangerous drug:

(1) Was procured through a retail pharmacy licensed pursuant to chapter 639 of NRS;

(2) Was procured through a Canadian pharmacy which is licensed pursuant to chapter 639 of NRS and which has been recommended by the State Board of Pharmacy pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 639.2328; or

(3) Is marijuana being used for medical purposes in accordance with chapter 453A of NRS.

(q) Operation of a medical facility, as defined in NRS 449.0151, at any time during which:

(1) The license of the facility is suspended or revoked; or

(2) An act or omission occurs which results in the suspension or revocation of the license pursuant to NRS 449.160.

➔ This paragraph applies to an owner or other principal responsible for the operation of the facility.

(r) Failure to obtain any training required by the Board pursuant to NRS 635.116.

(s) Failure to comply with the provisions of NRS 453.163 and 453.164.

*(t) Failure to comply with the provisions of section 1 or 1.8 of this act.*

**Sec. 7.8.** NRS 644.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:

644.430 1. The following are grounds for disciplinary action by the Board:

(a) Failure of an owner of an establishment for hair braiding, a cosmetological establishment, a licensed or registered, as applicable, aesthetician, cosmetologist, hair designer, shampoo technologist, hair braider, electrologist, instructor, nail technologist, demonstrator of cosmetics, makeup artist or school of cosmetology to comply with the requirements of this chapter or the applicable regulations adopted by the Board.

(b) Failure of a cosmetologist's apprentice, electrologist's apprentice, aesthetician's apprentice, hair designer's apprentice or nail technologist's apprentice to comply with the requirements of this chapter or the applicable regulations adopted by the Board.

(c) Obtaining practice in cosmetology or any branch thereof, for money or any thing of value, by fraudulent misrepresentation.

(d) Gross malpractice.



(e) Continued practice by a person knowingly having an infectious or contagious disease.

(f) Drunkenness or the use or possession, or both, of a controlled substance or dangerous drug without a prescription, while engaged in the practice of cosmetology.

(g) Advertising in violation of any of the provisions of NRS 644.422 or 644.478.

(h) Permitting a license to be used where the holder thereof is not personally, actively and continuously engaged in business.

(i) Failure to display the license or a duplicate of the license as provided in NRS 644.290, 644.360, 644.3774 and 644.410.

(j) Failure to display the certificate of registration or a duplicate of the certificate of registration as provided in NRS 644.2175.

(k) Entering, by a school of cosmetology, into an unconscionable contract with a student of cosmetology.

(l) Continued practice of cosmetology or operation of a cosmetological establishment or school of cosmetology after the license therefor has expired.

(m) *Failure to comply with the provisions of section 1 or 1.8 of this act.*

(n) Any other unfair or unjust practice, method or dealing which, in the judgment of the Board, may justify such action.

2. If the Board determines that a violation of this section has occurred, it may:

(a) Refuse to issue or renew a license or certificate of registration;

(b) Revoke or suspend a license or certificate of registration;

(c) Place the licensee or holder of a certificate of registration on probation for a specified period;

(d) Impose a fine not to exceed \$2,000; or

(e) Take any combination of the actions authorized by paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive.

3. An order that imposes discipline and the findings of fact and conclusions of law supporting that order are public records.

**Sec. 8.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

