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AN ACT relating to pharmacists; requiring the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations pertaining to the collection of specimens and performance of certain laboratory tests by a registered pharmacist; authorizing a registered pharmacist to manipulate a person for the collection of specimens; authorizing a registered pharmacist to perform certain laboratory tests without obtaining certification as an assistant in a medical laboratory; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law prohibits persons other than certain licensed health care professionals from manipulating a person for the collection of specimens. In addition, existing law authorizes such licensed medical professionals to perform any laboratory test which is classified as a waived test pursuant to Subpart A of Part 493 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations without obtaining certification as an assistant in a medical laboratory. (NRS 652.210) **Section 2** of this bill authorizes a registered pharmacist to manipulate a person for the collection of specimens and perform such laboratory tests without obtaining certification as an assistant in a medical laboratory.

**Section 1** of this bill requires the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations that are necessary to carry out the provisions of **section 2** with regard to a registered pharmacist. **Section 1** further specifies that such regulations must: (1) require a registered pharmacist to use only a fingerstick or oral or nasal swab to collect the specimens pursuant to **section 2**; and (2) set forth the procedures and requirements with which a registered pharmacist must comply when performing the duties authorized by **section 2**.

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

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

**Section 1.** Chapter 639 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

***1. The Board shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of NRS 652.210 with regard to a registered pharmacist, including, without limitation, regulations that:***

***(a) Require a registered pharmacist to use only a fingerstick or oral or nasal swab to collect the specimens pursuant to NRS 652.210; and***

***(b) Set forth the procedures and requirements with which a registered pharmacist shall comply when manipulating a person***



*for the collection of specimens or performing any laboratory test pursuant to NRS 652.210.*

*2. As used in this section, "fingerstick" means a procedure in which a finger is pricked with a lancet, small blade or other instrument to obtain a small quantity of blood for any laboratory test pursuant to NRS 652.210.*

**Sec. 2.** NRS 652.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

652.210 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and NRS 126.121 and 652.186, no person other than a licensed physician, a licensed optometrist, a licensed practical nurse, a registered nurse, a perfusionist, a physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, a certified advanced emergency medical technician, a certified paramedic, a practitioner of respiratory care licensed pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS, ~~for~~ a licensed dentist *or a registered pharmacist* may manipulate a person for the collection of specimens. The persons described in this subsection may perform any laboratory test which is classified as a waived test pursuant to Subpart A of Part 493 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations without obtaining certification as an assistant in a medical laboratory pursuant to NRS 652.127.

2. The technical personnel of a laboratory may collect blood, remove stomach contents, perform certain diagnostic skin tests or field blood tests or collect material for smears and cultures.

**Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

