

SENATE BILL NO. 466—COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE, LABOR AND ENERGY

(ON BEHALF OF THE SUNSET SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION)

MARCH 27, 2017

Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to the State Board of  
Oriental Medicine. (BDR 54-557)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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

AN ACT relating to Oriental medicine; exempting certain  
physicians from the provisions governing Oriental  
medicine; providing that members of the State Board of  
Oriental Medicine serve at the pleasure of the Governor;  
revising the membership of the Board; requiring the  
Board to submit a biannual report to the Sunset  
Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission; and  
providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law: (1) prescribes requirements concerning the practice of Oriental  
medicine in this State; and (2) establishes the State Board of Oriental Medicine to  
regulate the practice of Oriental medicine. (Chapter 634A of NRS) This bill makes  
various changes recommended by the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative  
Commission. (NRS 232B.210-232B.250) **Section 1** of this bill exempts persons  
licensed as allopathic or osteopathic physicians from regulation under the  
provisions governing Oriental medicine. **Section 2** of this bill provides that  
the members of the Board serve at the pleasure of the Governor, authorizing the  
Governor to remove a member of the Board with or without cause. **Sections 2 and**  
**3** of this bill require the Governor to appoint to the Board two new members, one of  
whom must be a representative of an approved school or college of Oriental  
medicine in this State. **Section 4** of this bill requires the Board to submit to the  
Sunset Subcommittee a biannual report containing certain information relating to  
the proceedings and duties of the Board.



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

**Section 1.** NRS 634A.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

634A.025 1. This chapter does not apply to Oriental physicians who are called into this State for consultation.

2. This chapter does not apply to a practitioner of acupuncture:

(a) Who is employed by an accredited school of Oriental medicine located in this State;

(b) Who is licensed to practice acupuncture in another state or jurisdiction; and

(c) Whose practice of acupuncture in this State:

(1) Is limited to teaching, supervising or demonstrating the methods and practices of acupuncture to students in a clinical setting; and

(2) Does not involve the acceptance of payment from any patient for services relating to his or her practice of acupuncture.

3. *This chapter does not apply to a physician who is licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS.*

4. This chapter does not prohibit:

(a) Gratuitous services of druggists or other persons in cases of emergency.

(b) The domestic administration of family remedies.

(c) Any person from assisting any person in the practice of the healing arts licensed under this chapter, except that such person may not insert needles into the skin or prescribe herbal medicine.

~~4.~~ 5. For the purposes of this section, "accredited school of Oriental medicine" means a school that has received at least candidacy status for institutional accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, or its successor organization.

**Sec. 2.** NRS 634A.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

634A.030 1. The State Board of Oriental Medicine, consisting of ~~five~~ *seven* members appointed by the Governor, is hereby created.

2. Each member of the Board shall, before entering upon the duties of office, take the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution before someone qualified to administer oaths.

3. *The members of the Board serve at the pleasure of the Governor.*

**Sec. 3.** NRS 634A.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

634A.040 1. The Governor shall appoint three members to the Board who:



- 1 (a) Have a license issued pursuant to this chapter;
- 2 (b) Currently engage in the practice of Oriental medicine in this
- 3 State, and have engaged in the practice of Oriental medicine in this
- 4 State for at least 3 years preceding appointment to the Board;
- 5 (c) Are citizens of the United States; and
- 6 (d) Are residents of the State of Nevada and have been for at
- 7 least 1 year preceding appointment to the Board.

8 2. The Governor shall appoint one member to the Board who:

- 9 (a) Is licensed pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS by the Board of
- 10 Medical Examiners as a physician;
- 11 (b) Does not engage in the administration of a facility for
- 12 Oriental medicine or a school for Oriental medicine;
- 13 (c) Does not have a pecuniary interest in any matter pertaining
- 14 to Oriental medicine, except as a patient or potential patient;
- 15 (d) Is a citizen of the United States; and
- 16 (e) Is a resident of the State of Nevada and has been for at least
- 17 1 year preceding appointment to the Board.

18 3. The Governor shall appoint one member to the Board who:

- 19 (a) Does not engage in the administration of a facility for
- 20 Oriental medicine or a school for Oriental medicine;
- 21 (b) Does not have a pecuniary interest in any matter pertaining
- 22 to Oriental medicine, except as a patient or potential patient;
- 23 (c) Is a citizen of the United States; and
- 24 (d) Is a resident of the State of Nevada and has been for at least
- 25 1 year preceding appointment to the Board.

26 ***4. The Governor shall appoint one member to the Board who***  
27 ***represents a school or college of Oriental medicine whose***  
28 ***establishment has been approved by the Board pursuant to***  
29 ***NRS 634A.090.***

30 ***5. The Governor shall appoint one additional member to the***  
31 ***Board.***

32 **Sec. 4.** On or before December 31, 2017, and every 6 months  
33 thereafter, the State Board of Oriental Medicine shall submit to the  
34 Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission a report,  
35 which must include:

36 1. The minutes of each meeting of the Board held in the  
37 immediately preceding 6 months;

38 2. Details concerning the examination and licensing of  
39 applicants for licensure pursuant to chapter 634A of NRS, including  
40 the number of applicants who took an examination within the  
41 immediately preceding 6 months and the number of applicants who  
42 were issued a license within that period;

43 3. The name of any school or college of Oriental medicine  
44 whose establishment has been approved by the Board pursuant to  
45 NRS 634A.090 within the immediately preceding 6 months;



1 4. A description of any curriculum of a school or college of  
2 Oriental medicine that has been approved by the Board pursuant to  
3 NRS 634A.090 within the immediately preceding 6 months;

4 5. Information relating to the oversight of persons licensed  
5 pursuant to chapter 634A of NRS, including the number of  
6 inspections conducted by a member or agent of the Board pursuant  
7 to NRS 634A.083 during the immediately preceding 6 months, a  
8 summary of any violations discovered during those inspections and,  
9 for each disciplinary action that was imposed during that period, a  
10 description of the violation and the disciplinary action imposed; and

11 6. Any other information requested by the Sunset  
12 Subcommittee.

13 **Sec. 5.** 1. As soon as practicable after October 1, 2017, the  
14 Governor shall appoint to the State Board of Oriental Medicine the  
15 members described in subsections 4 and 5 of NRS 634A.040, as  
16 amended by section 3 of this act.

17 2. The provisions of subsection 3 of NRS 634A.030, as  
18 amended by section 2 of this act, apply to the members of the State  
19 Board of Oriental Medicine who hold office on October 1, 2017,  
20 and to any member appointed to the Board on or after that date.

21 **Sec. 6.** Section 4 of this act expires by limitation on January 1,  
22 2019.

