ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 361-ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON

MARCH 20, 2019

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the practice of medicine. (BDR 54-839)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: No.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the Board of Medical Examiners; revising provisions relating to a physician who is supervising medical students; revising provisions relating to certain inspections of medical premises which the Board is authorized to conduct; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law a physician shall not allow a person to perform or participate in any activity under the supervision of the physician for the purpose of receiving credit toward certain medical degrees unless the person is enrolled in good standing at one of certain accredited medical schools. There is an exception for such an activity which takes place in a primary care practice that is located in a health professional shortage area and under certain circumstances. (NRS 630.3745) Section 1 of this bill provides that a physician who violates this existing law is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 for each violation, provided that an action to enforce the civil penalty is brought not later than 2 years after the date of the last such violation.

Existing law authorizes any member or agent of the Board of Medical Examiners to enter any premises in this State where a licensee under the authority of the Board practices, and to perform an inspection to determine if any violations of relevant law have occurred. (NRS 630.395) Section 2 of this bill adds, as an example of such a violation for which the premises may be inspected, a violation of the provisions of section 2 regarding a physician who supervises a person who is enrolled in an accredited medical school.





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

- **Section 1.** NRS 630.3745 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 630.3745 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a physician shall not allow a person to perform or participate in any activity under the supervision of the physician for the purpose of receiving credit toward a degree of doctor of medicine, osteopathy or osteopathic medicine, including, without limitation, clinical observation and contact with patients, unless the person is enrolled in good standing at:
- (a) A medical school that is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the American Medical Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges or their successor organizations; or
- (b) A school of osteopathic medicine, as defined in NRS 633.121.
- 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a physician who supervises an activity performed by a person for the purpose of receiving credit toward a degree of doctor of medicine, osteopathy or osteopathic medicine if:
 - (a) The activity takes place:
- (1) In a primary care practice that is located in an area that has been designated by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services as a health professional shortage area pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 254e; and
 - (2) Entirely under the supervision of the physician; and
- (b) The physician is not currently supervising any other person who is receiving credit toward a degree of doctor of medicine, osteopathy or osteopathic medicine.
- 3. A physician who violates the provisions of this section is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 for each violation. The Attorney General or any district attorney of this State may recover the penalty in a civil action brought in the name of the State of Nevada in any court of competent jurisdiction.
- 4. Any action brought under this section must be brought not later than 2 years after the date of the last event constituting the alleged violation for which the action is brought.
- 5. As used in this section, "primary care practice" means a health care practice operated by one or more physicians who practice in the area of family medicine, internal medicine or pediatrics.





- **Sec. 2.** NRS 630.395 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 630.395 Any member or agent of the Board may enter any premises in this State where a person who holds a license issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter practices medicine, perfusion or respiratory care and inspect it to determine whether a violation of any provision of this chapter has occurred, including, without limitation [, an]:
- 1. An inspection to determine whether any person at the premises is practicing medicine, perfusion or respiratory care without the appropriate license issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter $[\cdot, \cdot]$; or
- 2. An inspection to determine whether any physician is allowing a person to perform or participate in any activity under the supervision of the physician for the purpose of receiving credit toward a degree of doctor of medicine, osteopathy or osteopathic medicine in violation of the provisions of NRS 630.3745.
 - **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.





