

Amendment No. 661

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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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A.B. No. 457—Revises provisions governing chiropractic physicians and chiropractor’s assistants. (BDR 54-933)



ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 457—COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

MARCH 25, 2019

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing chiropractic physicians and chiropractor’s assistants. (BDR 54-933)

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 chiropractic; **providing for the performance of dry needling by a chiropractor**; revising provisions relating to membership of the Chiropractic Physicians’ Board of Nevada; revising provisions governing the application for a license to practice chiropractic; revising the time period in which a qualified applicant for a license to practice chiropractic may practice while waiting to take the Board’s examination; revising provisions relating to temporary licenses to practice chiropractic; authorizing the Board to adopt certain regulations concerning the renewal of certain licenses and certificates; revising provisions relating to reinstating a license to practice chiropractic; revising provisions governing disciplinary action by the Board; repealing the definition of gross malpractice; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law creates the Chiropractic Physicians’ Board of Nevada, consisting of seven members, and prohibits three or more persons who are resident graduates of the same school or college of chiropractic from serving on the Board at the same time. (NRS 634.020) **Section 1.5** of this bill removes this prohibition.

Existing law requires an applicant for a license to practice chiropractic, not less than 60 days before the date of the licensing examination, to: (1) file an application for examination with the Secretary of the Board; (2) submit certain evidence relating to his or her qualifications for licensure; and (3) pay the examination application fee. (NRS 634.080, 634.090, 634.100) **Sections 2-4** of this bill eliminate the requirement for such actions to be completed 60 days in advance.

Section 2 of this bill additionally authorizes an applicant to take the licensing examination any time after the Executive Director of the Board determines that his or her application is complete. **Section 3** of this bill additionally requires an applicant to submit evidence that the applicant has successfully: (1) completed certain parts of the examination administered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners; or (2) completed certain exit examinations from certain colleges of chiropractic.

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17 Existing law authorizes an applicant for a license to practice chiropractic who has certain
18 qualifications to perform chiropractic under the direct supervision of a chiropractor while the
19 applicant is waiting to take the Board's examination. Existing law prohibits an applicant from
20 practicing in such a manner for longer than 2 years. (NRS 634.105) **Section 5** of this bill
21 prohibits an applicant from practicing in such a manner for longer than 90 days.

22 Existing law requires an applicant for a temporary license to practice chiropractic to file
23 an application for a temporary license with the Secretary of the Board. (NRS 634.115) **Section**
24 **5.5** of this bill requires an applicant to file such an application with the Executive Director of
25 the Board.

26 Existing law requires a license to practice chiropractic or a certificate as a chiropractor's
27 assistant to be renewed biennially. Existing law requires a chiropractor and a chiropractor's
28 assistant to submit satisfactory proof to the Board that he or she attended a certain number of
29 hours of continuing education. (NRS 634.130) **Section 6** of this bill authorizes the Board to
30 adopt regulations that provide for random audits of chiropractors and chiropractor's assistants
31 to ensure compliance with these continuing education requirements. Existing law authorizes
32 the Board to waive the renewal fee for a chiropractor or a chiropractor's assistant if the
33 chiropractor or chiropractor's assistant was in active military service at the time the renewal
34 fee was due. (NRS 634.130) **Section 6** authorizes the Board to adopt regulations that provide
35 for the prorating or waiving of a renewal fee if such prorating or waiving is based on the date
36 on which: (1) the license to practice chiropractic or certificate to practice as a chiropractor's
37 assistant was issued by the Board; and (2) such a license or certificate must be renewed.

38 Existing law authorizes a person who held a license that has expired to apply to the Board
39 to have the license reinstated to active status. Existing law requires such an applicant for
40 reinstatement of his or her license to score 75 percent or higher on an examination prescribed
41 by the Board on the provisions relating to the practice of chiropractic. (NRS 634.131) **Section**
42 **7** requires such an applicant to score: (1) for certain written, closed-book examinations, 75
43 percent or higher; or (2) for certain written, open-book examinations or online examinations,
44 90 percent or higher.

45 Existing law prescribes the grounds for initiating disciplinary action, including conviction
46 of a felony relating to the practice of chiropractic. (NRS 634.140) **Section 8** of this bill revises
47 the grounds by including conviction for any crime and adding incompetence or negligence in
48 the practice of chiropractic as a ground for disciplinary action.

49 Existing law provides that a person charged with a ground for disciplinary action is
50 entitled to a hearing before the Board. Existing law further provides that if the Board finds the
51 person guilty as charged in a complaint, the Board may order specified disciplinary actions.
52 (NRS 634.190) **Section 9** of this bill revises provisions governing the Board's finding to
53 whether the person committed one or more of the charges made in the complaint. **Section 9**
54 also provides that the Board's order of disciplinary action may contain such terms, provisions
55 or conditions as the Board deems proper to remedy or address the facts and circumstances of
56 the case.

57 Existing law provides immunity from civil action for the Board or any person or other
58 organization which initiates or assists in any lawful investigation or proceeding concerning the
59 discipline of a chiropractor for gross malpractice, repeated malpractice or unprofessional
60 conduct. (NRS 634.216) ~~Existing law provides that unprofessional conduct includes~~
61 ~~malpractice. (NRS 634.018)~~ **Section 10** of this bill extends this immunity from civil action
62 to the initiation or assistance in any lawful investigation or disciplinary proceeding
63 rather than only to investigations or disciplinary proceedings related to gross
64 malpractice, repeated malpractice or unprofessional conduct. Section 10 further amends
65 this provision to remove: (1) gross malpractice, the definition of which is repealed by **section**
66 **11** of this bill; and (2) repeated malpractice, which is no longer specified as an independent
67 ground for disciplinary action.

68 Existing law prohibits a chiropractor from piercing or severing any body tissue,
69 except to draw blood for diagnostic purposes. (NRS 634.225) Section 10.5 of this bill
70 adds an exception to this prohibition for the performance of dry needling by a
71 chiropractor who is authorized to do so by regulations adopted by the Board. Section 1
72 of this bill requires the Board to adopt regulations regarding the qualifications a
73 chiropractor must obtain before he or she is authorized to perform dry needling, which
74 qualifications must include not less than 150 hours of didactic education and training in
75 dry needling.

76 Section 10.5 also prohibits a chiropractor from offering to engage in, advertising,
 77 soliciting or otherwise claiming to be able to perform acupuncture unless he or she is
 78 licensed to practice Oriental medicine. However, under section 10.5, a chiropractor who
 79 is qualified to perform dry needling pursuant to the regulations adopted by the Board is
 80 authorized to offer to engage in, advertise, solicit or otherwise claim to be able to
 81 perform dry needling.

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

1 Section 1. Chapter 634 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
 2 new section to read as follows:

3 1. The Board shall adopt regulations establishing the qualifications a
 4 chiropractor must obtain before he or she is authorized to perform dry needling.
 5 The qualifications adopted by regulation pursuant to this section must include,
 6 without limitation, the successful completion of not less than 150 hours of
 7 didactic education and training in dry needling.

8 2. As used in this section, "dry needling":

9 (a) Means an advanced needling skill or technique limited to the treatment of
 10 myofascial pain, using a single-use, single-insertion, sterile needle, without the
 11 use of heat, cold or any other added modality or medication, which is inserted
 12 into the skin or underlying tissue to stimulate a trigger point.

13 (b) Does not include:

14 (1) The stimulation of an auricular point;

15 (2) Utilization of a distal point or nonlocal point;

16 (3) Needle retention;

17 (4) Application of a retained electrical stimulation lead; or

18 (5) The teaching or application of other acupuncture theory.

19 ~~[Section 1.]~~ Sec. 1.5. NRS 634.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 634.020 1. The Chiropractic Physicians' Board of Nevada, consisting of
 21 seven members appointed by the Governor, is hereby created.

22 2. The Governor shall appoint:

23 (a) Four members who are:

24 (1) Graduates of chiropractic schools or colleges giving a course of study
 25 embracing the following subjects: Anatomy, bacteriology, chiropractic theory and
 26 practice, diagnosis or analysis, elementary chemistry and toxicology, histology,
 27 hygiene and sanitation, obstetrics and gynecology, pathology, physiology and
 28 symptomatology;

29 (2) Licensed under this chapter; and

30 (3) Actually engaged in the practice of chiropractic in this State and who
 31 have been so engaged in this State for at least 3 years preceding their appointment.

32 (b) One member who represents the interests of persons or agencies that
 33 regularly provide health care to patients who are indigent, uninsured or unable to
 34 afford health care. This member may be licensed under the provisions of this
 35 chapter.

36 (c) Two members who are representatives of the general public. A member
 37 appointed pursuant to this paragraph must not be:

38 (1) A chiropractor or a chiropractor's assistant; or

39 (2) The spouse or the parent or child, by blood, marriage or adoption, of a
 40 chiropractor or a chiropractor's assistant.

41 3. At least two of the appointees must have had a course in physiotherapy in a
 42 school or college of chiropractic. ~~[Not more than two persons who are resident~~

1 ~~graduates of the same school or college of chiropractic may serve simultaneously as~~
2 ~~members of the Board.]~~

3 **Sec. 2.** NRS 634.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 634.080 1. An applicant for examination must file an application ~~[not less~~
5 ~~than 60 days before the date of the examination.~~

6 ~~— 2. An application must be filed]~~ with the Secretary of the Board on a form to
7 be furnished by the ~~[Secretary.]~~ *Executive Director of the Board. An applicant*
8 *may take the examination any time after the Executive Director determines that*
9 *his or her application is complete.*

10 ~~[3.]~~ 2. An application must be verified and must state:

11 (a) When and where the applicant was born, the various places of the
12 applicant's residence during the 5 years immediately preceding the making of the
13 application and the address to which he or she wishes the Board to mail the license.

14 (b) The name, age and sex of the applicant.

15 (c) The names and post office addresses of all persons by whom the applicant
16 has been employed for a period of 5 years immediately preceding the making of the
17 application.

18 (d) Whether or not the applicant has ever applied for a license to practice
19 chiropractic in any other state and, if so, when and where and the results of the
20 application.

21 (e) Whether the applicant is a citizen of the United States or lawfully entitled to
22 remain and work in the United States.

23 (f) Whether or not the applicant has ever been admitted to the practice of
24 chiropractic in any other state and, if so, whether any discharge, dismissal,
25 disciplinary or other similar proceedings have ever been instituted against the
26 applicant. Such an applicant must also attach a certificate from the chiropractic
27 board of each state in which the applicant was licensed, certifying that the applicant
28 is a member in good standing of the chiropractic profession in that state, and that no
29 proceedings affecting the applicant's standing as a chiropractor are undisposed of
30 and pending.

31 (g) The applicant's general and chiropractic education, including the schools
32 attended and the time of attendance at each school, and whether the applicant is a
33 graduate of any school or schools.

34 (h) The names of:

35 (1) Two persons who have known the applicant for at least 3 years; and

36 (2) A person who is a chiropractor licensed pursuant to the provisions of
37 this chapter or a professor at a school of chiropractic.

38 (i) All other information required to complete the application.

39 ~~[4.]~~ 3. An application must include a copy of the applicant's official
40 transcript from the school or college of chiropractic from which the applicant
41 received his or her degree of doctor of chiropractic, which must be transmitted by
42 the school or college of chiropractic directly to the Board.

43 **Sec. 3.** NRS 634.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 634.090 1. An applicant must, in addition to the requirements of NRS
45 634.070 and 634.080, furnish satisfactory evidence to the Board:

46 (a) That the applicant is of good moral character;

47 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 5, ~~[not less than 60 days~~
48 ~~before the date of the examination,]~~ that the applicant has a high school education
49 and is a graduate from a college of chiropractic which is accredited by the Council
50 on Chiropractic Education or which has a reciprocal agreement with the Council on
51 Chiropractic Education or any governmental accrediting agency, whose minimum
52 course of study leading to the degree of doctor of chiropractic consists of not less

1 than 4,000 hours of credit which includes instruction in each of the following
2 subjects:

- 3 (1) Anatomy;
- 4 (2) Bacteriology;
- 5 (3) Chiropractic theory and practice;
- 6 (4) Diagnosis and chiropractic analysis;
- 7 (5) Elementary chemistry and toxicology;
- 8 (6) Histology;
- 9 (7) Hygiene and sanitation;
- 10 (8) Obstetrics and gynecology;
- 11 (9) Pathology;
- 12 (10) Physiology; and
- 13 (11) Physiotherapy; and
- 14 (c) That the applicant ~~{}~~ **has successfully:**

15 (1) ~~{Holds certificates which indicate that he or she has passed}~~ **Completed**
16 parts I, II, III and IV, and the portion relating to physiotherapy, of the examination
17 administered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners ~~{}~~ **or its successor**
18 **organization;** or

19 (2) ~~{Has actively practiced chiropractic in another state for not fewer than 7~~
20 ~~of the immediately preceding 10 years without having any adverse disciplinary~~
21 ~~action taken against him or her.}~~ **Completed an examination that is required to**
22 **graduate from a college of chiropractic which is accredited by the Council on**
23 **Chiropractic Education or which has a reciprocal agreement with the Council on**
24 **Chiropractic Education or any governmental accrediting agency. Such an**
25 **examination must be:**

26 **(I) Administered by such a college; and**

27 **(II) Approved by the Board.**

28 2. The Board may, for good cause shown, waive the requirement for a
29 particular applicant that the college of chiropractic from which the applicant
30 graduated must be accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education or have a
31 reciprocal agreement with the Council on Chiropractic Education or a governmental
32 accrediting agency.

33 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5, every applicant is
34 required to submit evidence of the successful completion of not less than 60 credit
35 hours at an accredited college or university.

36 4. Any applicant who has been licensed to practice in another state, and has
37 been in practice for not less than 5 years, is not required to comply with the
38 provisions of subsection 3.

39 5. If an applicant has received his or her training and education at a school or
40 college located in a foreign country, the Board may, if the Board determines that
41 such training and education is substantially equivalent to graduation from a college
42 of chiropractic that is accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education and
43 otherwise meets the requirements specified in paragraph (b) of subsection 1, waive
44 the requirement that an applicant attend or graduate from a college that:

- 45 (a) Is accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education; or
- 46 (b) Has a reciprocal agreement with the Council on Chiropractic Education or a
47 governmental accrediting agency.

48 **Sec. 4.** NRS 634.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

49 634.100 1. An applicant for a license to practice chiropractic in this State
50 must pay the required fee to the Secretary of the Board ~~{not less than 60 days}~~
51 before the date of the examination.

- 52 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 622.090:

1 (a) For a written, closed-book examination which is administered in person by
2 the Board, a score of 75 percent or higher in all subjects taken on the examination is
3 a passing score.

4 (b) For a written, open-book examination which is administered in person by
5 the Board or an examination that is taken online, a score of 90 percent or higher in
6 all subjects taken on the examination is a passing score.

7 3. If an applicant fails to pass the first examination, the applicant may take a
8 second examination within 1 year without payment of any additional fees. Except
9 as otherwise provided in NRS 622.090, credit must be given on this examination
10 for all subjects previously passed.

11 4. An applicant for a certificate as a chiropractor's assistant must pay the
12 required fee to the Secretary of the Board before the application may be considered.

13 **Sec. 5.** NRS 634.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 634.105 An applicant for a license to practice chiropractic who has the
15 qualifications prescribed in NRS 634.090 may, while waiting to take the Board's
16 examination but for no longer than ~~{2 years,}~~ **90 days**, perform chiropractic,
17 including, without limitation, chiropractic adjustment or manipulation, under the
18 direct supervision of a chiropractor who is professionally and legally responsible
19 for the applicant's performance.

20 **Sec. 5.5.** NRS 634.115 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 634.115 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5, upon
22 application, payment of the fee, if required, and the approval of its ~~{Secretary}~~
23 **Executive Director** and President, the Board may, without examination, grant a
24 temporary license to practice chiropractic in this State to a person who holds a
25 corresponding license or certificate in another jurisdiction which is in good
26 standing and who actively practices chiropractic in that jurisdiction. A temporary
27 license may be issued for the limited purpose of authorizing the holder thereof to
28 treat patients in this State.

29 2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, an applicant for a
30 temporary license must file an application with the ~~{Secretary}~~ **Executive Director**
31 of the Board not less than 30 days before the applicant intends to practice
32 chiropractic in this State. Upon the request of an applicant, the President or
33 Secretary may, for good cause, authorize the applicant to file the application fewer
34 than 30 days before he or she intends to practice chiropractic in this State.

35 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, an application for a
36 temporary license must be accompanied by a fee of \$50 and include:

37 (a) The applicant's name, the address of his or her primary place of practice
38 and the applicant's telephone number;

39 (b) A current photograph of the applicant measuring 2 by 2 inches;

40 (c) The name of the chiropractic school or college from which the applicant
41 graduated and the date of graduation; and

42 (d) The number of the applicant's license to practice chiropractic in another
43 jurisdiction.

44 4. A temporary license:

45 (a) Is valid for the period designated on the license, which must be not more
46 than 10 days;

47 (b) Is valid for the place of practice designated on the license; and

48 (c) Is not renewable.

49 5. The Board may not grant more than two temporary licenses to an applicant
50 during any calendar year.

51 6. A chiropractic physician who applies for a temporary license solely for the
52 purpose of providing chiropractic services to a patient in this State without
53 remuneration is not required to pay the fee required pursuant to subsection 3.

1 **Sec. 6.** NRS 634.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 634.130 1. Licenses and certificates must be renewed biennially. Except as
3 otherwise provided in subsection ~~9~~ **10 or 11**, each person who is licensed or holds
4 a certificate as a chiropractor's assistant pursuant to the provisions of this chapter
5 must, upon the payment of the required renewal fee and the submission of all
6 information required to complete the renewal, be granted a renewal license or
7 certificate which authorizes the person to continue to practice for 2 years.

8 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~9~~ **10 or 11**, the renewal fee
9 must be paid and all information required to complete the renewal must be
10 submitted to the Board by January 1 of:

11 (a) Each odd-numbered year for a licensee; and

12 (b) Each even-numbered year for a holder of a certificate as a chiropractor's
13 assistant.

14 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, 6 or 7, a licensee in active
15 practice within this State must submit satisfactory proof to the Board that, during
16 the 24 months immediately preceding the renewal date of the license, the licensee
17 has attended at least 36 hours of continuing education which is approved or
18 endorsed by the Board.

19 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, 6 or 8, a holder of a
20 certificate as a chiropractor's assistant in active practice within this State must
21 submit satisfactory proof to the Board that, during the 24 months immediately
22 preceding the renewal date of the certificate, the certificate holder has attended at
23 least 12 hours of continuing education which is approved or endorsed by the Board
24 or the equivalent board of another state or jurisdiction that regulates chiropractors'
25 assistants. The continuing education required by this subsection may include
26 education related to lifesaving skills, including, without limitation, a course in
27 cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The Board shall by regulation determine how many
28 of the required 12 hours of continuing education must be course work related to
29 such lifesaving skills. Any course of continuing education approved or endorsed by
30 the Board or the equivalent board of another state or jurisdiction pursuant to this
31 subsection may be conducted via the Internet or in a live setting, including, without
32 limitation, a conference, workshop or academic course of instruction. The Board
33 shall not approve or endorse a course of continuing education which is self-directed
34 or conducted via home study.

35 5. The educational requirement of subsection 3 or 4 may be waived by the
36 Board if the licensee or holder of a certificate as a chiropractor's assistant files with
37 the Board a statement of a chiropractic physician, osteopathic physician or doctor
38 of medicine certifying that the licensee or holder of a certificate as a chiropractor's
39 assistant is suffering from a serious or disabling illness or physical disability which
40 prevented the licensee or holder of a certificate as a chiropractor's assistant from
41 completing the requirements for continuing education during the 24 months
42 immediately preceding the renewal date of the license or certificate.

43 6. The Board may waive the educational requirement of subsection 3 or 4 for
44 a licensee or a holder of a certificate as a chiropractor's assistant if the licensee or
45 holder of a certificate submits to the Board proof that the licensee or holder of a
46 certificate was in active military service which prevented the licensee or holder of a
47 certificate from completing the requirements for continuing education during the 24
48 months immediately preceding the renewal date of the license or certificate.

49 7. A licensee is not required to comply with the requirements of subsection 3
50 until the first odd-numbered year after the year the Board issues to the licensee an
51 initial license to practice as a chiropractor in this State.

52 8. A holder of a certificate as a chiropractor's assistant is not required to
53 comply with the requirements of subsection 4 until the first even-numbered year

1 after the Board issues to the holder of a certificate an initial certificate to practice as
2 a chiropractor's assistant in this State.

3 9. *The Board may adopt regulations that provide for random audits of*
4 *licensees and holders of a certificate as a chiropractor's assistant to ensure*
5 *compliance with subsection 3 or 4, as appropriate.*

6 10. The Board may waive the renewal fee for a licensee or holder of a
7 certificate as a chiropractor's assistant if the licensee or holder of a certificate
8 submits proof to the Board that the licensee or holder of a certificate was in active
9 military service at the time the renewal fee was due.

10 ~~10.~~ 11. *The Board may adopt regulations that provide for the prorating or*
11 *waiving of the renewal fee for a licensee or holder of a certificate as a*
12 *chiropractor's assistant if such prorating or waiving is based upon the date on*
13 *which:*

14 (a) *The Board issues a license to practice chiropractic or a certificate as a*
15 *chiropractor's assistant; and*

16 (b) *Such license or certification must be renewed.*

17 12. If a licensee fails to:

18 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~10~~ 10 or 11, pay the renewal
19 fee by January 1 of an odd-numbered year;

20 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 or 6, submit proof of
21 continuing education pursuant to subsection 3;

22 (c) Notify the Board of a change in the location of his or her office pursuant to
23 NRS 634.129; or

24 (d) Submit all information required to complete the renewal,

25 ➤ the license automatically expires and, except as otherwise provided in NRS
26 634.131, may be reinstated only upon the payment, by January 1 of the even-
27 numbered year following the year in which the license expired, of the required fee
28 for reinstatement in addition to the renewal fee.

29 ~~12.~~ 13. If a holder of a certificate as a chiropractor's assistant fails to:

30 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~10~~ 10 or 11, pay the renewal
31 fee by January 1 of an even-numbered year;

32 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 or 6, submit proof of
33 continuing education pursuant to subsection 4;

34 (c) Notify the Board of a change in the location of his or her office pursuant to
35 NRS 634.129; or

36 (d) Submit all information required to complete the renewal,

37 ➤ the certificate automatically expires and may be reinstated only upon the
38 payment of the required fee for reinstatement in addition to the renewal fee.

39 **Sec. 7.** NRS 634.131 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 634.131 1. If a license expires pursuant to the provisions of subsection ~~10~~
41 12 of NRS 634.130 and the license was not reinstated pursuant to the provisions of
42 that subsection, the person who held the license may apply to the Board to have the
43 license reinstated to active status.

44 2. An applicant to have an expired license reinstated to active status pursuant
45 to subsection 1 must:

46 (a) Either:

47 (1) Submit satisfactory evidence to the Board:

48 (I) That the applicant has maintained an active practice in another state,
49 territory or country within the preceding 5 years;

50 (II) From all other licensing agencies which have issued the applicant a
51 license that he or she is in good standing and has no legal actions pending against
52 him or her; and

1 (III) That the applicant has participated in a program of continuing
2 education in accordance with NRS 634.130 for the year in which he or she seeks to
3 be reinstated to active status; or

4 (2) Score :

5 *(I) For a written, closed-book examination which is administered in*
6 *person by the Board, 75 percent or higher in all subjects on ~~the~~ the examination*
7 *~~prescribed by the Board on~~ concerning the provisions of this chapter and the*
8 *regulations adopted by the Board; or*

9 *(II) For a written, open-book examination which is administered in*
10 *person by the Board or an examination that is taken online, 90 percent or higher*
11 *in all subjects on the examination concerning the provisions of this chapter and*
12 *the regulations adopted by the Board;*

13 (b) Pay:

14 (1) The fee for the biennial renewal of a license to practice chiropractic;

15 (2) The fee for reinstating a license to practice chiropractic which has
16 expired; and

17 (3) The fee for the processing of fingerprints established pursuant to
18 subsection 4; and

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

23 3. If any of the requirements set forth in subsection 2 are not met by an
24 applicant for the reinstatement of an expired license to active status, the Board,
25 before reinstating the license of the applicant to active status:

26 (a) Must hold a hearing to determine the professional competency and fitness
27 of the applicant; and

28 (b) May require the applicant to:

29 (1) Pass the Special Purposes Examination for Chiropractic prepared by the
30 National Board of Chiropractic Examiners; and

31 (2) Satisfy any additional requirements that the Board deems to be
32 necessary.

33 4. The Board shall establish by regulation the fee for processing fingerprints.
34 The fee must not exceed the sum of the amounts charged by the Central Repository
35 for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for
36 processing the fingerprints.

37 **Sec. 8.** NRS 634.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 634.140 The grounds for initiating disciplinary action pursuant to this chapter
39 are:

40 1. Unprofessional conduct.

41 2. *Incompetence or negligence in the practice of chiropractic.*

42 3. Conviction of:

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

46 (b) A ~~felony~~ *crime* relating to the practice of chiropractic;

47 (c) A violation of any of the provisions of NRS 616D.200, 616D.220,
48 616D.240 or 616D.300 to 616D.440, inclusive; or

49 (d) Any offense involving moral turpitude.

50 ~~3-~~ 4. Suspension or revocation of the license to practice chiropractic by any
51 other jurisdiction.

1 ~~[4.]~~ 5. Referring, in violation of NRS 439B.425, a patient to a health facility,
2 medical laboratory or commercial establishment in which the licensee has a
3 financial interest.

4 ~~[5.]~~ 6. Operation of a medical facility, as defined in NRS 449.0151, at any
5 time during which:

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

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

9 ➤ This subsection applies to an owner or other principal responsible for the
10 operation of the facility.

11 **Sec. 9.** NRS 634.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 634.190 1. The person charged is entitled to a hearing before the Board, but
13 the failure of the person charged to attend a hearing or to defend himself or herself
14 does not delay or void the proceedings. The Board may, for good cause shown,
15 continue any hearing from time to time.

16 2. If the Board finds *that* the person ~~[guilty as charged]~~ *committed one or*
17 *more of the charges made* in the complaint, ~~[it]~~ *the Board* may by order:

18 (a) Place the person on probation for a specified period or until further order of
19 the Board.

20 (b) Administer to the person a public reprimand.

21 (c) Limit the practice of the person to, or by the exclusion of, one or more
22 specified branches of chiropractic.

23 (d) Suspend the license of the person to practice chiropractic for a specified
24 period or until further order of the Board.

25 (e) Revoke the license of the person to practice chiropractic.

26 (f) Impose a fine of not more than \$5,000 for each act which constitutes a
27 ground for disciplinary action, which must be deposited with the State Treasurer for
28 credit to the State General Fund.

29 ➤ The order of the Board may contain such other terms, provisions or conditions as
30 the Board deems proper ~~[and which are not inconsistent with law.]~~ *to remedy or*
31 *address the facts and circumstances of the particular case.*

32 3. If the Board finds that a licensee has violated the provisions of NRS
33 439B.425, the Board shall suspend the license for a specified period or until further
34 order of the Board.

35 4. The Board shall not administer a private reprimand.

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

38 **Sec. 10.** NRS 634.216 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 634.216 The Board or any person who or other organization which initiates or
40 assists in any lawful investigation or proceeding concerning the discipline of a
41 chiropractor ~~[for gross malpractice, repeated malpractice or unprofessional~~
42 ~~conduct]~~ is immune from any civil action for that initiation or assistance or any
43 consequential damages, if the person or organization acted without malicious intent.

44 **Sec. 10.5.** NRS 634.225 is hereby amended to read as follows:

45 634.225 1. A chiropractor shall not pierce or sever any body tissue, except
46 to ~~[draw]~~ :

47 (a) Draw blood for diagnostic purposes ~~[]~~ ; or

48 (b) Perform dry needling, if the chiropractor is qualified to do so pursuant to
49 the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to section 1 of this act.

50 2. A chiropractor shall not offer to engage in, advertise, solicit or otherwise
51 claim to be able to perform acupuncture unless he or she is licensed to practice
52 Oriental medicine pursuant to chapter 634A of NRS, except that a chiropractor
53 who is qualified to perform dry needling pursuant to the regulations adopted

1 pursuant to section 1 of this act may offer to engage in, advertise, solicit or
2 otherwise claim to be able to perform dry needling.

3 3. As used in this section:

4 (a) "Acupuncture" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 634A.020.

5 (b) "Dry needling" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 1 of this act.

6 **Sec. 11.** NRS 634.015 is hereby repealed.

7 **Sec. 12.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

634.015 "Gross malpractice" defined. "Gross malpractice" means malpractice where the failure to exercise the requisite degree of care, diligence or skill consists of ministering to a patient while the chiropractor is under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance.