Amendment No. 310

Senate Amendment to Senate Bill No. 294	(BDR 54-965)
Proposed by: Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor	
Amends: Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes	

ASSEMBLY ACTION		Initial and Date	SENATE ACTION		Initial and Date
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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.

JDK/SJQ Date: 4/18/2025

S.B. No. 294—Revises provisions relating to physician assistants. (BDR 54-965)

SENATE BILL NO. 294–SENATOR FLORES

MARCH 6, 2025

JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMEMBER D'SILVA

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to physician assistants. (BDR 54-965)

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

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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 physician assistants; [~~prescribing the settings in which a~~] **requiring the Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine to authorize a supervising** physician [~~assistant is authorized~~] **or osteopathic physician** to [~~practice; eliminating provisions requiring the supervision of a~~] **simultaneously supervise not less than six** physician [~~assistant by a physician; authorizing a physician assistant to perform certain medical services under certain circumstances; eliminating provisions governing the testing or examination of applicants for licensure as a physician assistant; prescribing certain authority and duties of a physician assistant and an advanced practice registered nurse; removing the requirement that a rural clinic be supervised by a physician;~~] **assistants;** and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law: (1) provides for the licensure and regulation of physician assistants by the Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine; and (2) requires a physician assistant to work under the supervision of a physician or osteopathic physician. (NRS 630.271, 630.275, 633.432-633.469) [~~Sections 5-9, 16 and 18-20 of this bill remove the requirement that a physician assistant be supervised by a physician or osteopathic physician. Sections 6, 13, 21, 22, 24, 27, 28, 59, 76-79, 85, 93, 162, 163, 187, 189, 190, 192, 194, 196-198, 200 and 204 of this bill remove references to supervision of a physician assistant by a physician or osteopathic physician. Sections 4 and 15 of this bill: (1) require a physician assistant who has practiced for less than 4,000 hours as a physician assistant to enter into a collaborative agreement with a physician; and (2) authorize the Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine to require a physician assistant who changes the field of medicine within which the physician assistant practices to enter into a collaborative agreement with a physician until the physician assistant has practiced in that field for a certain amount of time. Sections 4 and 15 also prescribe the settings in which a physician assistant is authorized to practice. Sections 7 and 18: (1) require a physician assistant to obtain the informed consent of a patient before providing any medical service; (2) prescribe medical~~

~~services that a physician assistant is authorized to perform; and (3) require a physician assistant to only perform such services within his or her scope of practice and which he or she has the necessary education, training and experience to competently perform.]~~ **Existing regulations, with certain exceptions, prohibit a supervising physician or osteopathic physician from simultaneously supervising more than three physician assistants. (NAC 630.495, 633.288) Sections ~~[9 and 20 remove a requirement that]~~ 1 and 2 of this bill require** the Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine **to** adopt regulations ~~[governing the testing or examination of applicants for licensure as]~~ **which authorize** a **supervising** physician ~~[assistant and the services which a]~~ **or osteopathic** physician ~~[assistant may perform. Sections 1-3, 10-12, 14, 17, 23-26, 29-58, 60-75, 80-92, 94-121, 123-130, 132-139, 141, 143, 145-147, 149-151, 153-158, 160, 161, 164-186, 188, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199 and 201-203 of this bill make various changes so that]~~ **to simultaneously supervise not less than six** physician assistants**.** ~~[have similar authority and duties to other providers of health care who provide medical services independently and are otherwise treated in the same manner as other such providers of health care. Sections 46, 61, 120, 136 and 172 also add advanced practice registered nurses to certain provisions to ensure that physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses have similar authority.~~

~~Existing law requires the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations governing the: (1) administration, possession, dispensing, storage, security, recordkeeping and transportation of controlled substances by a physician assistant; and (2) administration, possession, prescription, dispensing, storage, security, recordkeeping and transportation of dangerous drugs, poisons and devices by a physician assistant. (NRS 639.1373) Section 28 removes a requirement that the Board consider the experience and training of the physician assistant when adopting those regulations.~~

~~Existing law defines a rural clinic to mean a medical facility in a rural area where medical services are provided by a physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse under the supervision of a physician. (NRS 449.0175) Section 122 of this bill removes the requirement that a rural clinic be supervised by physician.~~

~~Sections 131, 134, 135, 138, 140, 142 and 144 of this bill make conforming changes so that the definition of the term "attending physician assistant" set forth in section 128 applies to certain provisions governing withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment. Sections 148, 152 and 159 of this bill make conforming changes so that the definition of the term "attending physician assistant" set forth in section 146 applies to certain provisions governing withholding life-sustaining treatment.]~~

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

Delete existing sections 1 through 205 of this bill and replace with the following new sections 1, 2 and 3:

Section 1. **NRS 630.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

630.275 The Board shall adopt regulations regarding the licensure of a physician assistant, including, but not limited to:

1. The educational and other qualifications of applicants.
2. The required academic program for applicants.
3. The procedures for applications for and the issuance of licenses.
4. The procedures deemed necessary by the Board for applications for and the initial issuance of licenses by endorsement pursuant to NRS 630.2751 or 630.2752.
5. The tests or examinations of applicants required by the Board.
6. The medical services which a physician assistant may perform, except that a physician assistant may not perform those specific functions and duties delegated or restricted by law to persons licensed as dentists, chiropractic physicians, naprapaths, podiatric physicians and optometrists under chapters 631, 634, 634B, 635 and 636, respectively, of NRS, or as hearing aid specialists.

7. The duration, renewal and termination of licenses, including licenses by endorsement. The Board shall not require a physician assistant to receive or maintain certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, or its successor organization, or by any other nationally recognized organization for the accreditation of physician assistants to satisfy any continuing education requirements for the renewal of licenses.

8. The grounds and procedures respecting disciplinary actions against physician assistants.

9. The supervision of medical services of a physician assistant by a supervising physician ~~[.]~~ ***, which must authorize a supervising physician to simultaneously supervise not less than six physician assistants.***

10. A physician assistant's use of equipment that transfers information concerning the medical condition of a patient in this State electronically, telephonically or by fiber optics, including, without limitation, through telehealth, from within or outside this State or the United States.

Sec. 2. **NRS 633.434 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

633.434 The Board shall adopt regulations regarding the licensure of a physician assistant, including, without limitation:

1. The educational and other qualifications of applicants.
2. The required academic program for applicants.
3. The procedures for applications for and the issuance of licenses.
4. The procedures deemed necessary by the Board for applications for and the issuance of initial licenses by endorsement pursuant to NRS 633.4335 and 633.4336.
5. The tests or examinations of applicants by the Board.
6. The medical services which a physician assistant may perform, except that a physician assistant may not perform osteopathic manipulative therapy or those specific functions and duties delegated or restricted by law to persons licensed as dentists, chiropractic physicians, doctors of Oriental medicine, naprapaths, podiatric physicians, optometrists and hearing aid specialists under chapters 631, 634, 634A, 634B, 635, 636 and 637B, respectively, of NRS.
7. The grounds and procedures respecting disciplinary actions against physician assistants.
8. The supervision of medical services of a physician assistant by a supervising osteopathic physician ~~[.]~~ ***, which must authorize a supervising osteopathic physician to simultaneously supervise not less than six physician assistants.***

Sec. 3. **This act becomes effective:**

1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

2. On January 1, 2026, for all other purposes.