

Assembly Bill No. 89—Committee
on Commerce and Labor

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to professions; requiring the Administrator of the Employment Security Division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to gather and report certain data to the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs; authorizing a private employer to adopt an employment policy that gives preference in hiring to a veteran or the spouse of a veteran; authorizing the Nevada Equal Rights Commission to review such an employment policy under certain circumstances; revising provisions governing the dissemination of certain records of criminal history; authorizing certain persons to obtain a commercial driver's license without taking a driving skills test; authorizing certain qualified professionals to apply for a license by endorsement to practice in this State; requiring a regulatory body to develop opportunities for reciprocity of licensure for certain qualified professionals; requiring a regulatory body in certain circumstances to prepare and submit to the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs an annual report relating to veterans; authorizing certain regulatory bodies to enter into certain reciprocal agreements relating to the practice of licensed professionals; revising provisions relating to the licensure of an allopathic and osteopathic physician; revising provisions relating to the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene, including, without limitation, the licensing requirements for and the issuance of a license to dentists and dental hygienists; establishing a fee for the inspection of a facility required by the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada to ensure compliance with infection control guidelines; authorizing certain qualified physicians and podiatrists to obtain a license by endorsement under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Sections 1 and 2 of this bill set forth new provisions relating to the employment of veterans. **Section 1** requires the Administrator of the Employment Security Division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to gather aggregate unemployment data concerning veterans and report such data to the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs on a quarterly basis. **Section 2** authorizes a private employer to adopt an employment policy that gives preference in hiring to a veteran or the spouse of a veteran. **Section 2** also authorizes the Nevada Equal Rights Commission to review the uniform application of such an employment policy upon receiving a written complaint from a prospective employee of the employer and requires the employer, upon a finding by the



Commission that the policy has not been applied uniformly, to revise his or her employment policy in accordance with the recommendations of the Commission. Existing law generally provides for preferential employment in public employment and the construction of public works for certain veterans. (NRS 281.060, 284.260, 338.130)

Under existing law, before a person can be issued a commercial driver's license by this State, the person is required, among other things, to pass a driving skills test for driving a commercial motor vehicle. (NRS 483.928) **Section 5** of this bill provides an exemption to this requirement for certain persons who have experience driving a commercial motor vehicle because of their service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Existing law also generally provides for the regulation of professions in this State. (Title 54 of NRS) **Sections 13.6, 27.2, 27.3, 28.3, 36.5, 41, 45, 46, 52, 55, 59, 63, 64, 69, 74 and 78-82** of this bill authorize certain qualified physicians, podiatrists and other providers of health care and professionals to obtain an expedited license by endorsement to practice their respective professions in this State if the physician, podiatrist or other provider of health care or professional: (1) holds a valid and unrestricted license to practice in the District of Columbia or another state or territory of the United States; (2) is an active member or veteran of, the spouse of an active member or veteran of, or the surviving spouse of a veteran of, the Armed Forces of the United States; and (3) meets certain other requirements. Specifically, an expedited license by endorsement may be obtained from the Board of Medical Examiners, the State Board of Nursing, the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, the State Board of Podiatry, the State Board of Optometry, the Board of Examiners for Audiology and Speech Pathology, the State Board of Pharmacy, the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, the Board of Occupational Therapy, the Board of Massage Therapists, the Board of Psychological Examiners, the Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors, the Board of Examiners for Social Workers and the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors.

Section 10 of this bill requires a regulatory body to develop opportunities for reciprocity of licensure for such persons who hold a professional license that is not recognized by this State. **Section 11** of this bill requires a regulatory body in certain circumstances to prepare and submit to the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs an annual report providing information on the number of veterans who have applied for a license, have been issued a license or have renewed a license.

Section 12 of this bill authorizes certain regulatory bodies of this State to enter into a reciprocal agreement with the corresponding regulatory authority of another state or territory of the United States for the purposes of authorizing and regulating the practice of certain professions concurrently in this State and another jurisdiction. **Section 12** provides that such a reciprocal agreement must not authorize a person to practice his or her profession concurrently in this State unless the person meets certain credentialing requirements. **Sections 13.3, 30.5 and 33** of this bill authorize certain qualified physicians and certain qualified podiatrists to obtain an expedited license by endorsement to practice in this State if the physician or podiatrist meets certain requirements. **Section 14** of this bill authorizes the Board of Medical Examiners to issue a license to practice medicine to certain persons who receive postgraduate education in certain approved residency programs in Canada.

Sections 20-27 of this bill revise various provisions relating to dentists and dental hygienists. **Section 22.5** authorizes the Executive Director of the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada to issue a license to a qualified applicant without further review of the Board under certain circumstances. **Sections 23 and 25** revise provisions relating to the licensing requirements for dentists and dental hygienists,



and **section 27** establishes a fee for the inspection of a facility required by the Board to ensure compliance with infection control guidelines.

Section 3 of this bill adds the Board of Examiners for Social Workers to the list of persons and governmental entities to whom records of criminal history must be disseminated by an agency of criminal justice upon request.

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

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

Section 1. Chapter 612 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Administrator of the Division shall, for each calendar quarter, gather aggregate unemployment data concerning veterans, including, without limitation, benefits paid to veterans, and report such data to the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs.

2. As used in this section, “veteran” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 2. Chapter 613 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. A private employer may adopt an employment policy that gives preference in hiring to a veteran or the spouse of a veteran. Such a policy must be applied uniformly to employment decisions regarding the hiring or promotion of a veteran or the spouse of a veteran or the retention of a veteran or the spouse of a veteran during a reduction in the workforce.

2. A private employer who gives preference in hiring to a veteran or the spouse of a veteran pursuant to subsection 1 does not violate any local or state equal employment law.

3. The Nevada Equal Rights Commission may, upon receipt of a written complaint from a prospective employee of a private employer who has adopted an employment policy giving preference in hiring to a veteran or the spouse of a veteran pursuant to subsection 1, review the employment policy to determine whether the policy is being applied uniformly in accordance with subsection 1. If the Commission determines that an employment policy is not being applied uniformly, the Commission shall cause written notice of its findings, including the recommendations of the Commission, to be provided to the employer and prospective employee. Upon receipt of a notice from the Commission that an employment policy is not being applied uniformly, the employer shall revise his or her employment policy consistent with the recommendations of the Commission.



4. As used in this section:

(a) "Private employer" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 616A.295.

(b) "Veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 3. NRS 179A.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

179A.100 1. The following records of criminal history may be disseminated by an agency of criminal justice without any restriction pursuant to this chapter:

(a) Any which reflect records of conviction only; and

(b) Any which pertain to an incident for which a person is currently within the system of criminal justice, including parole or probation.

2. Without any restriction pursuant to this chapter, a record of criminal history or the absence of such a record may be:

(a) Disclosed among agencies which maintain a system for the mutual exchange of criminal records.

(b) Furnished by one agency to another to administer the system of criminal justice, including the furnishing of information by a police department to a district attorney.

(c) Reported to the Central Repository.

3. An agency of criminal justice shall disseminate to a prospective employer, upon request, records of criminal history concerning a prospective employee or volunteer which are the result of a name-based inquiry and which:

(a) Reflect convictions only; or

(b) Pertain to an incident for which the prospective employee or volunteer is currently within the system of criminal justice, including parole or probation.

4. In addition to any other information to which an employer is entitled or authorized to receive from a name-based inquiry, the Central Repository shall disseminate to a prospective or current employer, or a person or entity designated to receive the information on behalf of such an employer, the information contained in a record of registration concerning an employee, prospective employee, volunteer or prospective volunteer who is a sex offender or an offender convicted of a crime against a child, regardless of whether the employee, prospective employee, volunteer or prospective volunteer gives written consent to the release of that information. The Central Repository shall disseminate such information in a manner that does not reveal the name of an individual victim of an offense or the information described in subsection 7 of NRS 179B.250. A request for information pursuant to this subsection



must conform to the requirements of the Central Repository and must include:

(a) The name and address of the employer, and the name and signature of the person or entity requesting the information on behalf of the employer;

(b) The name and address of the employer's facility in which the employee, prospective employee, volunteer or prospective volunteer is employed or volunteers or is seeking to become employed or volunteer; and

(c) The name and other identifying information of the employee, prospective employee, volunteer or prospective volunteer.

5. In addition to any other information to which an employer is entitled or authorized to receive, the Central Repository shall disseminate to a prospective or current employer, or a person or entity designated to receive the information on behalf of such an employer, the information described in subsection 4 of NRS 179A.190 concerning an employee, prospective employee, volunteer or prospective volunteer who gives written consent to the release of that information if the employer submits a request in the manner set forth in NRS 179A.200 for obtaining a notice of information. The Central Repository shall search for and disseminate such information in the manner set forth in NRS 179A.210 for the dissemination of a notice of information.

6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the provisions of NRS 179A.180 to 179A.240, inclusive, do not apply to an employer who requests information and to whom such information is disseminated pursuant to subsections 4 and 5.

7. Records of criminal history must be disseminated by an agency of criminal justice, upon request, to the following persons or governmental entities:

(a) The person who is the subject of the record of criminal history for the purposes of NRS 179A.150.

(b) The person who is the subject of the record of criminal history when the subject is a party in a judicial, administrative, licensing, disciplinary or other proceeding to which the information is relevant.

(c) The State Gaming Control Board.

(d) The State Board of Nursing.

(e) The Private Investigator's Licensing Board to investigate an applicant for a license.

(f) A public administrator to carry out the duties as prescribed in chapter 253 of NRS.



(g) A public guardian to investigate a ward or proposed ward or persons who may have knowledge of assets belonging to a ward or proposed ward.

(h) Any agency of criminal justice of the United States or of another state or the District of Columbia.

(i) Any public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada when the information is necessary to conduct a security investigation of an employee or prospective employee or to protect the public health, safety or welfare.

(j) Persons and agencies authorized by statute, ordinance, executive order, court rule, court decision or court order as construed by appropriate state or local officers or agencies.

(k) Any person or governmental entity which has entered into a contract to provide services to an agency of criminal justice relating to the administration of criminal justice, if authorized by the contract, and if the contract also specifies that the information will be used only for stated purposes and that it will be otherwise confidential in accordance with state and federal law and regulation.

(l) Any reporter for the electronic or printed media in a professional capacity for communication to the public.

(m) Prospective employers if the person who is the subject of the information has given written consent to the release of that information by the agency which maintains it.

(n) For the express purpose of research, evaluative or statistical programs pursuant to an agreement with an agency of criminal justice.

(o) An agency which provides child welfare services, as defined in NRS 432B.030.

(p) The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services or its designated representative, as needed to ensure the safety of investigators and caseworkers.

(q) The Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services or its designated representative, as needed to ensure the safety of investigators and caseworkers.

(r) An agency of this or any other state or the Federal Government that is conducting activities pursuant to Part D of Subchapter IV of Chapter 7 of Title 42 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 651 et seq.

(s) The State Disaster Identification Team of the Division of Emergency Management of the Department.

(t) The Commissioner of Insurance.



- (u) The Board of Medical Examiners.
- (v) The State Board of Osteopathic Medicine.
- (w) The Board of Massage Therapists and its Executive Director.

(x) ***The Board of Examiners for Social Workers.***

(y) A multidisciplinary team to review the death of the victim of a crime that constitutes domestic violence organized or sponsored by the Attorney General pursuant to NRS 228.495.

8. Agencies of criminal justice in this State which receive information from sources outside this State concerning transactions involving criminal justice which occur outside Nevada shall treat the information as confidentially as is required by the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 4. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 5. Chapter 483 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 383.77, the requirement set forth in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 483.928 for the issuance of a commercial driver's license by this State must be waived for an applicant who:

(a) Has experience driving a commercial motor vehicle because of his or her service in the Armed Forces of the United States;

(b) Is licensed at the time of his or her application for a commercial driver's license; and

(c) Meets the requirements set forth in subsection 2.

2. An applicant for a commercial driver's license who seeks a waiver pursuant to subsection 1 of the requirement set forth in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 483.928 shall:

(a) Certify that, during the 2 years immediately preceding his or her application for a commercial driver's license, the applicant has not had:

(1) More than one license in more than one jurisdiction at the same time, except for a military license;

(2) A license suspended, revoked, cancelled or denied;

(3) A conviction for an offense listed in 49 C.F.R. § 383.51(b);

(4) More than one conviction for a serious traffic violation listed in 49 C.F.R. § 383.51(c); and

(5) A conviction for a violation of any military, state or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control, other than a parking violation, arising in connection with any traffic accident, and has no record of an accident in which he or she was at fault.



(b) Certify and provide evidence that he or she:

(1) Has been regularly employed in a military position that requires the operation of a commercial motor vehicle within the 90 days immediately preceding his or her application;

(2) Is exempt from the requirements for a commercial driver's license pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 383.3(c); and

(3) Has operated a vehicle which is representative of the commercial motor vehicle that he or she intends to operate for at least 2 years immediately preceding the date of his or her application.

Sec. 6. NRS 483.928 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.928 A person who wishes to be issued a commercial driver's license by this State must:

1. Apply to the Department for a commercial driver's license;
2. In accordance with standards contained in regulations adopted by the Department:

(a) Pass a knowledge test for the type of motor vehicle the person operates or expects to operate; and

(b) ~~Pass~~ ***Except as otherwise provided in section 5 of this act, pass*** a driving skills test for driving a commercial motor vehicle taken in a motor vehicle which is representative of the type of motor vehicle the person operates or expects to operate;

3. Comply with all other requirements contained in the regulations adopted by the Department pursuant to NRS 483.908;

4. Not be ineligible to be issued a commercial driver's license pursuant to NRS 483.929; and

5. For the issuance of a commercial driver's license with an endorsement for hazardous materials, submit a complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Department to forward the fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and all applicable federal agencies to process the fingerprints for a background check of the applicant in accordance with Section 1012 of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act (USA PATRIOT ACT) of 2001, 49 U.S.C. § 5103a.

Sec. 7. Chapter 622 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 8 to 12, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 8. ***As used in sections 8 to 11, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.***

Sec. 9. (Deleted by amendment.)



Sec. 10. *A regulatory body shall develop opportunities for reciprocity of licensure for any person who:*

1. Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran; and

2. Holds a valid and unrestricted license to practice his or her profession that is not recognized by this State.

Sec. 11. *If a regulatory body collects information regarding whether an applicant for a license is a veteran, the regulatory body shall prepare and submit to the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs created by NRS 417.0191 an annual report which provides information on the number of veterans who have:*

1. Applied for a license from the regulatory body.

2. Been issued a license by the regulatory body.

3. Renewed a license with the regulatory body.

Sec. 12. *1. A regulatory body that regulates a profession pursuant to chapters 630, 630A, 632 to 641C, inclusive, or 644 of NRS in this State may enter into a reciprocal agreement with the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or any other state or territory of the United States for the purposes of:*

(a) Authorizing a qualified person licensed in the profession in that state or territory to practice concurrently in this State and one or more other states or territories of the United States; and

(b) Regulating the practice of such a person.

2. A regulatory body may enter into a reciprocal agreement pursuant to subsection 1 only if the regulatory body determines that:

(a) The corresponding regulatory authority is authorized by law to enter into such an agreement with the regulatory body; and

(b) The applicable provisions of law governing the practice of the respective profession in the state or territory on whose behalf the corresponding regulatory authority would execute the reciprocal agreement are substantially similar to the corresponding provisions of law in this State.

3. A reciprocal agreement entered into pursuant to subsection 1 must not authorize a person to practice his or her profession concurrently in this State unless the person:

(a) Has an active license to practice his or her profession in another state or territory of the United States.

(b) Has been in practice for at least the 5 years immediately preceding the date on which the person submits an application for the issuance of a license pursuant to a reciprocal agreement entered into pursuant to subsection 1.



(c) Has not had his or her license suspended or revoked in any state or territory of the United States.

(d) Has not been refused a license to practice in any state or territory of the United States for any reason.

(e) Is not involved in and does not have pending any disciplinary action concerning his or her license or practice in any state or territory of the United States.

(f) Pays any applicable fees for the issuance of a license that are otherwise required for a person to obtain a license in this State.

(g) Submits to the applicable regulatory body the statement required by NRS 425.520.

4. If the regulatory body enters into a reciprocal agreement pursuant to subsection 1, the regulatory body must prepare an annual report before January 31 of each year outlining the progress of the regulatory body as it relates to the reciprocal agreement and submit the report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next session of the Legislature in odd-numbered years or to the Legislative Committee on Health Care in even-numbered years.

Sec. 13. Chapter 630 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 13.3 and 13.6 of this act.

Sec. 13.3. 1. *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 630.1605 and 630.161, the Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice medicine to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:*

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(b) Is certified in a specialty recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association.

2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined and is not currently under investigation by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or any state or territory in which the applicant holds a license to practice medicine; and



(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 630.167;

(c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct; and

(d) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement to practice medicine pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement to practice medicine to the applicant not later than:

(a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application; or

(b) Ten days after receiving a report on the applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

↳ whichever occurs later.

4. A license by endorsement to practice medicine may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President and Executive Director of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice medicine in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

Sec. 13.6. 1. *The Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:*

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice as a physician assistant in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) Is certified in a specialty recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties; and



(c) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license to practice as a physician assistant; and

(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 630.167;

(c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct; and

(d) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant to the applicant not later than:

(a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application; or

(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

↳ whichever occurs later.

4. A license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President and Executive Director of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section,



the Board may grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice as a physician assistant in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 14. NRS 630.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.160 1. Every person desiring to practice medicine must, before beginning to practice, procure from the Board a license authorizing the person to practice.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 630.1605, 630.161 and 630.258 to 630.266, inclusive, *and section 13.3 of this act*, a license may be issued to any person who:

(a) Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States;

(b) Has received the degree of doctor of medicine from a medical school:

(1) Approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the American Medical Association and Association of American Medical Colleges; or

(2) Which provides a course of professional instruction equivalent to that provided in medical schools in the United States approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education;

(c) Is currently certified by a specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties and who agrees to maintain the certification for the duration of the licensure, or has passed:

(1) All parts of the examination given by the National Board of Medical Examiners;

(2) All parts of the Federation Licensing Examination;

(3) All parts of the United States Medical Licensing Examination;

(4) All parts of a licensing examination given by any state or territory of the United States, if the applicant is certified by a specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties;

(5) All parts of the examination to become a licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada; or

(6) Any combination of the examinations specified in subparagraphs (1), (2) and (3) that the Board determines to be sufficient;

(d) Is currently certified by a specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties in the specialty of emergency medicine, preventive medicine or family ~~practice~~ *medicine* and who agrees to maintain certification in at least one of these specialties for the duration of the licensure, or:



(1) Has completed 36 months of progressive postgraduate:

(I) Education as a resident in the United States or Canada in a program approved by the Board, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, ~~for the [Coordinating Council of Medical Education of the Canadian Medical Association]~~ *Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the Collège des médecins du Québec or the College of Family Physicians of Canada, or their successor organizations;* or

(II) Fellowship training in the United States or Canada approved by the Board or the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education;

(2) Has completed at least 36 months of postgraduate education, not less than 24 months of which must have been completed as a resident after receiving a medical degree from a combined dental and medical degree program approved by the Board; or

(3) Is a resident who is enrolled in a progressive postgraduate training program in the United States or Canada approved by the Board, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, ~~for the [Coordinating Council of Medical Education of the Canadian Medical Association]~~ *Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the Collège des médecins du Québec, the College of Family Physicians of Canada or, as applicable, their successor organizations,* has completed at least 24 months of the program and has committed, in writing, to the Board that he or she will complete the program; and

(e) Passes a written or oral examination, or both, as to his or her qualifications to practice medicine and provides the Board with a description of the clinical program completed demonstrating that the applicant's clinical training met the requirements of paragraph (b).

3. The Board may issue a license to practice medicine after the Board verifies, through any readily available source, that the applicant has complied with the provisions of subsection 2. The verification may include, but is not limited to, using the Federation Credentials Verification Service. If any information is verified by a source other than the primary source of the information, the Board may require subsequent verification of the information by the primary source of the information.

4. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, if, after issuing a license to practice medicine, the Board obtains information from a primary or other source of information and that information differs from the information provided by the applicant or otherwise received by the Board, the Board may:



- (a) Temporarily suspend the license;
- (b) Promptly review the differing information with the Board as a whole or in a committee appointed by the Board;
- (c) Declare the license void if the Board or a committee appointed by the Board determines that the information submitted by the applicant was false, fraudulent or intended to deceive the Board;
- (d) Refer the applicant to the Attorney General for possible criminal prosecution pursuant to NRS 630.400; or
- (e) If the Board temporarily suspends the license, allow the license to return to active status subject to any terms and conditions specified by the Board, including:
 - (1) Placing the licensee on probation for a specified period with specified conditions;
 - (2) Administering a public reprimand;
 - (3) Limiting the practice of the licensee;
 - (4) Suspending the license for a specified period or until further order of the Board;
 - (5) Requiring the licensee to participate in a program to correct alcohol or drug dependence or any other impairment;
 - (6) Requiring supervision of the practice of the licensee;
 - (7) Imposing an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000;
 - (8) Requiring the licensee to perform community service without compensation;
 - (9) Requiring the licensee to take a physical or mental examination or an examination testing his or her competence to practice medicine;
 - (10) Requiring the licensee to complete any training or educational requirements specified by the Board; and
 - (11) Requiring the licensee to submit a corrected application, including the payment of all appropriate fees and costs incident to submitting an application.

5. If the Board determines after reviewing the differing information to allow the license to remain in active status, the action of the Board is not a disciplinary action and must not be reported to any national database. If the Board determines after reviewing the differing information to declare the license void, its action shall be deemed a disciplinary action and shall be reportable to national databases.

Sec. 15. NRS 630.165 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.165 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, an applicant for a license to practice medicine must submit to the



Board, on a form provided by the Board, an application in writing, accompanied by an affidavit stating that:

(a) The applicant is the person named in the proof of graduation and that it was obtained without fraud or misrepresentation or any mistake of which the applicant is aware; and

(b) The information contained in the application and any accompanying material is complete and correct.

2. An applicant for a license by endorsement to practice medicine pursuant to NRS 630.1605 *or section 13.3 of this act* must submit to the Board, on a form provided by the Board, an application in writing, accompanied by an affidavit stating that:

(a) The applicant is the person named in the license to practice medicine issued by the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States and that the license was obtained without fraud or misrepresentation or any mistake of which the applicant is aware; and

(b) The information contained in the application and any accompanying material is complete and correct.

3. An application submitted pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 must include all information required to complete the application.

4. In addition to the other requirements for licensure, the Board may require such further evidence of the mental, physical, medical or other qualifications of the applicant as it considers necessary.

5. The applicant bears the burden of proving and documenting his or her qualifications for licensure.

Sec. 16. NRS 630.171 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.171 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 630.263, in addition to the other requirements for licensure, an applicant for a license to practice medicine shall cause to be submitted to the Board, if applicable:

1. A certificate of completion of progressive postgraduate training from the residency program where the applicant ~~received~~ *completed* training; and

2. Proof of satisfactory completion of a progressive postgraduate training program specified in subparagraph (3) of paragraph (d) of subsection 2 of NRS 630.160 within 60 days after the scheduled completion of the program.

Sec. 16.5. NRS 630.195 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.195 1. ~~Has~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 13.3 of this act*, addition to the other requirements for licensure, an applicant for a license to practice medicine who is a graduate of a foreign medical school shall submit to the Board proof that the applicant has received:



(a) The degree of doctor of medicine or its equivalent, as determined by the Board; and

(b) The standard certificate of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates or a written statement from that Commission that the applicant passed the examination given by the Commission.

2. The proof of the degree of doctor of medicine or its equivalent must be submitted directly to the Board by the medical school that granted the degree. If proof of the degree is unavailable from the medical school that granted the degree, the Board may accept proof from any other source specified by the Board.

Sec. 17. NRS 630.258 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.258 1. A physician who is retired from active practice and who:

(a) Wishes to donate his or her expertise for the medical care and treatment of persons in this State who are indigent, uninsured or unable to afford health care; or

(b) Wishes to provide services for any disaster relief operations conducted by a governmental entity or nonprofit organization,
↳ may obtain a special volunteer medical license by submitting an application to the Board pursuant to this section.

2. An application for a special volunteer medical license must be on a form provided by the Board and must include:

(a) Documentation of the history of medical practice of the physician;

(b) Proof that the physician previously has been issued an unrestricted license to practice medicine in any state of the United States and that the physician has never been the subject of disciplinary action by a medical board in any jurisdiction;

(c) Proof that the physician satisfies the requirements for licensure set forth in NRS 630.160 or the requirements for licensure by endorsement set forth in NRS 630.1605 ~~†~~ **or section 13.3 of this act;**

(d) Acknowledgment that the practice of the physician under the special volunteer medical license will be exclusively devoted to providing medical care:

(1) To persons in this State who are indigent, uninsured or unable to afford health care; or

(2) As part of any disaster relief operations conducted by a governmental entity or nonprofit organization; and

(e) Acknowledgment that the physician will not receive any payment or compensation, either direct or indirect, or have the expectation of any payment or compensation, for providing medical



care under the special volunteer medical license, except for payment by a medical facility at which the physician provides volunteer medical services of the expenses of the physician for necessary travel, continuing education, malpractice insurance or fees of the State Board of Pharmacy.

3. If the Board finds that the application of a physician satisfies the requirements of subsection 2 and that the retired physician is competent to practice medicine, the Board ~~{shall}~~ **must** issue a special volunteer medical license to the physician.

4. The initial special volunteer medical license issued pursuant to this section expires 1 year after the date of issuance. The license may be renewed pursuant to this section, and any license that is renewed expires 2 years after the date of issuance.

5. The Board shall not charge a fee for:

(a) The review of an application for a special volunteer medical license; or

(b) The issuance or renewal of a special volunteer medical license pursuant to this section.

6. A physician who is issued a special volunteer medical license pursuant to this section and who accepts the privilege of practicing medicine in this State pursuant to the provisions of the special volunteer medical license is subject to all the provisions governing disciplinary action set forth in this chapter.

7. A physician who is issued a special volunteer medical license pursuant to this section shall comply with the requirements for continuing education adopted by the Board.

Sec. 18. NRS 630.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.265 1. ~~{Except as otherwise provided in}~~ **Unless the Board denies such licensure pursuant to** NRS 630.161 ~~{}~~ **or for other good cause,** the Board ~~{may}~~ **shall** issue to a qualified applicant a limited license to practice medicine as a resident physician in a graduate program approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education if the applicant is:

(a) A graduate of an accredited medical school in the United States or Canada; or

(b) A graduate of a foreign medical school and has received the standard certificate of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates or a written statement from that Commission that the applicant passed the examination given by it.

2. The medical school or other institution sponsoring the program shall provide the Board with written confirmation that the applicant has been appointed to a position in the program and is a citizen of the United States or lawfully entitled to remain and work



in the United States. A limited license remains valid only while the licensee is actively practicing medicine in the residency program and is legally entitled to work and remain in the United States.

3. The Board may issue a limited license for not more than 1 year but may renew the license if the applicant for the limited license meets the requirements set forth by the Board by regulation.

4. The holder of a limited license may practice medicine only in connection with his or her duties as a resident physician or under such conditions as are approved by the director of the program.

5. The holder of a limited license granted pursuant to this section may be disciplined by the Board at any time for any of the grounds provided in NRS 630.161 or 630.301 to 630.3065, inclusive.

Sec. 19. NRS 630.268 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.268 1. The Board shall charge and collect not more than the following fees:

For application for and issuance of a license to practice as a physician, including a license by endorsement <i>issued pursuant to NRS 630.1605 or, except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, section 13.3 of this act</i>	\$600
For application for and issuance of a temporary, locum tenens, limited, restricted, authorized facility, special, special purpose or special event license.....	400
For renewal of a limited, restricted, authorized facility or special license.....	400
For application for and issuance of a license as a physician assistant.....	400
For biennial registration of a physician assistant.....	800
For biennial registration of a physician.....	800
For application for and issuance of a license as a perfusionist or practitioner of respiratory care.....	400
For biennial renewal of a license as a perfusionist.....	600
For biennial registration of a practitioner of respiratory care.....	600
For biennial registration for a physician who is on inactive status.....	400
For written verification of licensure.....	50
For a duplicate identification card.....	25
For a duplicate license.....	50
For computer printouts or labels.....	500



For verification of a listing of physicians, per hour	\$20
For furnishing a list of new physicians.....	100

2. ~~Hn~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, in addition to the fees prescribed in subsection 1, the Board shall charge and collect necessary and reasonable fees for the expedited processing of a request or for any other incidental service the Board provides.*

3. The cost of any special meeting called at the request of a licensee, an institution, an organization, a state agency or an applicant for licensure must be paid for by the person or entity requesting the special meeting. Such a special meeting must not be called until the person or entity requesting it has paid a cash deposit with the Board sufficient to defray all expenses of the meeting.

4. *If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to:*

(a) Section 13.3 of this act and the applicant is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license. As used in this paragraph, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

(b) Section 13.6 of this act, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.

Sec. 19.5. 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 section 13.6 of this act.*

5. The tests or examinations of applicants by the Board.

~~5~~ 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, chiropractors, podiatric physicians and optometrists under chapters 631, 634, 635 and 636, respectively, of NRS, or as hearing aid specialists.



~~6.~~ 7. The duration, renewal and termination of licenses ~~†~~
~~7.~~ *, including licenses by endorsement.*

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

~~8.~~ 9. The supervision of medical services of a physician assistant by a supervising physician, including, without limitation, supervision that is performed electronically, telephonically or by fiber optics from within or outside this State or the United States.

~~9.~~ 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 from within or outside this State or the United States.

Sec. 20. Chapter 631 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

“Minimal sedation” means a minimally depressed level of consciousness, produced by a pharmacologic or nonpharmacologic method, that retains the patient’s ability to independently and continuously maintain an airway and respond normally to tactile stimulation and verbal command, and during which cognitive function and coordination may be modestly impaired, but ventilatory and cardiovascular functions are unaffected.

Sec. 21. NRS 631.005 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.005 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 631.015 to 631.105, inclusive, *and section 20 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 22. NRS 631.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.025 ~~“Conscious”~~ *“Moderate* sedation” means a ~~minimally~~ *drug-induced* depressed level of consciousness, produced by a pharmacologic or nonpharmacologic method or a combination thereof, ~~†in~~ *during* which ~~the~~ :

1. *The* patient retains the ability ~~independently and continuously to maintain an airway and~~ to respond ~~appropriately~~ *purposefully* to ~~physical stimulation and~~ verbal commands ~~†~~ , *either alone or accompanied by light tactile stimulation;*

2. *Spontaneous ventilation is adequate and no interventions are required to maintain a patent airway; and*

3. *Cardiovascular function is usually maintained.*

Sec. 22.5. NRS 631.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.220 1. Every applicant for a license to practice dental hygiene or dentistry, or any of its special branches, must:

(a) File an application with the Board . ~~at least 45 days before:~~



- ~~(1) The date on which the examination will be given; or~~
~~(2) If an examination is not required for the issuance of a license, the date on which the Board is scheduled to take action on the application.]~~

(b) Accompany the application with a recent photograph of the applicant together with the required fee and such other documentation as the Board may require by regulation.

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

(d) If the applicant is required to take an examination pursuant to NRS 631.240 or 631.300, submit with the application proof satisfactory that the applicant passed the examination.

2. An application must include all information required to complete the application.

3. *The Secretary-Treasurer may, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board and if the Secretary-Treasurer determines that an application is:*

(a) Sufficient, advise the Executive Director of the sufficiency of the application. Upon the advice of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Executive Director may issue a license to the applicant without further review by the Board.

(b) Insufficient, reject the application by sending written notice of the rejection to the applicant.

Sec. 23. NRS 631.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.240 1. Any person desiring to obtain a license to practice dentistry in this State, after having complied with the regulations of the Board to determine eligibility:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 622.090, must present to the Board a certificate granted by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations which contains a notation that the applicant has passed the National Board Dental Examination with an average score of at least 75; and

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, must:

(1) Successfully pass a clinical examination approved by the Board and the American Board of Dental Examiners; or

(2) Present to the Board a certificate granted by the Western Regional Examining Board which contains a notation that the applicant has passed ~~[, within the 5 years immediately preceding the date of the application.]~~ a clinical examination administered by the Western Regional Examining Board.



2. The Board shall examine each applicant in writing on the contents and interpretation of this chapter and the regulations of the Board.

3. All persons who have satisfied the requirements for licensure as a dentist must be registered as licensed dentists on the board register, as provided in this chapter, and are entitled to receive a certificate of registration, signed by all members of the Board.

Sec. 23.5. NRS 631.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.260 ~~As~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of NRS 631.220, as* soon as possible after the examination has been given, the Board, under rules and regulations adopted by it, shall determine the qualifications of the applicant and shall issue to each person found by the Board to have the qualifications therefor a license which will entitle the person to practice dental hygiene or dentistry, or any special branch of dentistry, as in such license defined, subject to the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 24. NRS 631.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.265 1. No licensed dentist or person who holds a restricted license issued pursuant to NRS 631.275 may administer or supervise directly the administration of general anesthesia, ~~conscious~~ *minimal sedation, moderate* sedation or deep sedation to dental patients unless the dentist or person has been issued a permit authorizing him or her to do so by the Board.

2. The Board may issue a permit authorizing a licensed dentist or person who holds a restricted license issued pursuant to NRS 631.275 to administer or supervise directly the administration of general anesthesia, ~~conscious~~ *minimal sedation, moderate* sedation or deep sedation to dental patients under such standards, conditions and other requirements as the Board shall by regulation prescribe.

Sec. 25. NRS 631.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.300 1. Any person desiring to obtain a license to practice dental hygiene, after having complied with the regulations of the Board to determine eligibility:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 622.090, must pass a written examination given by the Board upon such subjects as the Board deems necessary for the practice of dental hygiene or must present a certificate granted by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations which contains a notation that the applicant has passed the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination with a score of at least 75; and

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, must:



(1) Successfully pass a clinical examination approved by the Board and the American Board of Dental Examiners ~~for present evidence to the Board that the applicant has passed such a clinical examination within the 5 years immediately preceding the date of the application;~~ ; or

(2) ~~Successfully complete a clinical examination in dental hygiene given by the Board which examines the applicant's practical knowledge of dental hygiene and which includes, but is not limited to, demonstrations in the removal of deposits from, and the polishing of, the exposed surface of the teeth; or~~

~~(3)~~ Present to the Board a certificate granted by the Western Regional Examining Board which contains a notation that the applicant has passed ~~within the 5 years immediately preceding the date of the application;~~ a clinical examination administered by the Western Regional Examining Board.

2. ~~The clinical examination given by the Board must include components that are:~~

~~(a) Written or oral, or a combination of both; and~~

~~(b) Practical, as in the opinion of the Board is necessary to test the qualifications of the applicant.~~

~~3.~~ The Board shall examine each applicant in writing on the contents and interpretation of this chapter and the regulations of the Board.

~~4.~~ 3. All persons who have satisfied the requirements for licensure as a dental hygienist must be registered as licensed dental hygienists on the board register, as provided in this chapter, and are entitled to receive a certificate of registration, signed by all members of the Board.

Sec. 26. NRS 631.313 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.313 1. A licensed dentist may assign to a person in his or her employ who is a dental hygienist, dental assistant or other person directly or indirectly involved in the provision of dental care only such intraoral tasks as may be permitted by a regulation of the Board or by the provisions of this chapter.

2. The performance of these tasks must be:

(a) If performed by a dental assistant or a person, other than a dental hygienist, who is directly or indirectly involved in the provision of dental care, under the supervision of the licensed dentist who made the assignment.

(b) If performed by a dental hygienist, authorized by the licensed dentist of the patient for whom the tasks will be performed, except as otherwise provided in NRS 631.287.

3. No such assignment is permitted that requires:



(a) The diagnosis, treatment planning, prescribing of drugs or medicaments, or authorizing the use of restorative, prosthodontic or orthodontic appliances.

(b) Surgery on hard or soft tissues within the oral cavity or any other intraoral procedure that may contribute to or result in an irreparable alteration of the oral anatomy.

(c) The administration of general anesthesia, ~~conscious~~ *minimal sedation, moderate* sedation or deep sedation except as otherwise authorized by regulations adopted by the Board.

(d) The performance of a task outside the authorized scope of practice of the employee who is being assigned the task.

4. A dental hygienist may, pursuant to regulations adopted by the Board, administer local anesthesia or nitrous oxide in a health care facility, as defined in NRS 162A.740, if:

(a) The dental hygienist is so authorized by the licensed dentist of the patient to whom the local anesthesia or nitrous oxide is administered; and

(b) The health care facility has licensed medical personnel and necessary emergency supplies and equipment available when the local anesthesia or nitrous oxide is administered.

Sec. 27. NRS 631.345 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.345 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 631.2715, the Board shall by regulation establish fees for the performance of the duties imposed upon it by this chapter which must not exceed the following amounts:

Application fee for an initial license to practice dentistry.....	\$1,500
Application fee for an initial license to practice dental hygiene	750
Application fee for a specialist's license to practice dentistry.....	300
Application fee for a limited license or restricted license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene	300
Fee for administering a clinical examination in dentistry.....	2,500
Fee for administering a clinical examination in dental hygiene	1,500
Application and examination fee for a permit to administer general anesthesia, conscious <i>minimal sedation, moderate</i> sedation or deep sedation	750



Fee for any reinspection required by the Board to maintain a permit to administer general anesthesia, conscious <i>minimal sedation, moderate</i> sedation or deep sedation	\$500
Biennial renewal fee for a permit to administer general anesthesia, conscious <i>minimal sedation, moderate</i> sedation or deep sedation	600
Fee for the inspection of a facility required by the Board to renew a permit to administer general anesthesia, conscious <i>minimal sedation, moderate</i> sedation or deep sedation	350
<i>Fee for the inspection of a facility required by the Board to ensure compliance with infection control guidelines</i>	<i>500</i>
Biennial license renewal fee for a general license, specialist's license, temporary license or restricted geographical license to practice dentistry.....	1,000
Annual license renewal fee for a limited license or restricted license to practice dentistry	300
Biennial license renewal fee for a general license, temporary license or restricted geographical license to practice dental hygiene.....	600
Annual license renewal fee for a limited license to practice dental hygiene.....	300
Biennial license renewal fee for an inactive dentist	400
Biennial license renewal fee for a dentist who is retired or has a disability	100
Biennial license renewal fee for an inactive dental hygienist.....	200
Biennial license renewal fee for a dental hygienist who is retired or has a disability.....	100
Reinstatement fee for a suspended license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene	500
Reinstatement fee for a revoked license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene	500
Reinstatement fee to return a dentist or dental hygienist who is inactive, retired or has a disability to active status	500
Fee for the certification of a license	50

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Board shall charge a fee to review a course of continuing education for



accreditation. The fee must not exceed \$150 per credit hour of the proposed course. The Board shall not charge a nonprofit organization or an agency of the State or of a political subdivision of the State a fee to review a course of continuing education.

3. All fees prescribed in this section are payable in advance and must not be refunded.

Sec. 27.1. Chapter 632 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 27.2 and 27.3 of this act.

Sec. 27.2. 1. *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 632.3405, the Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice as a professional nurse to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:*

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice as a professional nurse in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license to practice as a professional nurse; and

(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 632.344;

(c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct; and

(d) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement to practice as a professional nurse pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional



information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement to practice as a professional nurse to the applicant not later than:

(a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application; or

(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

↳ whichever occurs later.

4. A license by endorsement to practice as a professional nurse may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President and Executive Director of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice as a professional nurse in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 27.3. *1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 632.3405, the Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice as a practical nurse to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:*

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice as a practical nurse in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license to practice as a practical nurse; and



(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 632.344;

(c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct; and

(d) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement to practice as a practical nurse pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement to practice as a practical nurse to the applicant not later than:

(a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application; or

(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

↳ whichever occurs later.

4. A license by endorsement to practice as a practical nurse may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President and Executive Director of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice as a practical nurse in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 27.4. NRS 632.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:
632.140 *Except as otherwise provided in section 27.2 of this act:*

1. Every applicant for a license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Nevada must submit to the Board written evidence under oath that the applicant:

(a) Is of good moral character.

(b) Is in good physical and mental health.



(c) Has completed a course of study in:

(1) An accredited school of professional nursing and holds a diploma therefrom; or

(2) An approved school of professional nursing in the process of obtaining accreditation and holds a diploma therefrom.

(d) Meets such other reasonable preliminary qualification requirements as the Board may from time to time prescribe.

2. Each applicant must remit the fee required by this chapter with the application for a license to practice as a professional nurse in this State.

Sec. 27.5. NRS 632.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

632.150 1. ~~Each~~ *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 632.160, 632.237 and section 27.2 of this act, each* applicant who is otherwise qualified for a license to practice nursing as a professional nurse shall be required to write and pass an examination on such subjects and in such form as the Board may from time to time determine. Such written examination may be supplemented by an oral or practical examination in the discretion of the Board.

2. The Board shall issue a license to practice nursing as a professional nurse in the State of Nevada to each applicant who successfully passes such examination or examinations.

Sec. 27.6. NRS 632.237 is hereby amended to read as follows:

632.237 1. The Board may issue a license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse to a registered nurse ~~who~~:

(a) *Who is licensed by endorsement pursuant to section 27.2 of this act and holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in the District of Columbia or any other state or territory of the United States; or*

(b) *Who*

(1) Has completed an educational program designed to prepare a registered nurse to:

~~(1)~~ (I) Perform designated acts of medical diagnosis;

~~(2)~~ (II) Prescribe therapeutic or corrective measures; and

~~(3)~~ (III) Prescribe controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices;

~~(b)~~ (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, submits proof that he or she is certified as an advanced practice registered nurse by the American Board of Nursing Specialties, the National Commission for Certifying Agencies of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence, or their successor organizations, or any other nationally recognized certification agency approved by the Board; and



~~(e)~~ (3) Meets any other requirements established by the Board for such licensure.

2. An advanced practice registered nurse may:

(a) Engage in selected medical diagnosis and treatment; and

(b) If authorized pursuant to NRS 639.2351 and subject to the limitations set forth in subsection 3, prescribe controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices.

→ An advanced practice registered nurse shall not engage in any diagnosis, treatment or other conduct which the advanced practice registered nurse is not qualified to perform.

3. An advanced practice registered nurse who is authorized to prescribe controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices pursuant to NRS 639.2351 shall not prescribe a controlled substance listed in schedule II unless:

(a) The advanced practice registered nurse has at least 2 years or 2,000 hours of clinical experience; or

(b) The controlled substance is prescribed pursuant to a protocol approved by a collaborating physician.

4. An advanced practice registered nurse may perform the acts described in subsection 2 by using equipment that transfers information concerning the medical condition of a patient in this State electronically, telephonically or by fiber optics from within or outside this State or the United States.

5. The Board shall adopt regulations:

(a) Specifying any additional training, education and experience necessary for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse.

(b) Delineating the authorized scope of practice of an advanced practice registered nurse.

(c) Establishing the procedure for application for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse.

6. The provisions of *subparagraph (2) of* paragraph (b) of subsection 1 do not apply to an advanced practice registered nurse who obtains a license before July 1, 2014.

Sec. 27.7. NRS 632.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

632.270 ~~Each~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 27.3 of this act, each* applicant for a license to practice as a practical nurse must submit to the Board written evidence, under oath, that the applicant:

1. Is of good moral character.

2. Has a high school diploma or its equivalent as determined by the State Board of Education.

3. Is at least 18 years of age.

4. Has:



(a) Successfully completed the prescribed course of study in an accredited school of practical nursing or an accredited school of professional nursing, and been awarded a diploma by the school;

(b) Successfully completed the prescribed course of study in an approved school of practical nursing in the process of obtaining accreditation or an approved school of professional nursing in the process of obtaining accreditation, and been awarded a diploma by the school; or

(c) Been registered or licensed as a registered nurse under the laws of another jurisdiction.

5. Meets any other qualifications prescribed in regulations of the Board.

Sec. 27.8. NRS 632.345 is hereby amended to read as follows:

632.345 1. The Board shall establish and may amend a schedule of fees and charges for the following items and within the following ranges:

	Not less than	Not more than
Application for license to practice professional nursing (registered nurse)	\$45	\$100
Application for license to practice practical nursing	30	90
Application for temporary license to practice professional nursing or practical nursing pursuant to NRS 632.300, which fee must be credited toward the fee required for a regular license, if the applicant applies for a license	15	50
Application for a certificate to practice as a nursing assistant or medication aide - certified	15	50
Application for a temporary certificate to practice as a nursing assistant pursuant to NRS 632.300, which fee must be credited toward the fee required for a regular certificate, if the applicant applies for a certificate	5	40
Biennial fee for renewal of a license	40	100
Biennial fee for renewal of a certificate	20	50
Fee for reinstatement of a license	10	100



	Not less than	Not more than
Application for a license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse.....	\$50	\$200
Application for recognition as a certified registered nurse anesthetist.....	50	200
Biennial fee for renewal of a license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse or certified registered nurse anesthetist	50	200
Examination fee for license to practice professional nursing	20	100
Examination fee for license to practice practical nursing.....	10	90
Rewriting examination for license to practice professional nursing.....	20	100
Rewriting examination for license to practice practical nursing	10	90
Duplicate license	5	30
Duplicate certificate	5	30
Proctoring examination for candidate from another state.....	25	150
Fee for approving one course of continuing education	10	50
Fee for reviewing one course of continuing education which has been changed since approval	5	30
Annual fee for approval of all courses of continuing education offered.....	100	500
Annual fee for review of training program.....	60	100
Certification examination	10	90
Approval of instructors of training programs.....	50	100
Approval of proctors for certification examinations	20	50
Approval of training programs	150	250
Validation of licensure or certification.....	5	25

2. If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to section 27.2 or 27.3 of this act, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.



3. The Board may collect the fees and charges established pursuant to this section, and those fees or charges must not be refunded.

Sec. 28. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 28.3. Chapter 633 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice as a physician assistant in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) Is certified in a specialty recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association; and

(c) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined and is not currently under investigation by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license to practice as a physician assistant; and

(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 633.309;

(c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct;

(d) The application and initial license fee specified in this chapter; and

(e) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written



notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant to the applicant not later than:

(a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application; or

(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

↳ whichever occurs later.

4. A license by endorsement to practice as a physician assistant may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President and Executive Director of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice as a physician assistant in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 28.6. NRS 633.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:

633.305 *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 633.400 and section 28.3 of this act:*

1. Every applicant for a license shall:

(a) File an application with the Board in the manner prescribed by regulations of the Board;

(b) Submit verified proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant meets any age, citizenship and educational requirements prescribed by this chapter; and

(c) Pay in advance to the Board the application and initial license fee specified in NRS 633.501.

2. An application filed with the Board pursuant to subsection 1 must include all information required to complete the application.

3. The Board may hold hearings and conduct investigations into any matter related to the application and, in addition to the proofs required by subsection 1, may take such further evidence and require such other documents or proof of qualifications as it deems proper.

4. The Board may reject an application if the Board has cause to believe that any credential or information submitted by the applicant is false, misleading, deceptive or fraudulent.



Sec. 29. NRS 633.311 is hereby amended to read as follows:

633.311 **1.** Except as otherwise provided in NRS 633.315 ~~†~~ **and 633.381 to 633.419, inclusive,** an applicant for a license to practice osteopathic medicine may be issued a license by the Board if:

~~††~~ **(a)** The applicant is 21 years of age or older;

~~†2~~ **(b)** The applicant is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States;

~~†3~~ **(c)** The applicant is a graduate of a school of osteopathic medicine;

~~†4~~ **(d)** The applicant:

~~†(a)~~ **(I)** Has graduated from a school of osteopathic medicine before 1995 and has completed:

~~†(1)~~ **(I)** A hospital internship; or

~~†(2)~~ **(II)** One year of postgraduate training that complies with the standards of intern training established by the American Osteopathic Association;

~~†(b)~~ **(2)** Has completed 3 years, or such other length of time as required by a specific program, of postgraduate medical education as a resident in the United States or Canada in a program approved by the Board, the Bureau of Professional Education of the American Osteopathic Association or the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; or

~~†(c)~~ **(3)** Is a resident who is enrolled in a postgraduate training program in this State, has completed 24 months of the program and has committed, in writing, that he or she will complete the program;

~~†5~~ **(e)** The applicant applies for the license as provided by law;

~~†6~~ **(f)** The applicant passes:

~~†(a)~~ **(I)** All parts of the licensing examination of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners;

~~†(b)~~ **(2)** All parts of the licensing examination of the Federation of State Medical Boards ~~of the United States, Inc.;~~

~~—(c)~~ ;

(3) All parts of the licensing examination of the Board, a state, territory or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, and is certified by a specialty board of the American Osteopathic Association or by the American Board of Medical Specialties; or

~~†(d)~~ **(4)** A combination of the parts of the licensing examinations specified in ~~†paragraphs (a), (b) and (c)~~ **subparagraphs (1), (2) and (3)** that is approved by the Board;

~~†7~~ **(g)** The applicant pays the fees provided for in this chapter; and



~~18.1~~ (h) The applicant submits all information required to complete an application for a license.

2. *An applicant for a license to practice osteopathic medicine may satisfy the requirements for postgraduate education or training prescribed by paragraph (d) of subsection 1:*

(a) In one or more approved postgraduate programs, which may be conducted at one or more facilities in this State or, except for a resident who is enrolled in a postgraduate training program in this State pursuant to subparagraph (3) of paragraph (d) of subsection 1, in the District of Columbia or another state or territory of the United States;

(b) In one or more approved specialties or disciplines;

(c) In nonconsecutive months; and

(d) At any time before receiving his or her license.

Sec. 30. NRS 633.322 is hereby amended to read as follows:

633.322 In addition to the other requirements for licensure to practice osteopathic medicine, an applicant shall cause to be submitted to the Board:

1. A certificate of completion of progressive postgraduate training from the residency program where the applicant received training; and

2. If applicable, proof of satisfactory completion of a postgraduate training program specified in *subparagraph (3) of paragraph ~~(e)~~ (d)* of subsection ~~4~~ 1 of NRS 633.311 within 120 days after the scheduled completion of the program.

Sec. 30.5. NRS 633.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

633.400 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 633.315, the Board shall, except for good cause, issue a license by endorsement to a person who has been issued a license to practice osteopathic medicine by the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States if:

(a) At the time the person files an application with the Board, the license is in effect and unrestricted; and

(b) The applicant:

(1) Is currently certified by either a specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties or a specialty board of the American Osteopathic Association, or was certified or recertified within the past 10 years;

(2) Has had no adverse actions reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank within the past 5 years;

(3) Has been continuously and actively engaged in the practice of osteopathic medicine within his or her specialty for the past 5 years;



(4) Is not involved in and does not have pending any disciplinary action concerning a license to practice osteopathic medicine in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(5) Provides information on all the medical malpractice claims brought against him or her, without regard to when the claims were filed or how the claims were resolved; and

(6) Meets all statutory requirements to obtain a license to practice osteopathic medicine in this State except that the applicant is not required to meet the requirements set forth in NRS 633.311.

2. Any person applying for a license *by endorsement* pursuant to this section ~~{shall pay in}~~ **must submit:**

(a) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 633.309;

(b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct;

(c) In advance to the Board the application and initial license fee specified in this chapter ~~H~~; and

(d) Any other information required by the Board.

3. *Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement to practice osteopathic medicine pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement to practice osteopathic medicine to the applicant not later than:*

(a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application; or

(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

↳ whichever occurs later.

4. A license by endorsement may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by its President and Executive Director. Such action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.



5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice osteopathic medicine in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

Sec. 31. NRS 633.401 is hereby amended to read as follows:

633.401 1. ~~{Except as otherwise provided in}~~ *Unless the Board denies such licensure pursuant to* NRS 633.315 ~~{}~~ *or for other good cause, the Board ~~{may}~~ shall* issue a special license to practice osteopathic medicine:

(a) To authorize a person who is licensed to practice osteopathic medicine in an adjoining state to come into Nevada to care for or assist in the treatment of his or her patients in association with an osteopathic physician in this State who has primary care of the patients.

(b) To a resident while the resident is enrolled in a postgraduate training program required pursuant to the provisions of *subparagraph (3) of* paragraph ~~{(e)}~~ *(d)* of subsection ~~{4}~~ *1* of NRS 633.311.

(c) Other than a license issued pursuant to NRS 633.419, for a specified period and for specified purposes to a person who is licensed to practice osteopathic medicine in another jurisdiction.

2. For the purpose of paragraph (c) of subsection 1, the osteopathic physician must:

(a) Hold a full and unrestricted license to practice osteopathic medicine in another state;

(b) Not have had any disciplinary or other action taken against him or her by any state or other jurisdiction; and

(c) Be certified by a specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Osteopathic Association or their successors.

3. A special license issued under this section may be renewed by the Board upon application of the licensee.

4. Every person who applies for or renews a special license under this section shall pay respectively the special license fee or special license renewal fee specified in this chapter.

Sec. 32. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 32.3. 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 section 28.3 of this act.*

5. The tests or examinations of applicants by the Board.

~~15~~ 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, chiropractors, doctors of Oriental medicine, podiatric physicians, optometrists and hearing aid specialists under chapters 631, 634, 634A, 635, 636 and 637A, respectively, of NRS.

~~16~~ 7. The grounds and procedures respecting disciplinary actions against physician assistants.

~~17~~ 8. The supervision of medical services of a physician assistant by a supervising osteopathic physician.

Sec. 32.6. NRS 633.501 is hereby amended to read as follows:

633.501 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the Board shall charge and collect fees not to exceed the following amounts:

(a) Application and initial license fee for an osteopathic physician.....	\$800
(b) Annual license renewal fee for an osteopathic physician.....	500
(c) Temporary license fee.....	500
(d) Special or authorized facility license fee.....	200
(e) Special event license fee.....	200
(f) Special or authorized facility license renewal fee.....	200
(g) Reexamination fee.....	200
(h) Late payment fee.....	300
(i) Application and initial license fee for a physician assistant.....	400
(j) Annual license renewal fee for a physician assistant.....	400
(k) Inactive license fee.....	200

2. The Board may prorate the initial license fee for a new license issued pursuant to paragraph (a) or (i) of subsection 1 which expires less than 6 months after the date of issuance.

3. The cost of any special meeting called at the request of a licensee, an institution, an organization, a state agency or an applicant for licensure must be paid by the person or entity requesting the special meeting. Such a special meeting must not be called until the person or entity requesting the meeting has paid a



cash deposit with the Board sufficient to defray all expenses of the meeting.

4. If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to:

(a) NRS 633.400 and is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license. As used in this paragraph, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

(b) Section 28.3 of this act, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.

Sec. 33. Chapter 635 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice podiatry to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice podiatry in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States.

2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or any state or territory in which the applicant holds a license to practice podiatry; and

(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 635.067;

(c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct; and

(d) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement to practice podiatry



pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement to practice podiatry to the applicant not later than:

(a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application; or

(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

↳ whichever occurs later.

4. A license by endorsement to practice podiatry may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice podiatry in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

6. If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section and is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee established pursuant to NRS 635.050 for the initial issuance of the license. As used in this subsection, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 34. NRS 635.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

635.050 1. Any person wishing to practice podiatry in this State must, before beginning to practice, procure from the Board a license to practice podiatry.

2. ~~1A~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 33 of this act, a license to practice podiatry may be issued by the Board to any person who:*

(a) Is of good moral character.

(b) Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States.

(c) Has received the degree of D.P.M., Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, from an accredited school of podiatry.

(d) Has completed a residency approved by the Board.



(e) Has passed the examination given by the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners.

(f) Has not committed any act described in subsection 2 of NRS 635.130. For the purposes of this paragraph, an affidavit signed by the applicant stating that the applicant has not committed any act described in subsection 2 of NRS 635.130 constitutes satisfactory proof.

3. An applicant for a license to practice podiatry must submit to the Board or a committee thereof pursuant to such regulations as the Board may adopt:

(a) The fee for an application for a license of not more than \$600;

(b) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the requirements of subsection 2 have been met; and

(c) All other information required by the Board to complete an application for a license.

↳ The Board shall, by regulation, establish the fee required to be paid pursuant to this subsection.

4. The Board may reject an application if it appears that the applicant's credentials are fraudulent or the applicant has practiced podiatry without a license or committed any act described in subsection 2 of NRS 635.130.

5. The Board may require such further documentation or proof of qualification as it may deem proper.

6. The provisions of this section do not apply to a person who applies for:

(a) A limited license to practice podiatry pursuant to NRS 635.075; or

(b) A provisional license to practice podiatry pursuant to NRS 635.082.

Sec. 35. NRS 635.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

635.065 1. In addition to the other requirements for licensure set forth in this chapter, an applicant for a license to practice podiatry in this State who has been licensed to practice podiatry in another state or the District of Columbia must submit:

(a) An affidavit signed by the applicant that:

(1) Identifies each jurisdiction in which the applicant has been licensed to practice; and

(2) States whether a disciplinary proceeding has ever been instituted against the applicant by the licensing board of that jurisdiction and, if so, the status of the proceeding; and

(b) If the applicant is currently licensed to practice podiatry in another state or the District of Columbia, a certificate from the



licensing board of that jurisdiction stating that the applicant is in good standing and no disciplinary proceedings are pending against the applicant.

2. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 33 of this act, the* Board may require an applicant who has been licensed to practice podiatry in another state or the District of Columbia to:

(a) Pass an examination prescribed by the Board concerning the provisions of this chapter and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto; or

(b) Submit satisfactory proof that:

(1) The applicant maintained an active practice in another state or the District of Columbia within the 5 years immediately preceding the application;

(2) No disciplinary proceeding has ever been instituted against the applicant by a licensing board in any jurisdiction in which he or she is licensed to practice podiatry; and

(3) The applicant has participated in a program of continuing education that is equivalent to the program of continuing education that is required pursuant to NRS 635.115 for podiatric physicians licensed in this State.

Sec. 36. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 36.5. Chapter 636 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice optometry to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice optometry in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or any state or territory in which the applicant holds a license to practice optometry; and



(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct; and

(c) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement to practice optometry pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement to practice optometry to the applicant not later than 45 days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application.

4. A license by endorsement to practice optometry may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President and Executive Director of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice optometry in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 37. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 37.3. NRS 636.143 is hereby amended to read as follows:

636.143 **1.** The Board shall establish within the limits prescribed a schedule of fees for the following purposes:

	Not less than	Not more than
Examination.....	\$100	\$500
Reexamination.....	100	500
Issuance of each license or duplicate license.....	35	75
Renewal of each license or duplicate license.....	100	500
Issuance of a license for an extended clinical facility	100	500



1. Certify that the licensee has been examined and found qualified to practice optometry in this State; and
2. Be signed by each member of the Board.

Sec. 41. Chapter 637B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to engage in the practice of audiology or speech pathology to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to engage in the practice of audiology or speech pathology, as applicable, in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or any state or territory in which the applicant holds a license to engage in the practice of audiology or speech pathology, as applicable; and

(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct; and

(c) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement to engage in the practice of audiology or speech pathology pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement to engage in the practice of audiology or speech



pathology, as applicable, to the applicant not later than 45 days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application.

4. A license by endorsement to engage in the practice of audiology or speech pathology may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant to engage in the practice of audiology or speech pathology, as applicable, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 42. NRS 637B.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

637B.160 1. ~~1.A.1~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 41 of this act, an applicant for a license to engage in the practice of audiology or speech pathology must be issued a license by the Board if the applicant:*

- (a) Is over the age of 21 years;
- (b) Is a citizen of the United States, or is lawfully entitled to reside and work in the United States;
- (c) Is of good moral character;
- (d) Meets the requirements for education or training and experience provided by subsection 2;
- (e) Has completed at least 300 clock hours of supervised clinical experience in audiology or speech pathology, or both;
- (f) Applies for the license in the manner provided by the Board;
- (g) Passes any examination required by this chapter;
- (h) Pays the fees provided for in this chapter; and
- (i) Submits all information required to complete an application for a license.

2. An applicant must possess a master's degree in audiology or in speech pathology from an accredited educational institution or possess equivalent training and experience. If an applicant seeks to qualify on the basis of equivalent training and experience, the applicant must submit to the Board satisfactory evidence that he or she has obtained at least 60 semester credits, or equivalent quarter credits, in courses related to the normal development, function and use of speech and language or hearing, including, but not limited to, the management of disorders of speech or hearing and the legal, professional and ethical practices of audiology or speech pathology.



At least 24 of the 60 credits, excluding any credits obtained for a thesis or dissertation, must have been obtained for courses directly relating to audiology or speech pathology.

Sec. 43. NRS 637B.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

637B.230 1. The Board shall charge and collect only the following fees whose amounts must be determined by the Board, but may not exceed:

Application fee for a license to practice speech pathology.....	\$100
Application fee for a license to practice audiology.....	100
Annual fee for the renewal of a license.....	50
Reinstatement fee	75

2. If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to section 41 of this act, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.

3. All fees are payable in advance and may not be refunded.

Sec. 44. Chapter 639 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 45 and 46 of this act.

Sec. 45. 1. *The Board may issue a certificate by endorsement as a registered pharmacist to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a certificate if the applicant:*

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted certificate as a registered pharmacist in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. An applicant for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the applicant holds a certificate as a registered pharmacist; and



(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct; and

(c) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a certificate by endorsement as a registered pharmacist pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a certificate by endorsement as a registered pharmacist to the applicant not later than 45 days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application.

4. A certificate by endorsement as a registered pharmacist may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional certificate as a registered pharmacist to an applicant in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 46. *1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to conduct a pharmacy to an applicant who is a natural person and who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:*

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to conduct a pharmacy in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;



(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license to conduct a pharmacy; and

(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct; and

(c) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement to conduct a pharmacy pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement to conduct a pharmacy to the applicant not later than 45 days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application.

4. A license by endorsement to conduct a pharmacy may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional license to conduct a pharmacy to an applicant in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 47. NRS 639.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:
639.015 "Registered pharmacist" means:

1. A person registered in this State as such on July 1, 1947;
2. A person registered in this State as such in compliance with the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 3 of chapter 195, Statutes of Nevada 1951; or
3. A person who has complied with the provisions of NRS 639.120 , *639.134 or section 45 of this act* and whose name has been entered in the registry of pharmacists of this State by the



Executive Secretary of the Board and to whom a valid certificate *or certificate by endorsement* as a registered pharmacist or valid renewal thereof has been issued by the Board.

Sec. 48. NRS 639.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

639.120 1. ~~Am~~ *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 639.134 and section 45 of this act, an applicant to become a registered pharmacist in this State must:*

(a) Be of good moral character.

(b) Be a graduate of a college of pharmacy or department of pharmacy of a university accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education or Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs and approved by the Board or a graduate of a foreign school who has passed an examination for foreign graduates approved by the Board to demonstrate that his or her education is equivalent.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 622.090:

(1) Pass an examination approved and given by the Board with a grade of at least 75 on the examination as a whole and a grade of at least 75 on the examination on law.

(2) If he or she is an applicant for registration by reciprocity, pass the examination on law with at least a grade of 75.

(d) Complete not less than 1,500 hours of practical pharmaceutical experience as an intern pharmacist under the direct and immediate supervision of a registered pharmacist.

2. The practical pharmaceutical experience required pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 1 must relate primarily to the selling of drugs, poisons and devices, the compounding and dispensing of prescriptions, preparing prescriptions and keeping records and preparing reports required by state and federal statutes.

3. The Board may accept evidence of compliance with the requirements set forth in paragraph (d) of subsection 1 from boards of pharmacy of other states in which the experience requirement is equivalent to the requirements in this State.

Sec. 49. NRS 639.127 is hereby amended to read as follows:

639.127 1. An applicant for registration as a pharmacist in this State must submit an application to the Executive Secretary of the Board on a form furnished by the Board and must pay the fee fixed by the Board. The fee must be paid at the time the application is submitted and is compensation to the Board for the investigation and the examination of the applicant. Under no circumstances may the fee be refunded.



2. Proof of the qualifications of any applicant must be made to the satisfaction of the Board and must be substantiated by affidavits, records or such other evidence as the Board may require.

3. An application is only valid for 1 year after the date it is received by the Board unless the Board extends its period of validity.

4. A certificate of registration as a pharmacist must be issued to each person who the Board determines is qualified pursuant to the provisions of NRS 639.120 and 639.134 ~~H~~ and section 45 of this act. The certificate entitles the person to whom it is issued to practice pharmacy in this State.

Sec. 50. NRS 639.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:

639.170 1. The Board shall charge and collect not more than the following fees for the following services:

For the examination of an applicant for registration as a pharmacist	Actual cost of the examination
For the investigation or registration of an applicant as a registered pharmacist.....	\$200
For the investigation, examination or registration of an applicant as a registered pharmacist by reciprocity	300
For the investigation or issuance of an original license to conduct a retail pharmacy	600
For the biennial renewal of a license to conduct a retail pharmacy	500
For the investigation or issuance of an original license to conduct an institutional pharmacy	600
For the biennial renewal of a license to conduct an institutional pharmacy	500
For the issuance of an original or duplicate certificate of registration as a registered pharmacist	50
For the biennial renewal of registration as a registered pharmacist	200
For the reinstatement of a lapsed registration (in addition to the fees for renewal for the period of lapse).....	100
For the initial registration of a pharmaceutical technician or pharmaceutical technician in training	50



For the biennial renewal of registration of a pharmaceutical technician or pharmaceutical technician in training	\$50
For the investigation or registration of an intern pharmacist.....	50
For the biennial renewal of registration as an intern pharmacist.....	40
For investigation or issuance of an original license to a manufacturer or wholesaler.....	500
For the biennial renewal of a license for a manufacturer or wholesaler.....	500
For the reissuance of a license issued to a pharmacy, when no change of ownership is involved, but the license must be reissued because of a change in the information required thereon	100
For authorization of a practitioner to dispense controlled substances or dangerous drugs, or both	300
For the biennial renewal of authorization of a practitioner to dispense controlled substances or dangerous drugs, or both.....	300

2. *If an applicant submits an application for a certificate of registration or a license by endorsement pursuant to section 45 or 46 of this act, as applicable, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection 1, respectively, for:*

(a) The initial registration and issuance of an original certificate of registration as a registered pharmacist.

(b) The issuance of an original license to conduct a retail or an institutional pharmacy.

3. If a person requests a special service from the Board or requests the Board to convene a special meeting, the person must pay the actual costs to the Board as a condition precedent to the rendition of the special service or the convening of the special meeting.

~~13-1~~ 4. All fees are payable in advance and are not refundable.

~~14-1~~ 5. The Board may, by regulation, set the penalty for failure to pay the fee for renewal for any license, permit, authorization or certificate within the statutory period, at an amount not to exceed 100 percent of the fee for renewal for each year of delinquency in addition to the fees for renewal for each year of delinquency.



Sec. 51. NRS 639.231 is hereby amended to read as follows:

639.231 1. An application to conduct a pharmacy must be made on a form furnished by the Board and must state the name, address, usual occupation and professional qualifications, if any, of the applicant. If the applicant is other than a natural person, the application must state such information as to each person beneficially interested therein.

2. As used in subsection 1, and subject to the provisions of subsection 3, the term "person beneficially interested" means:

(a) If the applicant is a partnership or other unincorporated association, each partner or member.

(b) If the applicant is a corporation, each of its officers, directors and stockholders, provided that no natural person shall be deemed to be beneficially interested in a nonprofit corporation.

3. If the applicant is a partnership, unincorporated association or corporation and the number of partners, members or stockholders, as the case may be, exceeds four, the application must so state, and must list each of the four partners, members or stockholders who own the four largest interests in the applicant entity and state their percentages of interest. Upon request of the Executive Secretary of the Board, the applicant shall furnish the Board with information as to partners, members or stockholders not named in the application or shall refer the Board to an appropriate source of such information.

4. The completed application form must be returned to the Board with the fee prescribed by the Board, which may not be refunded. ~~Any~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 46 of this act, any* application which is not complete as required by the provisions of this section may not be presented to the Board for consideration.

5. ~~Upon~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 46 of this act, upon* compliance with all the provisions of this section and upon approval of the application by the Board, the Executive Secretary shall issue a license to the applicant to conduct a pharmacy. Any other provision of law notwithstanding, such a license authorizes the holder to conduct a pharmacy and to sell and dispense drugs and poisons and devices and appliances that are restricted by federal law to sale by or on the order of a physician.

Sec. 52. Chapter 640 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement as a physical therapist to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:



(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license as a physical therapist in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license as a physical therapist; and

(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 640.090;

(c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct;

(d) A fee in the amount set by a regulation of the Board pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 640.090 for an application for a license; and

(e) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement as a physical therapist pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement as a physical therapist to the applicant not later than:

(a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application; or

(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

↳ whichever occurs later.



4. A license by endorsement as a physical therapist may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the Chair of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice as a physical therapist in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 53. NRS 640.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

640.080 ~~1.~~ **Except as otherwise provided in section 52 of this act, to** be eligible for licensure by the Board as a physical therapist, an applicant must:

1. Be of good moral character;
2. Have graduated from a school in which he or she completed a curriculum of physical therapy approved by the Board; and
3. Pass to the satisfaction of the Board an examination designated by the Board, unless he or she is entitled to licensure without examination as provided in NRS 640.120 or 640.140.

Sec. 54. NRS 640.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

640.090 **1.** Unless he or she is entitled to licensure under NRS 640.120 or 640.140, **or section 52 of this act,** a person who desires to be licensed as a physical therapist must:

~~1.~~ **(a)** Apply to the Board, in writing, on a form furnished by the Board;

~~2.~~ **(b)** Include in the application evidence, under oath, satisfactory to the Board, that the person possesses the qualifications required by NRS 640.080 other than having passed the examination;

~~3.~~ **(c)** Pay to the Board at the time of filing the application a fee set by a regulation of the Board in an amount not to exceed \$300;

~~4.~~ **(d)** Submit to the Board with the application a complete set of fingerprints which the Board may forward to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report;

~~5.~~ **(e)** Submit other documentation and proof the Board may require; and

~~6.~~ **(f)** Submit all other information required to complete the application.

2. If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to section 52 of this act, the Board shall



collect not more than one-half of the fee specified in paragraph (c) of subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.

Sec. 55. Chapter 640A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement as an occupational therapist to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license as an occupational therapist in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license as an occupational therapist; and

(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct;

(c) A fee in the amount set by a regulation of the Board pursuant to NRS 640A.190 for the initial issuance of a license; and

(d) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement as an occupational therapist pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement as an occupational therapist to the applicant not later than 45 days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application.



4. *A license by endorsement as an occupational therapist may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the Chair of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.*

5. *At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice as an occupational therapist in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.*

6. *As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.*

Sec. 56. NRS 640A.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

640A.120 ~~He~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 55 of this act, to* be eligible for licensing by the Board as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant, an applicant must:

1. Be a natural person of good moral character.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 640A.130, have satisfied the academic requirements of an educational program approved by the Board. The Board shall not approve an educational program designed to qualify a person to practice as an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant unless the program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., or its successor organization.

3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 640A.130, have successfully completed:

(a) If the application is for licensing as an occupational therapist, 24 weeks; or

(b) If the application is for licensing as an occupational therapy assistant, 16 weeks,

↳ of supervised fieldwork experience approved by the Board. The Board shall not approve any supervised experience unless the experience was sponsored by the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., or its successor organization, or the educational institution at which the applicant satisfied the requirements of subsection 2.

4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 640A.160 and 640A.170, pass an examination approved by the Board.

Sec. 57. NRS 640A.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

640A.140 1. ~~IA~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 55 of this act, a* person who desires to be licensed by the Board as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant must:



(a) Submit an application to the Board on a form furnished by the Board; and

(b) Provide evidence satisfactory to the Board that he or she possesses the qualifications required pursuant to subsections 1, 2 and 3 of NRS 640A.120.

2. The application must include all information required to complete the application.

Sec. 58. NRS 640A.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

640A.190 1. The Board may by regulation establish reasonable fees for:

- (a) The examination of an applicant for a license;
- (b) The initial issuance of a license;
- (c) The issuance of a temporary license;
- (d) The renewal of a license; and
- (e) The late renewal of a license.

2. ~~The~~ *If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to section 55 of this act, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee established pursuant to subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.*

3. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the fees must be set in such an amount as to reimburse the Board for the cost of carrying out the provisions of this chapter.*

Sec. 59. Chapter 640C of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice massage therapy to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice massage therapy in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or



the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license to practice massage therapy; and

(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 640C.400;

(c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct;

(d) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 640C.520 for the application for and initial issuance of a license; and

(e) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement to practice massage therapy pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement to practice massage therapy to the applicant not later than:

(a) Forty-five days after receiving all additional the information required by the Board to complete the application; or

(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

↳ whichever occurs later.

4. A license by endorsement to practice massage therapy may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the Chair and Executive Director of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement, the Board may grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice as a massage therapist in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 60. NRS 640C.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

640C.400 1. The Board may issue a license to practice massage therapy.

2. An applicant for a license must:



- (a) Be at least 18 years of age;
- (b) ~~Submit~~ ***Except as otherwise provided in section 59 of this act, submit*** to the Board:

- (1) A completed application on a form prescribed by the Board;

- (2) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 640C.520;

- (3) Proof that the applicant has successfully completed a program of massage therapy recognized by the Board;

- (4) A certified statement issued by the licensing authority in each state, territory or possession of the United States or the District of Columbia in which the applicant is or has been licensed to practice massage therapy verifying that:

- (I) The applicant has not been involved in any disciplinary action relating to his or her license to practice massage therapy; and

- (II) Disciplinary proceedings relating to his or her license to practice massage therapy are not pending;

- (5) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 640C.440, a complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report;

- (6) The names and addresses of five natural persons not related to the applicant and not business associates of the applicant who are willing to serve as character references;

- (7) A statement authorizing the Board or its designee to conduct an investigation to determine the accuracy of any statements set forth in the application; and

- (8) If required by the Board, a financial questionnaire; and

- (c) In addition to any examination required pursuant to NRS 640C.320 ~~H~~ ***and except as otherwise provided in section 59 of this act:***

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, pass a written examination administered by any board that is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies, or its successor organization, to examine massage therapists; or

- (2) At the applicant's discretion and in lieu of a written examination, pass an oral examination prescribed by the Board.

3. If the Board determines that the examinations being administered pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (c) of subsection 2 are inadequately testing the knowledge and competency of applicants, the Board shall prepare or cause to be



prepared its own written examination to test the knowledge and competency of applicants. Such an examination must be offered not less than four times each year. The location of the examination must alternate between Clark County and Washoe County. Upon request, the Board must provide a list of approved interpreters at the location of the examination to interpret the examination for an applicant who, as determined by the Board, requires an interpreter for the examination.

4. The Board shall recognize a program of massage therapy that is:

(a) Approved by the Commission on Postsecondary Education; or

(b) Offered by a public college in this State or any other state.

↳ The Board may recognize other programs of massage therapy.

5. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 59 of this act, the* Board or its designee shall:

(a) Conduct an investigation to determine:

(1) The reputation and character of the applicant;

(2) The existence and contents of any record of arrests or convictions of the applicant;

(3) The existence and nature of any pending litigation involving the applicant that would affect his or her suitability for licensure; and

(4) The accuracy and completeness of any information submitted to the Board by the applicant;

(b) If the Board determines that it is unable to conduct a complete investigation, require the applicant to submit a financial questionnaire and investigate the financial background and each source of funding of the applicant;

(c) Report the results of the investigation of the applicant within the period the Board establishes by regulation pursuant to NRS 640C.320; and

(d) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.0115, maintain the results of the investigation in a confidential manner for use by the Board and its members and employees in carrying out their duties pursuant to this chapter. The provisions of this paragraph do not prohibit the Board or its members or employees from communicating or cooperating with or providing any documents or other information to any other licensing board or any other federal, state or local agency that is investigating a person, including, without limitation, a law enforcement agency.



Sec. 61. NRS 640C.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:
640C.520 1. The Board shall establish a schedule of fees and charges. The fees for the following items must not exceed the following amounts:

An examination established by the Board pursuant to this chapter	\$600
An application for a license	300
An application for a license without an examination	300
A background check of an applicant	600
The issuance of a license	400
The renewal of a license	200
The restoration of an expired license.....	500
The reinstatement of a suspended or revoked license	500
The issuance of a replacement license.....	75
The restoration of an inactive license.....	300

2. *If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to section 59 of this act, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee specified in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.*

3. The total fees collected by the Board pursuant to this section must not exceed the amount of money necessary for the operation of the Board and for the maintenance of an adequate reserve.

Sec. 62. Chapter 641 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 63 and 64 of this act.

Sec. 63. 1. *The Board may issue a license by endorsement as a psychologist or behavior analyst to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:*

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license as a psychologist or behavior analyst, as applicable, in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. *An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:*

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;



(3) *Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license as a psychologist or behavior analyst, as applicable; and*

(4) *Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;*

(b) *A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 641.160;*

(c) *An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct;*

(d) *The fee prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641.370 for the issuance of an initial license; and*

(e) *Any other information required by the Board.*

3. *Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement as a psychologist or behavior analyst pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement as a psychologist or behavior analyst, as applicable, to the applicant not later than:*

(a) *Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application; or*

(b) *Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,*

↳ whichever occurs later.

4. *A license by endorsement as a psychologist or behavior analyst may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.*

5. *At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice as a psychologist or behavior analyst, as applicable, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.*

6. *As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.*

Sec. 64. *1. The Board may issue a certificate by endorsement as an autism behavior interventionist to an applicant*



who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a certificate if the applicant:

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted certificate as an autism behavior interventionist in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. An applicant for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the applicant holds a certificate as an autism behavior interventionist; and

(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct;

(c) The fee prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641.370 for the issuance of an initial certificate; and

(d) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a certificate by endorsement as an autism behavior interventionist pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a certificate by endorsement as an autism behavior interventionist to the applicant not later than 45 days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application.

4. A certificate by endorsement as an autism behavior interventionist may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this



section, the Board may grant a provisional certificate authorizing an applicant to practice as an autism behavior interventionist in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 65. NRS 641.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641.170 1. ~~Each~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 63 of this act, each* application for licensure as a psychologist must be accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

- (a) Is at least 21 years of age.
- (b) Is of good moral character as determined by the Board.
- (c) Is a citizen of the United States, or is lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States.
- (d) Has earned a doctorate in psychology from an accredited educational institution approved by the Board, or has other doctorate-level training from an accredited educational institution deemed equivalent by the Board in both subject matter and extent of training.

(e) Has at least 2 years of experience satisfactory to the Board, 1 year of which must be postdoctoral experience in accordance with the requirements established by regulations of the Board.

2. ~~Each~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 63 of this act, each* application for licensure as a behavior analyst must be accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

- (a) Is at least 21 years of age.
- (b) Is of good moral character as determined by the Board.
- (c) Is a citizen of the United States, or is lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States.
- (d) Has earned a master's degree from an accredited college or university in a field of social science or special education and holds a current certification as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc., or any successor in interest to that organization.

(e) Has completed other education, training or experience in accordance with the requirements established by regulations of the Board.

(f) Has completed satisfactorily a written examination in Nevada law and ethical practice as administered by the Board.

3. Each application for licensure as an assistant behavior analyst must be accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:



- (a) Is at least 21 years of age.
- (b) Is of good moral character as determined by the Board.
- (c) Is a citizen of the United States, or is lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States.
- (d) Has earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in a field of social science or special education approved by the Board and holds a current certification as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc., or any successor in interest to that organization.

(e) Has completed other education, training or experience in accordance with the requirements established by regulations of the Board.

(f) Has completed satisfactorily a written examination in Nevada law and ethical practice as administered by the Board.

4. ~~Within~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 63 of this act, within* 120 days after receiving an application and the accompanying evidence from an applicant, the Board shall:

(a) Evaluate the application and accompanying evidence and determine whether the applicant is qualified pursuant to this section for licensure; and

(b) Issue a written statement to the applicant of its determination.

5. The written statement issued to the applicant pursuant to subsection 4 must include:

(a) If the Board determines that the qualifications of the applicant are insufficient for licensure, a detailed explanation of the reasons for that determination.

(b) If the applicant for licensure as a psychologist has not earned a doctorate in psychology from an accredited educational institution approved by the Board and the Board determines that the doctorate-level training from an accredited educational institution is not equivalent in subject matter and extent of training, a detailed explanation of the reasons for that determination.

Sec. 66. NRS 641.172 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641.172 1. ~~Each~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 64 of this act, each* application for certification as an autism behavior interventionist must be accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

- (a) Is at least 18 years of age.
- (b) Is of good moral character as determined by the Board.
- (c) Is a citizen of the United States, or is lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States.



(d) Has completed satisfactorily a written examination in Nevada law and ethical practice as administered by the Board.

(e) Has completed satisfactorily a standardized practical examination developed and approved by the Board. The examination must be conducted by the applicant's supervisor, who shall make a videotape or other audio and visual recording of the applicant's performance of the examination for submission to the Board. The Board may review the recording as part of its evaluation of the applicant's qualifications.

2. ~~[Within]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 64 of this act, within* 120 days after receiving an application and the accompanying evidence from an applicant, the Board shall:

(a) Evaluate the application and accompanying evidence and determine whether the applicant is qualified pursuant to this section for certification as an autism behavior interventionist; and

(b) Issue a written statement to the applicant of its determination.

3. If the Board determines that the qualifications of the applicant are insufficient for certification, the written statement issued to the applicant pursuant to subsection 2 must include a detailed explanation of the reasons for that determination.

Sec. 67. NRS 641.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641.180 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS 641.190, *and section 63 of this act*, each applicant for a license as a psychologist must pass the national examination. In addition to the national examination, the Board may require an examination in whatever applied or theoretical fields it deems appropriate.

2. The Board shall notify each applicant of the results of the national examination and any other examination required pursuant to subsection 1.

3. The Board may waive the requirement of the national examination for a person who:

(a) Is licensed in another state;

(b) Has at least 10 years' experience; and

(c) Is a diplomate in the American Board of Professional Psychology or a fellow in the American Psychological Association, or who has other equivalent status as determined by the Board.

Sec. 68. NRS 641.370 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641.370 1. The Board shall charge and collect not more than the following fees respectively:



For the national examination, in addition to the actual cost to the Board of the examination.....	\$100
For any other examination required pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 641.180, in addition to the actual costs to the Board of the examination.....	100
For the issuance of an initial license or certificate	25
For the biennial renewal of a license of a psychologist.....	500
For the biennial renewal of a license of a licensed behavior analyst	400
For the biennial renewal of a license of a licensed assistant behavior analyst.....	275
For the biennial renewal of a certificate of a certified autism behavior interventionist.....	175
For the restoration of a license suspended for the nonpayment of the biennial fee for the renewal of a license.....	100
For the registration of a firm, partnership or corporation which engages in or offers to engage in the practice of psychology	300
For the registration of a nonresident to practice as a consultant	100

2. An applicant who passes the national examination and any other examination required pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 641.180 and who is eligible for a license as a psychologist shall pay the biennial fee for the renewal of a license, which must be prorated for the period from the date the license is issued to the end of the biennium.

3. An applicant who passes the examination and is eligible for a license as a behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst or a certificate as a autism behavior interventionist shall pay the biennial fee for the renewal of a license or certificate, which must be prorated for the period from the date the license or certificate is issued to the end of the biennium.

4. ~~Has~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, in addition to the fees set forth in subsection 1, the Board may charge and collect a fee for the expedited processing of a request or for any other incidental service it provides. The fee must not exceed the cost to provide the service.*

5. If an applicant submits an application for a license or certificate by endorsement pursuant to section 63 or 64 of this act,



as applicable, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license or certificate.

Sec. 69. Chapter 641A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor, as applicable, in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor, as applicable; and

(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct;

(c) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641A.290 for the application for and initial issuance of a license; and

(d) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement to practice as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good



cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement to practice as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor, as applicable, to the applicant not later than 45 days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application.

4. A license by endorsement to practice as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor, as applicable, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 70. NRS 641A.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641A.220 ~~Each~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 69 of this act, each* applicant for a license to practice as a marriage and family therapist must furnish evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

1. Is at least 21 years of age;
2. Is of good moral character;
3. Is a citizen of the United States, or is lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States;
4. Has completed residency training in psychiatry from an accredited institution approved by the Board, has a graduate degree in marriage and family therapy, psychology or social work from an accredited institution approved by the Board or has completed other education and training which is deemed equivalent by the Board;
5. Has:
 - (a) At least 2 years of postgraduate experience in marriage and family therapy; and
 - (b) At least 3,000 hours of supervised experience in marriage and family therapy, of which at least 1,500 hours must consist of direct contact with clients; and
6. Holds an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution approved by the Board.

Sec. 71. NRS 641A.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641A.230 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 ~~and~~ *and section 69 of this act*, each qualified applicant for a license to



practice as a marriage and family therapist must pass a written examination given by the Board on his or her knowledge of marriage and family therapy. Examinations must be given at a time and place and under such supervision as the Board may determine.

2. The Board shall accept receipt of a passing grade by a qualified applicant on the national examination sponsored by the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards in lieu of requiring a written examination pursuant to subsection 1.

3. In addition to the requirements of subsections 1 and 2, the Board may require an oral examination. The Board may examine applicants in whatever applied or theoretical fields it deems appropriate.

Sec. 72. NRS 641A.231 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641A.231 ~~Each~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 69 of this act, each* applicant for a license to practice as a clinical professional counselor must furnish evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

1. Is at least 21 years of age;
2. Is of good moral character;
3. Is a citizen of the United States, or is lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States;

4. Has:

(a) Completed residency training in psychiatry from an accredited institution approved by the Board;

(b) A graduate degree from a program approved by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs as a program in mental health counseling or community counseling; or

(c) An acceptable degree as determined by the Board which includes the completion of a practicum and internship in mental health counseling which was taken concurrently with the degree program and was supervised by a licensed mental health professional; and

5. Has:

(a) At least 2 years of postgraduate experience in professional counseling;

(b) At least 3,000 hours of supervised experience in professional counseling which includes, without limitation:

(1) At least 1,500 hours of direct contact with clients; and

(2) At least 100 hours of counseling under the direct supervision of an approved supervisor of which at least 1 hour per week was completed for each work setting at which the applicant provided counseling; and



(c) Passed the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination which is administered by the National Board for Certified Counselors.

Sec. 73. NRS 641A.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641A.290 **1.** The Board shall charge and collect not more than the following fees, respectively:

For application for a license	\$75
For examination of an applicant for a license.....	200
For issuance of a license.....	50
For annual renewal of a license	150
For reinstatement of a license revoked for nonpayment of the fee for renewal	100
For an inactive license.....	150

2. *If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to section 69 of this act, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.*

Sec. 74. Chapter 641B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. *The Board may issue a license by endorsement to engage in social work to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:*

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to engage in social work in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. *An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:*

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license to engage in social work;



(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(5) Is currently engaged in social work under the license held required by paragraph (a) of subsection 1;

(b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 641B.202;

(c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct; and

(d) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement to engage in social work pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement to engage in social work to the applicant not later than:

(a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application; or

(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

↳ whichever occurs later.

4. A license by endorsement to engage in social work may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant to engage in social work in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 75. NRS 641B.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641B.250 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS **641B.270** and 641B.275, **and section 74 of this act**, before the issuance of a license, each applicant, otherwise eligible for licensure, who has paid the fee and presented the required credentials, other than an applicant for a license to engage in social work as an associate in



social work, must appear personally and pass an examination concerning his or her knowledge of the practice of social work.

2. Any such examination must be fair and impartial, practical in character with questions designed to discover the applicant's fitness.

3. The Board may employ specialists and other professional consultants or examining services in conducting the examination.

4. The member of the Board who is the representative of the general public shall not participate in the grading of the examination.

5. The Board shall examine applicants for licensure at least twice a year.

Sec. 76. NRS 641B.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641B.300 **1.** The Board shall charge and collect fees not to exceed the following amounts for:

Initial application.....	\$40
Provisional license.....	75
Initial issuance of a license.....	100
Annual renewal of a license	150
Restoration of a suspended license or reinstatement of a revoked license	150
Restoration of an expired license	200
Renewal of a delinquent license	100
Reciprocal license without examination.....	100

2. *If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to section 74 of this act, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.*

Sec. 77. Chapter 641C of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 78 to 82, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 78. 1. *The Board may issue a license by endorsement as a clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:*

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license as a clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and



(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license as a clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor; and

(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 641C.260;

(c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct;

(d) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641C.470 for the initial application for and issuance of an initial license; and

(e) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement as a clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement as a clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor to the applicant not later than:

(a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application; or

(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

↳ whichever occurs later.

4. A license by endorsement as a clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor may be issued at a meeting of the Board or



between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice as a clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 79. *1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant:*

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor; and

(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 641C.260;

(c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct;

(d) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641C.470 for the initial application for and issuance of an initial license; and

(e) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement as an alcohol and drug



abuse counselor pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor to the applicant not later than:

(a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application; or

(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

↳ whichever occurs later.

4. A license by endorsement as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 80. *1. The Board may issue a certificate by endorsement as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a certificate if the applicant:*

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted certificate as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. An applicant for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or



the state or territory in which the applicant holds a certificate as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor; and

(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 641C.260;

(c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct;

(d) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641C.470 for the initial application for and issuance of an initial certificate; and

(e) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a certificate by endorsement as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a certificate by endorsement as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor to the applicant not later than:

(a) Forty-five days after receiving all additional the information required by the Board to complete the application; or

(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

↳ whichever occurs later.

4. A certificate by endorsement as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional certificate authorizing an applicant to practice as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 81. *1. The Board may issue a certificate by endorsement as a problem gambling counselor to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant*



may submit to the Board an application for such a certificate if the applicant:

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted certificate as a problem gambling counselor in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. An applicant for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the applicant holds a certificate as a problem gambling counselor; and

(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 641C.260;

(c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct;

(d) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641C.470 for the initial application for and issuance of an initial certificate; and

(e) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a certificate by endorsement as a problem gambling counselor pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a certificate by endorsement as a problem gambling counselor to the applicant not later than:

(a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application; or



(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

↳ whichever occurs later.

4. A certificate by endorsement as a problem gambling counselor may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional certificate authorizing an applicant to practice as a problem gambling counselor in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 82. 1. Notwithstanding any regulations adopted pursuant to NRS 641C.500, the Board may issue a certificate by endorsement as a detoxification technician to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a certificate if the applicant:

(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted certificate as a detoxification technician in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; and

(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

2. An applicant for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the legal right to work in the United States;

(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the applicant holds a certificate as a detoxification technician; and

(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided pursuant to NRS 641C.500;



(c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct;

(d) Any fee prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641C.500 for the issuance of a certificate; and

(e) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a certificate by endorsement as a detoxification technician pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a certificate by endorsement as a detoxification technician to the applicant not later than:

(a) Forty-five days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application; or

(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,

↳ whichever occurs later.

4. A certificate by endorsement as a detoxification technician may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may grant a provisional certificate authorizing an applicant to practice as a detoxification technician in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

6. If an applicant submits an application for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of any fee prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641C.500 for the initial issuance of the certificate.

7. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 83. NRS 641C.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641C.290 1. ~~Each~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 78 of this act, each* applicant for a license as a clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor must pass a written and oral examination concerning his or her knowledge of the clinical practice of counseling alcohol and drug abusers, the applicable provisions of this chapter and any applicable regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.



2. ~~Each~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 79 or 80 of this act, each* applicant for a license or certificate as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor must pass a written and oral examination concerning his or her knowledge of the practice of counseling alcohol and drug abusers, the applicable provisions of this chapter and any applicable regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

3. ~~Each~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 81 of this act, each* applicant for a certificate as a problem gambling counselor must pass a written examination concerning his or her knowledge of the practice of counseling problem gamblers, the applicable provisions of this chapter and any applicable regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

4. The Board shall:

- (a) Examine applicants at least two times each year.
- (b) Establish the time and place for the examinations.
- (c) Provide such books and forms as may be necessary to conduct the examinations.
- (d) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 622.090, establish, by regulation, the requirements for passing the examination.

5. The Board may employ other persons to conduct the examinations.

Sec. 84. NRS 641C.470 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641C.470 1. The Board shall charge and collect not more than the following fees:

For the initial application for a license or certificate.....	\$150
For the issuance of a provisional license or certificate.....	125
For the issuance of an initial license or certificate	60
For the renewal of a license or certificate as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor, a license as a clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor or a certificate as a problem gambling counselor.....	300
For the renewal of a certificate as a clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor intern, an alcohol and drug abuse counselor intern or a problem gambling counselor intern.....	75
For the renewal of a delinquent license or certificate.....	75
For the restoration of an expired license or certificate	150
For the restoration or reinstatement of a suspended or revoked license or certificate.....	300
For the issuance of a license or certificate without examination	150



For an examination \$150
For the approval of a course of continuing education 150

2. *If an applicant submits an application for a license or certificate by endorsement pursuant to sections 79 to 81, inclusive, of this act, as applicable, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee specified in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.*

3. The fees charged and collected pursuant to this section are not refundable.

Sec. 85. Section 12 of this act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12. 1. A regulatory body that regulates a profession pursuant to chapters 630, 630A, 632 to 641C, inclusive, or 644 of NRS in this State may enter into a reciprocal agreement with the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or any other state or territory of the United States for the purposes of:

(a) Authorizing a qualified person licensed in the profession in that state or territory to practice concurrently in this State and one or more other states or territories of the United States; and

(b) Regulating the practice of such a person.

2. A regulatory body may enter into a reciprocal agreement pursuant to subsection 1 only if the regulatory body determines that:

(a) The corresponding regulatory authority is authorized by law to enter into such an agreement with the regulatory body; and

(b) The applicable provisions of law governing the practice of the respective profession in the state or territory on whose behalf the corresponding regulatory authority would execute the reciprocal agreement are substantially similar to the corresponding provisions of law in this State.

3. A reciprocal agreement entered into pursuant to subsection 1 must not authorize a person to practice his or her profession concurrently in this State unless the person:

(a) Has an active license to practice his or her profession in another state or territory of the United States.

(b) Has been in practice for at least the 5 years immediately preceding the date on which the person submits an application for the issuance of a license pursuant to a reciprocal agreement entered into pursuant to subsection 1.



(c) Has not had his or her license suspended or revoked in any state or territory of the United States.

(d) Has not been refused a license to practice in any state or territory of the United States for any reason.

(e) Is not involved in and does not have pending any disciplinary action concerning his or her license or practice in any state or territory of the United States.

(f) Pays any applicable fees for the issuance of a license that are otherwise required for a person to obtain a license in this State.

~~[(g) Submits to the applicable regulatory body the statement required by NRS 425.520.]~~

4. If the regulatory body enters into a reciprocal agreement pursuant to subsection 1, the regulatory body must prepare an annual report before January 31 of each year outlining the progress of the regulatory body as it relates to the reciprocal agreement and submit the report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next session of the Legislature in odd-numbered years or to the Legislative Committee on Health Care in even-numbered years.

Sec. 86. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

Sec. 87. 1. This section and sections 1 to 84, inclusive, and 86 of this act become effective on July 1, 2015.

2. Section 85 of this act becomes effective on the date on which the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 666 requiring each state to establish procedures under which the state has authority to withhold or suspend, or to restrict the use of professional, occupational and recreational licenses of persons who:

(a) Have failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to a proceeding to determine the paternity of a child or to establish or enforce an obligation for the support of a child; or

(b) Are in arrears in the payment for the support of one or more children,

↳ are repealed by the Congress of the United States.



