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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 56–COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

(ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS)

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the licensing of certain providers of health care. (BDR 54-255)

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

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

AN ACT relating to providers of health care; revising requirements for continuing education and training for certain providers of health care; requiring the Board of Medical Examiners to require a physician assistant on inactive status to pay a biennial registration fee; revising the provisions relating to fees charged and collected by the Board; requiring the Board, if authorized by a licensee, to provide to an employer of the licensee or an entity credentialing the licensee certain documents and information; setting forth certain grounds for the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine to initiate disciplinary action against a licensee or deny licensure to an applicant; revising requirements for the issuance by the Board of a license to practice osteopathic medicine; providing for the biennial renewal of certain licenses issued by the Board; establishing and revising certain fees charged by the Board; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

## Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires certain providers of health care licensed by the Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine to complete certain continuing education as a condition to the renewal of the license. (NRS 630.253, 633.471) Section 1 of this bill eliminates provisions requiring the Board of Medical Examiners to require the completion of a course of instruction relating





6 to the medical consequences of an act of terrorism that involves the use of a 7 weapon of mass destruction. **Section 12** of this bill increases, from 35 to 40, the 8 number of hours of continuing medical education certain providers of health care 9 licensed by the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine are required to complete 10 during each period of licensure.

11 Existing law requires the Board of Medical Examiners to adopt regulations 12 regarding the licensure of a physician assistant. (NRS 630.275) Existing law 13 establishes a biennial registration fee for a physician assistant licensed by the 14 Board. (NRS 630.268) Under existing law, the Board is required to exempt a 15 physician assistant on inactive status from paying the biennial registration fee. 16 (NRS 630.255) Section 2 of this bill eliminates that exception. Section 4 of this bill 17 instead requires the Board to require a physician assistant on inactive status to pay a 18 fee for biennial registration. Section 3 of this bill sets forth the maximum amount 19 of that fee.

Section 3 revises provisions setting forth the maximum amount of various fees charged by the Board. Section 3 increases the maximum amount of certain fees, removes certain fees and establishes the maximum amount of a fee the Board is required to charge for certain services provided by the Board. Existing law authorizes the Board to keep certain information confidential, including, among other information, any statement, evidence, credential or other

Existing law authorizes the Board to keep certain information confidential, including, among other information, any statement, evidence, credential or other proof submitted in support of or to verify the contents of an application for a license. (NRS 630.336) **Section 6** of this bill requires the Board, if authorized by a licensee, to provide to an employer of the licensee or an entity credentialing the licensee copies of any documents or other information obtained by the Board during the application process for the issuance of the license of the licensee, including, without limitation, copies of documents and other information verifying the completion by the licensee of any educational program related to licensure and verifying certain other matters concerning the licensee.

34 Existing law sets forth the requirements for the issuance by the State Board of 35 Osteopathic Medicine of a license to practice osteopathic medicine, including, 36 among other requirements, the requirement that an applicant must: (1) have 37 graduated from a school of osteopathic medicine before 1995 and completed a 38 hospital internship or certain postgraduate training; (2) have completed 3 years, or 39 such other length of time as required by certain programs of postgraduate medical 40 education as a resident in the United States or Canada; or (3) be a resident who is 41 enrolled in a postgraduate training program in this State, have completed 24 months 42 of the program and have committed, in writing, that he or she will complete the 43 program. (NRS 633.311) Section 6.7 of this bill revises the requirements for a 44 person who is a resident enrolled in a postgraduate training program to obtain a 45 license to allow a license to be issued to a resident who is enrolled in a postgraduate 46 training program in the United States or Canada that is approved by the Board or 47 certain other organizations who has completed 24 months of the program and who 48 has committed, in writing, that he or she will complete the program. Section 6.7 49 also provides that if, after issuing a license to practice osteopathic medicine, the 50 Board obtains information that differs from the information provided by the 51 applicant or otherwise received by the Board, the Board may take certain action 52 against the applicant.

**Section 6.3** of this bill provides that obtaining, maintaining or renewing or attempting to obtain, maintain or renew a license to practice osteopathic medicine by bribery, fraud or misrepresentation or by any false, misleading, inaccurate or incomplete statement constitutes grounds for the Board to initiate disciplinary action against a licensee and to deny licensure to an applicant.

58 Existing law, with certain exceptions, provides for the annual renewal of a 59 license to practice osteopathic medicine issued by the State Board of Osteopathic 60 Medicine and sets forth a renewal date for such a license as January 1 of each





calendar year. (NRS 633.471) Section 12 instead provides, with certain exceptions,
for the biennial renewal of such a license and establishes the renewal date for such
a license as December 31 of each even-numbered year.

Existing regulations provide for the annual renewal of a license as a physician assistant issued by the Board. (NAC 633.285) **Sections 9 and 10** of this bill instead provide for the biennial renewal of such a license and establish the renewal date as December 31 of each odd-numbered year. Existing law provides for the biennial renewal of a license as an anesthesiologist assistant issued by the Board. (NRS 633.4254) **Section 7** of this bill establishes a renewal date for such a license as December 31 of each odd-numbered year.

Section 20 of this bill sets forth certain requirements for the renewal of certain
 licenses issued by the Board which are held by a licensee on December 31, 2025.

73 Existing law sets forth procedures by which a person may be simultaneously 74 licensed as a physician assistant or anesthesiologist assistant by the Board of 75 Medical Examiners and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine. (NRS 630.2677, 76 630.26835, 630.2684, 630.26845, 630.2735, 630.2755, 633.4256, 633.4258, 77 633.426, 633.4332, 633.438, 633.4718) Under existing law, a person who is 78 licensed as a physician assistant or anesthesiologist assistant by the State Board of 79 Osteopathic Medicine and who wishes to be simultaneously licensed by both the 80 Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine is 81 required to: (1) apply to the Board of Medical Examiners for a license to practice as 82 a physician assistant or anesthesiologist assistant, as applicable; (2) pay all 83 applicable fees, including the fee payable to the Board of Medical Examiners for an 84 application for and the issuance of a simultaneous license as a physician assistant or 85 anesthesiologist assistant, as applicable, and the annual simultaneous registration 86 fee for a physician assistant or biennial simultaneous registration fee for an 87 anesthesiologist assistant, as applicable, payable to the State Board of Osteopathic 88 Medicine; and (3) if the person is applying for simultaneous licensure while 89 renewing his or her license, apply to renew his or her license and indicate in the 90 application that he or she wishes to hold a simultaneous license. (NRS 633.426, 91 633.438, 633.4718) Sections 8, 11 and 15 of this bill instead require such a person 92 to pay to the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine a biennial simultaneous license 93 renewal fee, rather than an annual or biennial simultaneous license registration fee. 94 Section 14 of this bill similarly eliminates a reference to the biennial registration of 95 a license.

96 Existing law requires the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine to: (1) maintain 97 a list of each licensed osteopathic physician and physician assistant and certain 98 training that each such licensee has received; and (2) update the list at least 99 annually with information received from licensees who renewed their licenses 100 during the preceding year. (NRS 633.4715) Section 13 of this bill requires the 101Board to instead update the list at least biennially with such information from 102 licensees who renewed their licenses during the preceding biennium. Sections 16 103 and 17 of this bill revise certain other procedures and requirements relating to 104 licensure to account for the change from an annual to a biennial period of licensure 105 for certain osteopathic physicians and physician assistants.

Existing law sets forth a list of maximum fees to be charged and collected by the Board. (NRS 633.501) Section 18 of this bill: (1) revises the descriptions of certain fees; (2) increases the amount of certain fees to account for the change from an annual to a biennial period of licensure for certain osteopathic physicians and physician assistants; and (3) establishes a biennial license renewal fee and a biennial simultaneous license renewal fee for an anesthesiologist assistant.





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

| 1        | <b>Section 1.</b> NRS 630.253 is hereby amended to read as follows:   |
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| 2        | 630.253 1. The Board shall, as a prerequisite for the:  |
| 3        | (a) Renewal of a license as a physician assistant;  |
| 4        | (b) Renewal of a license as an anesthesiologist assistant; or   |
| 5        | (c) Biennial registration of the holder of a license to practice  |
| 6        | medicine,   |
| 7        | $\rightarrow$ require each holder to submit evidence of compliance with the                                   |
| 8        | requirements for continuing education as set forth in regulations   |
| 9        | adopted by the Board.   |
| 10       | <ul><li>2. These requirements:</li><li>(a) May provide for the completion of one or more courses of</li></ul> |
| 11<br>12 | instruction relating to risk management in the performance of   |
| 12       | medical services.   |
| 13       | (b) [Must provide for the completion of a course of instruction,  |
| 14       | within 2 years after initial licensure, relating to the medical   |
| 16       | consequences of an act of terrorism that involves the use of a  |
| 17       | weapon of mass destruction. The course must provide at least 4  |
| 18       | hours of instruction that includes instruction in the following   |
| 19       | subjects:   |
| 20       | (1) An overview of acts of terrorism and weapons of mass  |
| 21       | destruction:  |
| 22       | (2) Personal protective equipment required for acts of  |
| 23       | terrorism;  |
| 24       | (3) Common symptoms and methods of treatment associated   |
| 25       | with exposure to, or injuries caused by, chemical, biological,  |
| 26       | radioactive and nuclear agents;   |
| 27       | (4) Syndromic surveillance and reporting procedures for acts  |
| 28       | of terrorism that involve biological agents; and  |
| 29       | (5) An overview of the information available on, and the use  |
| 30       | of, the Health Alert Network.   |
| 31       | (c)] Must provide for the completion by a holder of a license to  |
| 32       | practice medicine of a course of instruction within 2 years after   |
| 33       | initial licensure that provides at least 2 hours of instruction on  |
| 34       | evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness as described in   |
| 35       | subsection [6.] 5.  |
| 36       | [(d)] (c) Must provide for the completion of at least 2 hours of  |
| 37       | training in the screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment                                       |
| 38       | approach to substance use disorder within 2 years after initial   |
| 39       | licensure.  |
| 40       | [(e)] (d) Must provide for the biennial completion by each  |
| 41       | psychiatrist and each physician assistant practicing under the  |
| 42       | supervision of a psychiatrist of one or more courses of instruction   |





that provide at least 2 hours of instruction relating to cultural 1 competency and diversity, equity and inclusion. Such instruction: 2

(1) May include the training provided pursuant to NRS 3 4 449.103, where applicable.

(2) Must be based upon a range of research from diverse 5 6 sources.

7 (3) Must address persons of different cultural backgrounds, 8 including, without limitation:

(I) Persons from various gender, racial and ethnic 9 10 backgrounds; 11

(II) Persons from various religious backgrounds;

12 (III) Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning 13 persons;

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(IV) Children and senior citizens:

(V) Veterans;

(VI) Persons with a mental illness;

17 (VII) Persons with intellectual disability, an developmental disability or physical disability; and 18

(VIII) Persons who are part of any other population that a 19 20 psychiatrist or a physician assistant practicing under the supervision 21 of a psychiatrist may need to better understand, as determined by the 22 Board.

23 (f) (e) Must allow the holder of a license to receive credit 24 toward the total amount of continuing education required by the Board for the completion of a course of instruction relating to 25 26 genetic counseling and genetic testing.

[(g)] (f) Must provide for the completion by a physician or 27 physician assistant who provides or supervises the provision of 28 emergency medical services in a hospital or primary care of at least 29 2 hours of training in the stigma, discrimination and unrecognized 30 bias toward persons who have acquired or are at a high risk of 31 acquiring human immunodeficiency virus within 2 years after 32 beginning to provide or supervise the provision of such services or 33 34 care.

35 3. [The Board may determine whether to include in a program of continuing education courses of instruction relating to the 36 medical consequences of an act of terrorism that involves the use of 37 a weapon of mass destruction in addition to the course of instruction 38 required by paragraph (b) of subsection 2. 39

4. The Board shall encourage each holder of a license who 40 treats or cares for persons who are more than 60 years of age to 41 42 receive, as a portion of their continuing education, education in 43 geriatrics and gerontology, including such topics as:

(a) The skills and knowledge that the licensee needs to address 44 aging issues: 45





(b) Approaches to providing health care to older persons, 1 including both didactic and clinical approaches; 2

(c) The biological, behavioral, social and emotional aspects of 3 the aging process; and 4

5 (d) The importance of maintenance of function and 6 independence for older persons.

7 5. 4. The Board shall encourage each holder of a license to practice medicine to receive, as a portion of his or her continuing 8 education, training concerning methods for educating patients about 9 how to effectively manage medications, including, without 10 11 limitation, the ability of the patient to request to have the symptom or purpose for which a drug is prescribed included on the label 12 13 attached to the container of the drug.

The Board shall require each holder of a license to 14 <del>[6.]</del> 5. practice medicine to receive as a portion of his or her continuing 15 education at least 2 hours of instruction every 4 years on evidence-16 17 based suicide prevention and awareness, which may include, without limitation, instruction concerning: 18

(a) The skills and knowledge that the licensee needs to detect 19 20 behaviors that may lead to suicide, including, without limitation, post-traumatic stress disorder; 21

(b) Approaches to engaging other professionals in suicide 22 23 intervention: and

24 (c) The detection of suicidal thoughts and ideations and the 25 prevention of suicide.

26 **7. 6.** The Board shall encourage each holder of a license to 27 practice medicine or as a physician assistant to receive, as a portion 28 of his or her continuing education, training and education in the 29 diagnosis of rare diseases, including, without limitation: 30

(a) Recognizing the symptoms of pediatric cancer; and

(b) Interpreting family history to determine whether such 31 32 symptoms indicate a normal childhood illness or a condition that 33 requires additional examination.

[8.] 7. A holder of a license to practice medicine may not 34 substitute the continuing education credits relating to suicide 35 prevention and awareness required by this section for the purposes 36 of satisfying an equivalent requirement for continuing education in 37 38 ethics.

Except as otherwise provided in NRS 630.2535, a 39 <del>[9.]</del> 8. holder of a license to practice medicine may substitute not more 40 than 2 hours of continuing education credits in pain management, 41 42 care for persons with an addictive disorder or the screening, brief 43 intervention and referral to treatment approach to substance use disorder for the purposes of satisfying an equivalent requirement for 44 45 continuing education in ethics.





[10.] 9. As used in this section [: 1 2 (a) "Act of terrorism" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4415. 3 (b) "Biological agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in 4 NRS 202.442 5 (c) "Chemical agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in 6 7 NRS 202.4425. (d) "Primary], "primary care" means the practice of family 8 medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology 9 and midwifery. 10 I(e) "Radioactive agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in 11 12 NRS 202.4437. 13 (f) "Weapon of mass destruction" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.4445.1 14 Sec. 2. NRS 630.255 is hereby amended to read as follows: 15 1. Any licensee who changes the location of his or 16 630.255 17 her practice of medicine from this State to another state or country, has never engaged in the practice of medicine in this State after 18 licensure or has ceased to engage in the practice of medicine in this 19 State for 12 consecutive months may be placed on inactive status by 20 21 order of the Board. Any physician assistant who notifies the Board of his or her desire to be placed on inactive status in writing on a 22 form prescribed by the Board may be placed on inactive status by 23 24 order of the Board. 2. Each inactive licensee shall maintain a permanent mailing 25

26 address with the Board to which all communications from the Board 27 to the licensee must be sent. An inactive licensee who changes his or 28 her permanent mailing address shall notify the Board in writing of 29 the new permanent mailing address within 30 days after the change. If an inactive licensee fails to notify the Board in writing of a 30 change in his or her permanent mailing address within 30 days after 31 32 the change, the Board may impose upon the licensee a fine not to exceed \$250. 33

34 3. In addition to the requirements of subsection 2, any licensee 35 who changes the location of his or her practice of medicine from 36 this State to another state or country shall maintain an electronic 37 mail address with the Board to which all communications from the 38 Board to him or her may be sent.

4. An inactive physician assistant shall not practice as a
physician assistant. The Board shall consider an inactive physician
assistant who practices as a physician assistant to be practicing
without a license. Such practice constitutes grounds for disciplinary
action against the physician assistant in accordance with the
regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to NRS 630.275.





1 5. [The Board shall exempt an inactive physician assistant from 2 paying the applicable fee for biennial registration prescribed by NRS 630.268. 3 <u>6.</u> Before resuming the practice of medicine or practice as a 4 5 physician assistant in this State, the inactive licensee must: 6 (a) Notify the Board in writing of his or her intent to resume the 7 practice of medicine or practice as a physician assistant, as 8 applicable, in this State; (b) File an affidavit with the Board describing the activities of 9 the licensee during the period of inactive status; 10 (c) Complete the form for registration for active status; 11 12 (d) Pay the applicable fee for biennial registration; and 13 (e) Satisfy the Board of his or her competence to practice 14 medicine or practice as a physician assistant, as applicable. 15 **6.** If the Board determines that the conduct or competence 16 of the licensee during the period of inactive status would have warranted denial of an application for a license to practice medicine 17 18 or practice as a physician assistant in this State, the Board may 19 refuse to place the licensee on active status. 20 **Sec. 3.** NRS 630.268 is hereby amended to read as follows: 630.268 1. The Board shall charge and collect not more than 21 22 the following fees: 23 24 For application for and issuance of a license to 25 practice as a physician, including *a license as an* administrative physician or a license by 26 27 28 For application for and issuance of a temporary, 29 locum tenens, limited, restricted, authorized facility, special, special purpose or special event 30 31 For renewal of a limited, restricted, authorized 32 33 facility or special license ...... For application for and issuance of a license as a 34 physician assistant, including a license by 35 36 For application for and issuance of a simultaneous 37 38 39 simultaneous registration of a 40 For biennial 41 42





| 1  | For application for and issuance of a license as a      |
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| 2  | perfusionist or practitioner of respiratory care        |
| 3  | including any temporary license to practice             |
| 4  | perfusion and any temporary license to provide          |
| 5  | respiratory care as an intern                           |
| 6  | For biennial renewal of a license as a perfusionist     |
| 7  | For application for and issuance of a license or        |
| 8  | temporary license to practice as an                     |
| 9  | anesthesiologist assistant                              |
| 10 | For application for and initial issuance of a           |
| 11 | simultaneous license as an anesthesiologist             |
| 12 | assistant   |
| 13 | For biennial registration of an anesthesiologist        |
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| 16 | anesthesiologist assistant                              |
| 17 | For biennial registration of a practitioner of          |
| 18 | respiratory care  |
| 19 | For biennial registration for a physician who is on     |
| 20 | respiratory care  |
| 21 | For biennial registration for a physician assistant     |
| 22 | who is on inactive status                               |
| 23 | For written verification of licensure                   |
| 24 | [For a duplicate identification card                    |
| 25 | For a duplicate [license] wall certificate              |
| 26 | For computer printouts or labels                        |
| 27 | For verification of a listing of physicians, per hour   |
| 28 | For furnishing a <i>custom</i> list of [new physicians] |
| 29 | licensees or a list of newly licensed licensees         |

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2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5, 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.

36 3. The cost of any special meeting called at the request of a 37 licensee, an institution, an organization, a state agency or an 38 applicant for licensure must be paid for by the person or entity 39 requesting the special meeting. Such a special meeting must not be 40 called until the person or entity requesting it has paid a cash deposit 41 with the Board sufficient to defray all expenses of the meeting.

42 4. If an applicant submits an application for a license by 43 endorsement pursuant to:

(a) NRS 630.1607, 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 1 shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection 2 3 1 for the initial issuance of the license. As used in this paragraph, 4 "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

(b) NRS 630.2752, the Board shall collect not more than one-5 half of the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the 6 7 license.

8 5. If an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to NRS 630.1606 or 630.2751, as applicable, 9 the Board shall charge and collect not more than the fee specified in 10 11 subsection 1 for the application for and initial issuance of a license.

12 The amount of the fee specified in subsection 1 for the 6. biennial registration of a physician assistant who is on inactive 13 status must not exceed one-half of the amount of the fee for the 14 biennial registration of a physician assistant who is on active 15 16 status.

Sec. 4. NRS 630.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.275 The Board shall adopt regulations regarding the 18 licensure of a physician assistant, including, but not limited to: 19 20

1. The educational and other qualifications of applicants.

2. The required academic program for applicants.

22 3. The procedures for applications for and the issuance of 23 licenses.

24 The procedures deemed necessary by the Board for 4. applications for and the initial issuance of licenses by endorsement 25 26 pursuant to NRS 630.2751 or 630.2752.

27 5. The tests or examinations of applicants required by the 28 Board.

29 6. The medical services which a physician assistant may 30 perform, except that a physician assistant may not perform those specific functions and duties delegated or restricted by law to 31 persons licensed as dentists, chiropractic physicians, naprapaths, 32 podiatric physicians and optometrists under chapters 631, 634, 33 634B, 635 and 636, respectively, of NRS, or as hearing aid 34 35 specialists.

The duration, renewal and termination of licenses, including 36 7. licenses by endorsement. The Board [shall] : 37

(a) Shall not require a physician assistant to receive or maintain 38 certification by the National Commission on Certification of 39 Physician Assistants, or its successor organization, or by any other 40 nationally recognized organization for the accreditation of physician 41 42 assistants to satisfy any continuing education requirements for the renewal of licenses. 43

44 (b) Shall require a physician assistant who is on inactive status to pay a biennial fee for registration prescribed by NRS 630.268. 45



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1 8. The grounds and procedures respecting disciplinary actions 2 against physician assistants.

9. The supervision of medical services of a physician assistantby a supervising physician.

5 10. A physician assistant's use of equipment that transfers 6 information concerning the medical condition of a patient in this 7 State electronically, telephonically or by fiber optics, including, 8 without limitation, through telehealth, from within or outside this 9 State or the United States.

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**Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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**Sec. 6.** NRS 630.336 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 630.336 1. Any deliberations conducted or vote taken by the Board or any investigative committee of the Board regarding its 13 physician, perfusionist, physician 14 ordering of a assistant. anesthesiologist assistant or practitioner of respiratory care to 15 undergo a physical or mental examination or any other examination 16 17 designated to assist the Board or committee in determining the physician, perfusionist, 18 fitness of а physician assistant. anesthesiologist assistant or practitioner of respiratory care are not 19 20 subject to the requirements of NRS 241.020.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 or 4, all applications for a license to practice medicine, perfusion or respiratory care, any charges filed by the Board, financial records of the Board, formal hearings on any charges heard by the Board or a panel selected by the Board, records of such hearings and any order or decision of the Board or panel must be open to the public.

27 3. Except as otherwise provided in *subsection 7 and* NRS
28 239.0115, the following may be kept confidential:

(a) Any statement, evidence, credential or other proof submitted
 in support of or to verify the contents of an application;

(b) Any report concerning the fitness of any person to receive or
 hold a license to practice medicine, perfusion or respiratory care;
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(c) Any communication between:

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(1) The Board and any of its committees or panels; and

(2) The Board or its staff, investigators, experts, committees,
 panels, hearing officers, advisory members or consultants and
 counsel for the Board.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 and NRS
239.0115, a complaint filed with the Board pursuant to NRS
630.307, all documents and other information filed with the
complaint and all documents and other information compiled as a
result of an investigation conducted to determine whether to initiate
disciplinary action are confidential.





The formal complaint or other document filed by the Board 1 5. to initiate disciplinary action and all documents and information 2 considered by the Board when determining whether to impose 3 discipline are public records. 4

5 6. The Board shall, to the extent feasible, communicate or cooperate with or provide any documents or other information to 6 any other licensing board or agency or any agency which is 7 investigating a person, including a law enforcement agency. Such 8 cooperation may include, without limitation, providing the board or 9 agency with minutes of a closed meeting, transcripts of oral 10 11 examinations and the results of oral examinations.

12 If authorized by a licensee, the Board shall provide to an 13 employer of the licensee or an entity credentialing the licensee copies of any documents and other information obtained by the 14 Board during the application process for the issuance of the 15 license of the licensee, including, without limitation, copies of any 16 17 documents and other information verifying:

(a) The completion by the licensee of any educational program 18 related to licensure, including, without limitation, academic 19 20 transcripts.

21 (b) The completion by the licensee of any postgraduate 22 training.

(c) Any malpractice insurance maintained by the licensee.

(d) Any privileges of the licensee to practice at a hospital, clinic or other medical facility.

26 Sec. 6.3. Chapter 633 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 27 thereto a new section to read as follows:

28 Obtaining, maintaining or renewing or attempting to obtain, 29 maintain or renew a license to practice osteopathic medicine by bribery, fraud or misrepresentation or by any false, misleading, 30 inaccurate or incomplete statement constitutes grounds for the 31 32 Board to initiate disciplinary action against a licensee pursuant to 33 NRS 633.511 and to deny licensure to an applicant. 34

**Sec. 6.7.** NRS 633.311 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 633.315 35 633.311 and 633.381 to 633.419, inclusive, an applicant for a license to 36 practice osteopathic medicine may be issued a license by the Board 37 if٠ 38 39

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

(b) The applicant is a graduate of a school of osteopathic 40 medicine; 41 42

(c) The applicant:

43 (1) Has graduated from a school of osteopathic medicine 44 before 1995 and has completed:

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(I) A hospital internship; or





(II) One year of postgraduate training that complies with 1 2 the standards of intern training established by the American 3 Osteopathic Association;

(2) Has completed 3 years, or such other length of time as 4 5 required by a specific program, of postgraduate medical education as a resident in the United States or Canada in a program approved 6 7 by the Board, the Bureau of Professional Education of the American Osteopathic Association or the Accreditation Council for Graduate 8 Medical Education; or 9

10 (3) Is a resident who is enrolled in a postgraduate training 11 program in [this State,] the United States or Canada that is approved by the Board, the Bureau of Professional Education of 12 13 the American Osteopathic Association, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or, as applicable, their successor 14 organizations, has completed 24 months of the program and has 15 committed, in writing, that he or she will complete the program; 16 17

(d) The applicant applies for the license as provided by law;

(e) The applicant passes:

(1) All parts of the licensing examination of the National 19 20 Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners;

(2) All parts of the licensing examination of the Federation 21 22 of State Medical Boards;

23 (3) All parts of the licensing examination of the Board, a 24 state, territory or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, and is certified by a specialty board of the American 25 26 Osteopathic Association or by the American Board of Medical 27 Specialties; or

28 (4) A combination of the parts of the licensing examinations 29 specified in subparagraphs (1), (2) and (3) that is approved by the 30 Board: 31

(f) The applicant pays the fees provided for in this chapter; and

32 (g) The applicant submits all information required to complete an application for a license. 33

An applicant for a license to practice osteopathic medicine 34 may satisfy the requirements for postgraduate education or training 35 prescribed by paragraph (c) of subsection 1: 36

37 (a) In one or more approved postgraduate programs, which may be conducted at one or more facilities in this State or, except for a 38 resident who is enrolled in a postgraduate training program in this 39 State pursuant to subparagraph (3) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1, 40 in the District of Columbia or another state or territory of the United 41 42 States:

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

(c) In nonconsecutive months; and

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





3. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, if, after issuing a license to practice osteopathic 1 2 medicine, the Board obtains information from a primary or other 3 source of information and that information differs from the 4 information provided by the applicant or otherwise received by the 5 6 Board, the Board may: 7 (a) Temporarily suspend the license; (b) Promptly review the differing information with the Board 8 9 as a whole or in a committee appointed by the Board; 10 (c) Declare the license void if the Board or a committee 11 appointed by the Board determines that the information submitted by the applicant was false, fraudulent or intended to deceive the 12 13 **Board**: (d) Refer the applicant to the Attorney General for possible 14 criminal prosecution pursuant to NRS 633.741; or 15 (e) If the Board temporarily suspends the license, allow the 16 license to return to active status subject to any terms and 17 conditions specified by the Board, including: 18 19 (1) Placing the licensee on probation for a specified period 20 with specified conditions; 21 (2) Administering a public reprimand; 22 (3) Limiting the practice of the licensee: (4) Suspending the license for a specified period or until 23 24 further order of the Board: 25 (5) Requiring the licensee to participate in a program to 26 correct an alcohol or other substance use disorder: 27 (6) Requiring supervision of the practice of the licensee; (7) Imposing an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000; 28 29 (8) Requiring the licensee to perform community service 30 without compensation: (9) Requiring the licensee to take a physical or mental 31 32 examination or an examination testing his or her competence to 33 practice osteopathic medicine: (10) Requiring the licensee to complete any training or 34 educational requirements specified by the Board; and 35 (11) Requiring the licensee to submit a corrected 36 application, including the payment of all appropriate fees and 37 costs incident to submitting an application. 38 39 If the Board determines after reviewing the differing 4. information to allow the licensee to remain in active status, the 40 action of the Board is not a disciplinary action and must not be 41 reported to any national database. If the Board determines after 42 reviewing the differing information to declare the license void, its 43 action shall be deemed a disciplinary action and shall be 44 reportable to national databases. 45





**Sec.** 7. NRS 633.4254 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 The Board may issue a license to practice as an 633.4254 1. 3 anesthesiologist assistant to an applicant who:

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(a) Graduated from an anesthesiologist assistant program 4 5 accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health 6 Education Programs or its predecessor or successor organization;

7 (b) Has passed a certification examination administered by the 8 National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants, its successor organization or other nationally recognized 9 organization for the certification of anesthesiologist assistants that 10 11 has been reviewed and approved by the Board;

(c) Is certified by the National Commission for Certification of 12 Anesthesiologist Assistants, its successor organization or other 13 nationally recognized organization for the certification 14 of 15 anesthesiologist assistants that has been reviewed and approved by 16 the Board:

17 (d) Submits an application for a license as an anesthesiologist 18 assistant in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Board 19 pursuant to NRS 633.4252;

20 (e) Pays the application fee for the application for and issuance of a license as an anesthesiologist assistant required by NRS 21 22 633.501: and

23 (f) Meets the qualifications prescribed by the regulations 24 adopted by the Board pursuant to NRS 633.4252 to assist in the practice of medicine under the supervision of a supervising 25 26 osteopathic anesthesiologist.

27 2. An applicant for a license to practice as an anesthesiologist 28 assistant submitted pursuant to this section must include, without 29 limitation, all the information required by the Board to complete the 30 application.

3. A license issued by the Board pursuant to subsection 1 [is 31 32 valid for a period of 2 years and may be renewed on or before December 31 of each odd-numbered year in a manner consistent 33 34 with the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to NRS 633.4252. 35 36

**Sec. 8.** NRS 633.426 is hereby amended to read as follows:

633.426 If a person licensed as an anesthesiologist assistant 37 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter is not applying to renew 38 his or her license and wishes to hold a simultaneous license as an 39 anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter 630 40 of NRS, the person must: 41

42 Apply for an anesthesiologist assistant license to the Board 1. 43 of Medical Examiners pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS; and 44

Pay all applicable fees, including, without limitation: 2.





1 (a) The <u>[fee for]</u> biennial simultaneous <u>[registration of]</u> *license* 2 renewal fee for an anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to NRS 3 633.501: and

(b) The application and initial simultaneous license fee for an 4 5 anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to NRS 630.268.

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**Sec. 9.** NRS 633.433 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 633.433 The Board may issue a license as a physician 1. assistant to an applicant who is qualified under the regulations of the 8 Board to perform medical services under the supervision of a 9 supervising osteopathic physician. The application for a license as a 10 physician assistant must include all information required to 11 12 complete the application.

13 2. A license as a physician assistant issued by the Board may be renewed on or before December 31 of each odd-numbered year 14 15 in a manner consistent with the regulations adopted by the Board 16 pursuant to NRS 633.434. 17

**Sec. 10.** NRS 633.434 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The Board shall adopt regulations regarding the 18 633.434 licensure of a physician assistant, including, without limitation: 19 20

1. The educational and other qualifications of applicants.

2. The required academic program for applicants.

22 3. The procedures for applications for and the issuance and 23 *renewal* of licenses.

The procedures deemed necessary by the Board for 24 4. applications for and the issuance of initial licenses by endorsement 25 26 pursuant to NRS 633.4335 and 633.4336.

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

28 6. The medical services which a physician assistant may 29 perform, except that a physician assistant may not perform osteopathic manipulative therapy or those specific functions and 30 duties delegated or restricted by law to persons licensed as dentists, 31 32 chiropractic physicians, doctors of Oriental medicine, naprapaths, podiatric physicians, optometrists and hearing aid specialists under 33 34 chapters 631, 634, 634A, 634B, 635, 636 and 637B, respectively, of 35 NRS.

The grounds and procedures respecting disciplinary actions 36 7. 37 against physician assistants.

The supervision of medical services of a physician assistant 38 8. by a supervising osteopathic physician. 39

**Sec. 11.** NRS 633.438 is hereby amended to read as follows:

If a person licensed to practice as a physician assistant 41 633.438 42 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter is not applying to renew 43 his or her license and wishes to hold a simultaneous license to 44 practice as a physician assistant pursuant to the provisions of 45 chapter 630 of NRS, the person must:





1. Apply for a license to practice as a physician assistant to the Board of Medical Examiners pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS; and

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2. Pay all applicable fees, including, without limitation:
(a) The [annual] biennial simultaneous [registration] license

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*renewal* fee for a physician assistant pursuant to NRS 633.501; and

(b) The fee for application for and issuance of a simultaneous license as a physician assistant pursuant to NRS 630.268.

Sec. 12. NRS 633.471 is hereby amended to read as follows:

633.471 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 15
and NRS 633.491, every holder of a license, except a physician
assistant or an anesthesiologist assistant, issued under this chapter,
except a temporary, [or a] special or authorized facility license,
may renew the license on or before [January 1] December 31 of
each [calendar] even-numbered year after its issuance by:

(a) Applying for renewal on forms provided by the Board;

(b) Paying the [annual] biennial license renewal fee specified in
 this chapter;

18 (c) Submitting a list of all actions filed or claims submitted to 19 arbitration or mediation for malpractice or negligence against the 20 holder during the previous [year;] *biennium;* 

(d) Subject to subsection 14, submitting evidence to the Board 21 22 that in the **[year]** biennium preceding the application for renewal the 23 holder has attended courses or programs of continuing education 24 approved by the Board in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board totaling a number of hours established by the Board 25 26 which must not be less than  $\begin{bmatrix} 35 \end{bmatrix} 40$  hours nor more than that set in 27 the requirements for continuing medical education of the American 28 Osteopathic Association; and

(e) Submitting all information required to complete the renewal.

2. The Secretary of the Board shall notify each licensee of the requirements for renewal not less than 30 days before the date of renewal.

33 3. The Board shall request submission of verified evidence of completion of the required number of hours of continuing medical 34 education **[annually]** biennially from a percentage of the applicants 35 for renewal of a license to practice osteopathic medicine or a license 36 to practice as a physician assistant or anesthesiologist assistant 37 determined by the Board. Subject to subsection 14, upon a request 38 from the Board, an applicant for renewal of a license to practice 39 osteopathic medicine or a license to practice as a physician assistant 40 anesthesiologist assistant shall submit verified evidence 41 or 42 satisfactory to the Board that in the **[year]** biennium preceding the 43 application for renewal the applicant attended courses or programs 44 of continuing medical education approved by the Board totaling the 45 number of hours established by the Board.





4. The Board shall require each holder of a license to practice osteopathic medicine to complete a course of instruction within 2 years after initial licensure that provides at least 2 hours of instruction on evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness as described in subsection 9.

5. The Board shall encourage each holder of a license to practice osteopathic medicine to receive, as a portion of his or her continuing education, training concerning methods for educating patients about how to effectively manage medications, including, without limitation, the ability of the patient to request to have the symptom or purpose for which a drug is prescribed included on the label attached to the container of the drug.

6. The Board shall encourage each holder of a license to practice osteopathic medicine or as a physician assistant to receive, as a portion of his or her continuing education, training and education in the diagnosis of rare diseases, including, without limitation:

(a) Recognizing the symptoms of pediatric cancer; and

19 (b) Interpreting family history to determine whether such 20 symptoms indicate a normal childhood illness or a condition that 21 requires additional examination.

7. The Board shall require, as part of the continuing education requirements approved by the Board, the biennial completion by a holder of a license to practice osteopathic medicine of at least 2 hours of continuing education credits in ethics, pain management, care of persons with addictive disorders or the screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment approach to substance use disorder.

8. The continuing education requirements approved by the Board must allow the holder of a license as an osteopathic physician, physician assistant or anesthesiologist assistant to receive credit toward the total amount of continuing education required by the Board for the completion of a course of instruction relating to genetic counseling and genetic testing.

9. The Board shall require each holder of a license to practice
osteopathic medicine to receive as a portion of his or her continuing
education at least 2 hours of instruction every 4 years on evidencebased suicide prevention and awareness which may include, without
limitation, instruction concerning:

40 (a) The skills and knowledge that the licensee needs to detect
41 behaviors that may lead to suicide, including, without limitation,
42 post-traumatic stress disorder;

43 (b) Approaches to engaging other professionals in suicide 44 intervention; and



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1 (c) The detection of suicidal thoughts and ideations and the 2 prevention of suicide.

10. A holder of a license to practice osteopathic medicine may not substitute the continuing education credits relating to suicide prevention and awareness required by this section for the purposes of satisfying an equivalent requirement for continuing education in ethics.

8 11. The Board shall require each holder of a license to practice 9 osteopathic medicine to complete at least 2 hours of training in the 10 screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment approach to 11 substance use disorder within 2 years after initial licensure.

12 12. The Board shall require each psychiatrist or a physician 13 assistant practicing under the supervision of a psychiatrist to 14 biennially complete one or more courses of instruction that provide 15 at least 2 hours of instruction relating to cultural competency and 16 diversity, equity and inclusion. Such instruction:

(a) May include the training provided pursuant to NRS 449.103,where applicable.

(b) Must be based upon a range of research from diverse
 sources.

(c) Must address persons of different cultural backgrounds,
 including, without limitation:

23 (1) Persons from various gender, racial and ethnic
 24 backgrounds;

(2) Persons from various religious backgrounds;

26 (3) Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning 27 persons;

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(4) Children and senior citizens;

(5) Veterans;

(6) Persons with a mental illness;

(7) Persons with an intellectual disability, developmental
 disability or physical disability; and

(8) Persons who are part of any other population that a
psychiatrist or physician assistant practicing under the supervision
of a psychiatrist may need to better understand, as determined by the
Board.

37 13. The Board shall require each holder of a license to practice osteopathic medicine or as a physician assistant who provides or 38 supervises the provision of emergency medical services in a hospital 39 or primary care to complete at least 2 hours of training in the stigma, 40 discrimination and unrecognized bias toward persons who have 41 42 acquired or are at a high risk of acquiring human immunodeficiency 43 virus within 2 years after beginning to provide or supervise the 44 provision of such services or care.





1 14. The Board shall not require a physician assistant to receive 2 or maintain certification by the National Commission on 3 Certification of Physician Assistants, or its successor organization, 4 or by any other nationally recognized organization for the 5 accreditation of physician assistants to satisfy any continuing 6 education requirement pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 1 and 7 subsection 3.

8 15. Members of the Armed Forces of the United States and the
 9 United States Public Health Service are exempt from payment of the
 10 [annual] biennial license renewal fee during their active duty status.

11 16. As used in this section, "primary care" means the practice 12 of family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine, obstetrics and 13 gynecology and midwifery.

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Sec. 13. NRS 633.4715 is hereby amended to read as follows:

633.4715 1. The Board shall:

(a) Require each applicant for the renewal of a license as anosteopathic physician or physician assistant to:

18 (1) Report whether he or she has received training in the 19 treatment of mental and emotional trauma immediately following an 20 emergency or disaster, training in the short-term treatment of mental 21 and emotional trauma or training in the long-term treatment of 22 mental and emotional trauma; and

(2) If the applicant has received training in the treatment of
mental and emotional trauma immediately following an emergency
or disaster, describe the training and indicate if he or she is willing
to respond immediately should an emergency or disaster arise at any
location in this State;

(b) Maintain a list of each licensed osteopathic physician and
physician assistant and any training described in subparagraph (1) of
paragraph (a) that the licensee has received and update the list at
least [annually] biennially to include information reported pursuant
to paragraph (a) by licensees who renewed their license during the
immediately preceding [year;] biennium;

(c) Maintain a list of the names and contact information for
osteopathic physicians or physician assistants who indicate that they
are willing to respond immediately should an emergency or disaster
arise at any location in this State and whom the Board has
determined have appropriate training to respond following an
emergency or disaster; and

(d) Provide the lists maintained pursuant to paragraphs (b) and
(c) upon request to a governmental entity responding to a state of
emergency or declaration of a disaster by the Governor or the
Legislature pursuant to NRS 414.070.

44 2. The Board shall not deny the renewal of a license as an 45 osteopathic physician or physician assistant solely because the





applicant has failed to comply with the requirements of paragraph 1 2 (a) of subsection 1.

3 3. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (d) of subsection 1, any information obtained or maintained by the Board pursuant to 4 5 this section is confidential.

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**Sec. 14.** NRS 633.4717 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 In addition to any other requirements set forth in 633.4717 1. this chapter and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto, each 8 applicant for the renewal of any type of license as an osteopathic 9 physician pursuant to this chapter shall complete the data request 10 11 developed by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to NRS 439A.124. The applicant shall provide to the 12 13 Department all the information included in the request.

2. The Board shall make the data request described in 14 15 subsection 1 available to applicants for the renewal of a license as an osteopathic physician on an electronic application for the renewal 16 17 of a license or through a link included on the Internet website 18 maintained by the Board.

19 An applicant for biennial [registration or] renewal of a 3. license who refuses or fails to complete a data request pursuant to 20 21 subsection 1 is not subject to disciplinary action, including, without 22 limitation, refusal to **fissue the biennial registration or** renew the 23 license, for such refusal or failure.

24 The information contained in a completed data request is 4. confidential and, except as required by NRS 439A.124, must not be 25 26 disclosed to any person or entity.

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NRS 633.4718 is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 15.

28 633.4718 A person applying to renew a license to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to the provisions of this chapter who 29 wishes to hold a simultaneous license to practice as a physician 30 31 assistant pursuant to the provisions of chapter 630 of NRS must:

32 Indicate in the application that he or she wishes to hold a 1. simultaneous license to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to 33 the provisions of chapter 630 of NRS; 34 35

2. Apply:

(a) To renew a license to practice as a physician assistant to the 36 Board pursuant to this chapter; and 37

(b) For a license to practice as a physician assistant to the Board 38 of Medical Examiners pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS; and 39

3. Pay all applicable fees, including, without limitation:

(a) The [annual] biennial simultaneous [registration] license 41 42 *renewal* fee for a physician assistant pursuant to NRS 633.501; and

43 (b) The fee for application for and issuance of a simultaneous 44 license as a physician assistant pursuant to NRS 630.268.





Sec. 16. NRS 633.481 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a 633.481 1. 3 licensee fails to comply with the requirements of NRS 633.471 within 10 days after the renewal date, the Board shall give 15 days' 4 5 notice of the failure to renew the license and of the expiration of the license by certified mail to the licensee at the licensee's last known 6 7 address that is registered with the Board. If the license is not 8 renewed within 15 days after receiving notice, the license expires automatically without any further notice or a hearing and the Board 9 shall file a copy of the notice with the Drug Enforcement 10 Administration of the United States Department of Justice or its 11 12 successor agency.

2. A licensee who fails to meet the continuing education
requirements for license renewal may apply to the Board for a
waiver of the requirements. The Board may grant a waiver for that
[year] *biennium* only if the Board finds that the failure is due to a
disability, military service, absence from the United States, or
circumstances beyond the control of the licensee which are deemed
by the Board to excuse the failure.

3. A person whose license has expired under this section mayapply to the Board for restoration of the license upon:

(a) Payment of all past due renewal fees and the late payment
 fee specified in NRS 633.501;

(b) Producing verified evidence satisfactory to the Board of
completion of the total number of hours of continuing education
required for the [year] biennium preceding the renewal date and for
each [year] biennium succeeding the date of expiration;

(c) Stating under oath in writing that he or she has not withheld
 information from the Board which if disclosed would constitute
 grounds for disciplinary action under this chapter; and

31 (d) Submitting any other information that is required by the 32 Board to restore the license.

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Sec. 17. NRS 633.491 is hereby amended to read as follows:

633.491 1. A licensee who retires from practice is not required [annually] *biennially* to renew his or her license after filing with the Board an affidavit stating the date on which he or she retired from practice and any other evidence that the Board may require to verify the retirement.

2. An osteopathic physician or physician assistant who retires from practice and who desires to return to practice may apply to renew his or her license by paying all back <u>[annual] *biennial*</u> license renewal fees <u>[or annual registration fees]</u> from the date of retirement and submitting verified evidence satisfactory to the Board that the licensee has attended continuing education courses or programs approved by the Board which total:





1 (a) Twenty-five hours if the licensee has been retired 1 year or 2 less.

(b) Fifty hours within 12 months of the date of the application if the licensee has been retired for more than 1 year.

5 3. A licensee who wishes to have a license placed on inactive 6 status must provide the Board with an affidavit stating the date on 7 which the licensee will cease the practice of osteopathic medicine or 8 cease to practice as a physician assistant in Nevada and any other 9 evidence that the Board may require. The Board shall place the 10 license of the licensee on inactive status upon receipt of:

(a) The affidavit required pursuant to this subsection; and

12 (b) Payment of the inactive license fee prescribed by 13 NRS 633.501.

4. An osteopathic physician or physician assistant whoselicense has been placed on inactive status:

(a) Is not required to [annually] biennially renew the license.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, shall
 [annually] *biennially* pay the inactive license fee prescribed by
 NRS 633.501.

20 (c) Shall not practice osteopathic medicine or practice as a 21 physician assistant in this State.

5. A physician assistant whose license has been placed on inactive status shall not practice as a physician assistant. The Board shall consider a physician assistant whose license has been placed on inactive status and who practices as a physician assistant to be practicing without a license. Such practice constitutes grounds for disciplinary action against the physician assistant in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to NRS 633.434.

6. The Board shall exempt a physician assistant whose license
has been placed on inactive status from paying the inactive license
fee prescribed by NRS 633.501.

7. An osteopathic physician or physician assistant whose
license is on inactive status and who wishes to renew his or her
license to practice osteopathic medicine or license to practice as a
physician assistant must:

(a) Provide to the Board verified evidence satisfactory to the
Board of completion of the total number of hours of continuing
medical education required for:

39 (1) The [year] biennium preceding the date of the application
 40 for renewal of the license; and

41 (2) Each [year] *biennium* after the date the license was 42 placed on inactive status.

(b) Provide to the Board an affidavit stating that the applicant
has not withheld from the Board any information which would
constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to this chapter.



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| 1      | (a) Comply with all other requirements for renewal   |
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| 1<br>2 | <ul><li>(c) Comply with all other requirements for renewal.</li><li>Sec. 18. NRS 633.501 is hereby amended to read as follows:</li></ul> |
| 2<br>3 | 633.501 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the   |
| 3<br>4 | Board shall charge and collect fees not to exceed the following  |
| 4<br>5 | amounts:   |
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| 7      | (a) Application and initial license fee for an   |
| 8      | osteopathic physician  |
| 9      | osteonathic physician [500] 1 000  |
| 10     | osteopathic physician  |
| 10     | (d) Special or authorized facility license fee   |
| 12     | (a) Special event license fee  |
| 12     | <ul><li>(e) Special event license fee</li></ul>  |
| 13     | renewal fee  |
| 14     | (g) Reexamination fee  |
| 16     | (b) Late payment fee   |
| 17     | (i) Application and initial license fee for a  |
| 18     | physician assistant[400] 800   |
| 19     | (j) Application and initial simultaneous license   |
| 20     | fee for a physician assistant  |
| 20     | (k) [Annual registration] Biennial license   |
| 22     | <i>renewal</i> fee for a physician assistant   |
| 23     | (1) [Annual] Biennial simultaneous [registration]  |
| 23     | <i>license renewal</i> fee for a physician assistant   |
| 25     | (m) Inactive license fee   |
| 26     | (n) Application and initial license fee for an   |
| 27     | anesthesiologist assistant   |
| 28     | (o) Application and initial simultaneous license   |
| 29     | fee for an anesthesiologist assistant  |
| 30     | (p) Biennial license renewal fee for an  |
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| 32     | (q) Biennial simultaneous license renewal fee  |
| 33     | for an anesthesiologist assistant  |
| 34     | 2. The Board may prorate the initial license fee for a new   |
| 35     | license issued pursuant to paragraph (a), <u>[or]</u> (i) or (n) of subsection   |
| 36     | 1 which expires less than $\frac{6}{12}$ months after the date of issuance.  |
| 37     | 3. The cost of any special meeting called at the request of a  |
| 38     | licensee an institution an organization a state agency or an   |

37 3. The cost of any special meeting called at the request of a 38 licensee, an institution, an organization, a state agency or an 39 applicant for licensure must be paid by the person or entity 40 requesting the special meeting. Such a special meeting must not be 41 called until the person or entity requesting the meeting has paid a 42 cash deposit with the Board sufficient to defray all expenses of the 43 meeting.

44 4. If an applicant submits an application for a license by 45 endorsement pursuant to:





(a) NRS 633.399 or 633.400 and is an active member of, or the 1 2 spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United 3 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 4 5 1 for the initial issuance of the license. As used in this paragraph, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005. 6

7 (b) NRS 633.4336, the Board shall collect not more than onehalf of the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the 8 9 license. 10

Sec. 19. (Deleted by amendment.)

11 Sec. 20. Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of this 12 act:

13 1. The renewal date of a license issued by the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine pursuant to the provisions of chapter 633 of 14 NRS, as those provisions existed before January 1, 2026, except a 15 license as a physician assistant, a license as an anesthesiologist 16 17 assistant, a temporary license or a special license, and which is held by a person on December 31, 2025, remains January 1, 2026. Such a 18 19 license may be renewed in accordance with the applicable 20 provisions of chapter 633 of NRS, as those provisions existed before 21 January 1, 2026, and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto. 22 Thereafter, a licensee who wishes to renew such a license must 23 renew the license in accordance with the applicable provisions of 24 chapter 633 of NRS, as amended by this act, and the regulations 25 adopted pursuant thereto.

26 The renewal date of a license as a physician assistant or 2. 27 anesthesiologist assistant issued by the State Board of Osteopathic 28 Medicine which is held by a licensee on December 31, 2025, 29 remains the date set forth on the license. Such a license may be 30 renewed in accordance with the applicable provisions of chapter 633 of NRS, as amended by this act, and the regulations adopted 31 32 pursuant thereto. The Board shall prorate the biennial fee to renew 33 the license for such a renewal.

**Sec. 21.** (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 22. This section becomes effective upon passage and 35 1. 36 approval. 37

Sections 1 to 21, inclusive, of this act become effective: 2.

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(a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any 38 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative 39 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and 40 41

(b) On January 1, 2026, for all other purposes.



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