

**ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS**

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

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 625A.057; § 2, NRS 625A.057 and 625A.115.

A REGULATION relating to environmental health specialists; providing that the Board of Environmental Health Specialists will not deem a person to be engaged in the practice of environmental health due to his or her participation as an intern in a training program under certain circumstances; revising the list of entities whose training programs in the practice of environmental health are deemed to be approved by the Board; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Board of Environmental Health Specialists to adopt regulations: (1) establishing standards of practice for registered environmental health specialists and environmental health specialist trainees; and (2) that are necessary to enable the Board to carry out the provisions of law relating to environmental health specialists and environmental health specialist trainees. (NRS 625A.057)

Existing law prohibits a person from engaging in the practice of environmental health in this State without holding a registration issued by the Board. Existing law authorizes the Board to take certain actions against a person who the Board determines has engaged in the practice of environmental health in this State without such a registration. (NRS 625A.900) **Section 1** of this regulation provides that the Board will not deem a person to be engaged in the practice of environmental health due to his or her participation as an intern in a training program relating to environmental health if: (1) the training program is approved by the Board; (2) the training program is provided by certain health districts or a department or division of the State of Nevada which regulates an environmental health program; (3) the participation of the person in the training program is limited to the receipt of training and education; and (4) the intern adheres to certain rules and criteria as a participant in the training program.

Existing regulations: (1) require an employer providing a training program for environmental health specialist trainees to submit to the Board a description of the training program and any other information related to the training program the Board may require; and (2) provide that a training program is not required to submit such information and is deemed to be approved by the Board if the training program is provided by certain entities. (NAC

625A.0132) **Section 2** of this regulation revises the list of entities whose training programs in the practice of environmental health are deemed to be approved without the submission of additional information to the Board to include certain health districts, a department or division of the State of Nevada which regulates an environmental health program or the Cannabis Compliance Board.

Section 1. Chapter 625A of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Board will not deem a person to be engaged in the practice of environmental health in violation of NRS 625A.900 due to his or her participation as an intern in a training program relating to environmental health if:

(a) The training program is approved by the Board;

(b) The training program is provided by:

(1) A health district created pursuant to NRS 439.362 or 439.370; or

(2) A department or division of the State of Nevada which regulates an environmental health program;

(c) The participation of the person in the training program is limited to the receipt of training and education; and

(d) The person, at all times during his or her participation in the training program:

(1) Clearly identifies himself or herself as an intern;

(2) Is under the direct supervision of a registrant;

(3) Does not sign or approve any forms, reports or compliance documents; and

(4) Does not identify himself or herself as a registered environmental health specialist or environmental health specialist trainee or represent or imply that he or she holds a registration issued by the Board.

2. As used in this section, “direct supervision” means a registrant is physically on the premises and in the presence of the intern during his or her participation in the training program.

Sec. 2. NAC 625A.0132 is hereby amended to read as follows:

625A.0132 1. A training program described in NAC 625A.013 must be approved by the Board. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, to be approved by the Board, the employer providing the training program must submit to the Board a description of the training program and any other information related to the training program the Board may require.

2. A training program is not required to submit the information described in subsection 1 and shall be deemed to be approved by the Board if the training program is provided by:

(a) A health district created pursuant to NRS 439.362 or 439.370;

(b) ~~The Department of Health and Human Services;~~

~~—(c) A division of the Department of Health and Human Services;~~

~~—(d) A department or division of the State of Nevada which regulates an environmental health program; or~~

(c) The Cannabis Compliance Board . ~~}; or~~

~~—(e) The State Department of Agriculture.}~~

3. A training program may consist of any combination of academic coursework, on-site training and work experience approved by the Board.

4. The Board will maintain a list of all employers that offer training programs that are approved by the Board pursuant to this section.