

NEVADA BOARD OF HOMEOPATHIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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NEVADA REVISED STATUTES (NRS) CHAPTER 630A

BOARD MEMBERS (NRS [630A.100](#) AND [630A.110](#))

The Board consists of six members, appointed by the governor, as follows:

- Two members must be persons who are licensed to practice allopathic or osteopathic medicine in any state or territory of the United States or any country, have been engaged in the practice of homeopathic medicine in Nevada for more than two years prior to appointment, and are actually engaged in practice and reside in Nevada;
- One member must be an advanced practitioner of homeopathy who holds a valid certificate granted by the Board;
- One member who has resided in Nevada for at least three years and represents the interests of persons or agencies that provide health care to indigent, uninsured, or low-income patients. This member may be licensed under [Chapter 630A](#) of NRS;
- Two members who have resided in Nevada for at least three years and meet qualifications as provided in statute; and

A member may be removed by the governor for good cause.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD

The Board:

- Shall regulate the practice of homeopathic medicine in Nevada ([NRS 630A.155](#));
- Shall determine qualifications of applicants and examine them for licensure or certification ([NRS 630A.155](#));
- Shall license or certify qualified applicants ([NRS 630A.155](#));
- Shall adopt regulations to provide for background checks ([NRS 630A.155](#));
- Shall investigate complaints made against any licensee of homeopathic medicine facility, and, if appropriate, refer complaints to other relevant licensing boards ([NRS 630A.155](#));
- Shall, when appropriate, forward to a law enforcement agency any substantiated information concerning a person who practices or offers to practice homeopathic medicine without a license or certificate ([NRS 630A.155](#));
- May delegate to a hearing officer or panel its authority to take disciplinary actions and impose and collect fines ([NRS 630A.160](#));

- May adopt regulations necessary or desirable to carry out the provisions of [Chapter 630A](#) of NRS ([NRS 630A.200](#)); and
- Shall receive and investigate complaints ([NRS 630A.400](#), et seq.)

OPERATIONS OF THE BOARD

The Board:

- Shall elect officers, including a Secretary-Treasurer who shall receive applications for licenses and certificates ([NRS 630A.140](#));
- All expenses of the Board must be paid from the fees received by the board ([NRS 630A.160](#));
- May maintain offices in as many locations as it finds necessary ([NRS 630A.190](#)); and
- May employ attorneys, investigators, hearing officers, experts, administrators, consultants, and support staff ([NRS 630A.190](#)).

BACKGROUND

LEGISLATION

- 1983—[Senate Bill 237](#) (Chapter 524, *Statutes of Nevada*)—Created the Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners, consisting of five members; and provided for the regulation of homeopathic medicine;
- 1985—[SB 295](#) (Chapter 368, *Statutes of Nevada*)—Increased the number of Board members from five to seven; and revised Board membership to provide that four members who are licensed to practice allopathic or osteopathic medicine may be licensed in any state or territory of the United States or any country;
- 1987—[SB 134](#) (Chapter 775, *Statutes of Nevada*)—Revised qualifications of nonlicensed Board members to require that they must have resided in Nevada for at least five years; and provided that a Board member could be removed by the Governor for good cause;
- 1997—[Assembly Bill 286](#) (Chapter 407, *Statutes of Nevada*)—Formalized the duty of the Board to regulate the practice of homeopathic medicine, including determining qualifications, licensing practitioners, and investigating complaints;
- 2005—[SB 276](#) (Chapter 225, *Statutes of Nevada*)—Provided that the Board must comply with investigative procedures of [Chapter 622A](#) ("Administrative Procedure Before Certain Regulatory Bodies") of NRS;
- 2005—[AB 208](#) (Chapter 489, *Statutes of Nevada*)—Created the Nevada Institutional Review Board under the supervision of the Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners; the Review Board must oversee certain research studies pursuant to statute; and added the requirement of an annual report to the Legislature and recommendations for legislation relating to alternative and complementary integrative medicine;
- 2007—[SB 432](#) (Chapter 410, *Statutes of Nevada*)—Eliminated the Nevada Institutional Review Board and required an interim study concerning alternative and complementary integrative medicine, homeopathic medicine, and the use of nonembryonic stem cells in bioregenerative medical technology;

- 2013—[SB 405](#) (Chapter 337, *Statutes of Nevada*)—Eliminated the requirement that the Board submit an annual report to the Legislature and make recommendations for legislation;
- 2013—[SB 220](#) (Chapter 406, *Statutes of Nevada*)—Added the requirement that the Board forward to the appropriate law enforcement agency substantiated information concerning a person who practices without the appropriate license or certificate; and
- 2019—[SB 98](#) (Chapter 561, *Statutes of Nevada*)—Amended the name to the Nevada Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners; revised the makeup of the Board by decreasing the number of members from seven to six and requiring the governor to appoint six new members as soon as practicable after July 1, 2019; required the Board to report its progress in improving its function and performance to the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission during the 2019–2021 Biennium; and revised the fee schedule.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

The following legislative histories have been compiled and are available on the website of the Research Library:

- 1983—[SB 237](#)—Sponsored by Senators James Gibson, Floyd Lamb, Helen Foley and William Hernstadt. Pages 16 and 17 of the PDF provide information on the discussion towards separating homeopathic medicine from other medical boards.
- 1987—[SB 134](#)—Sponsored by the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor; and
- 1997—[AB 286](#)—Sponsored by the Assembly Committee on Commerce.

REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATURE

Currently, no reports to the Legislature are required pursuant to NRS 630A. In 2013, the Legislature enacted [SB 405](#) to eliminate an annual report to the Legislature that included recommendations for legislation.

- [NRS 622.100](#) requires a report to the director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) including information relating to licensing and disciplinary actions. The Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners has four license types.

RECORDS HELD BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU

- *Staff Study Concerning Alternative and Complementary Integrative Medicine, Homeopathic Medicine and the Use of Nonembryonic Stem Cells in Bioregenerative Medical Technology* ([SB 432](#) [2007]), Legal Division, LCB, 2008; and
- *Audit Report: [Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners](#)*, Audit Division, LCB, 2006.