
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 339—ASSEMBLYWOMAN WOODBURY

MARCH 20, 2017

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR HARDY

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to health care.
(BDR 54-729)

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

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

AN ACT relating to health care; authorizing the Board of Medical Examiners to take possession of the health care records of a licensee's patients under certain circumstances; authorizing the Executive Director of the Board to post information on the Internet website of the Board without obtaining prior approval by the Board; revising the information required to be posted on the Internet website of the Board; revising provisions relating to the requirement for certain persons to maintain a permanent mailing address with the Board; revising the information required to be included with an application for the issuance of a license to practice medicine and the biennial registration of a physician; repealing provisions requiring certain information be reported to the Board; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law requires certain providers of health care to retain the health care
- 2 records of patients for 5 years after their receipt or production. (NRS 629.051)
- 3 **Section 1** of this bill authorizes the Board of Medical Examiners to take possession
- 4 of the health care records of a licensee's patients in the event of the licensee's
- 5 death, disability, incarceration or other incapacitation that would render the licensee
- 6 unable to continue his or her practice. **Section 1** further authorizes the Board to
- 7 provide such records to the patient or to the patient's subsequent provider of health



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8 care. **Section 1** also requires that certain disclosures regarding such records be
9 provided to patients.

10 Existing law provides for the maintenance of an Internet website by the Board
11 of Medical Examiners. (NRS 630.144) **Section 3** of this bill authorizes the
12 Executive Director of the Board to post information on the Internet website of the
13 Board without obtaining prior approval from the Board. **Section 3** also requires
14 certain information relating to physicians that is included on the Internet website
15 also be included for other licensees of the Board.

16 Existing law imposes a fine on a person who is licensed under chapter 630 of
17 NRS and fails to maintain a permanent mailing address with the Board of Medical
18 Examiners. (NRS 630.254) Existing law similarly imposes a fine on an inactive
19 registrant for such a failure. (NRS 630.255) **Sections 5 and 6** of this bill authorize,
20 rather than require, the Board to impose such fines.

21 Existing law requires an applicant for a license to practice medicine to submit
22 to the Board of Medical Examiners a description of any complaints filed against the
23 applicant with a licensing board of another state and any disciplinary action taken
24 against the applicant by the licensing board of another state. (NRS 630.173)
25 **Section 4** of this bill provides that an applicant for such a license is not required to
26 report with his or her application: (1) an anonymous complaint submitted to the
27 licensing board of another state if such a board refused to consider or investigate
28 the anonymous complaint; or (2) a complaint filed against the applicant that did not
29 result in any disciplinary action taken against the applicant by the licensing board
30 of another state.

31 Existing law also requires each holder of a license to practice medicine to
32 register with the Board on or before June 30 of each odd-numbered year, and
33 provides that each license issued will expire if not renewed. Existing law further
34 requires each holder of a license to practice medicine, when registering with the
35 Board, to submit a list of all actions filed or claims submitted for malpractice
36 against him or her during the previous 2 years. (NRS 630.267) **Section 8** of this bill
37 provides that the holder of such a license does not need to report with his or her
38 biennial registration: (1) an anonymous complaint submitted to the Board if the
39 Board refused to consider the anonymous complaint; or (2) a complaint filed
40 against the holder of such a license that did not result in any disciplinary action
41 taken against the holder by the Board.

42 Existing law requires persons who are licensed to practice medicine by the
43 Board of Medical Examiners to make certain reports to the Board concerning
44 surgeries requiring conscious sedation, deep sedation or general anesthesia which
45 were performed by the holder of the license and the occurrence of any sentinel
46 events arising from those surgeries. The Board is required to submit the reports to
47 the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and
48 Human Services. (NRS 449.447, 630.30665) **Sections 10 and 12** of this bill repeal
49 these provisions.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 630 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 ***1. If a licensee becomes incapable of keeping his or her office***
4 ***open because of death, disability, incarceration or any other***
5 ***incapacitation, the Board may take possession of the health care***



1 *records kept by the licensee of his or her patients pursuant to NRS*
2 *629.051 to:*

3 *(a) Make a patient's health care records available to the*
4 *patient either directly or through a third-party vendor; or*

5 *(b) Forward a patient's health care records to the patient's*
6 *subsequent provider of health care.*

7 *2. A licensee shall post, in a conspicuous place in each*
8 *location at which the licensee provides health care services, a sign*
9 *which discloses to patients that their health care records may be*
10 *accessed by the Board pursuant to subsection 1.*

11 *3. When a licensee provides health care services for a patient*
12 *for the first time, the licensee shall deliver to the patient a written*
13 *statement which discloses to the patient that the health care*
14 *records of the patient may be accessed by the Board pursuant to*
15 *subsection 1.*

16 *4. The Board shall adopt:*

17 *(a) Regulations prescribing the form, size, contents and*
18 *placement of the sign and written statement required pursuant to*
19 *this section; and*

20 *(b) Any other regulations necessary to carry out the provisions*
21 *of this section.*

22 *5. As used in this section, "health care records" has the*
23 *meaning ascribed to it in NRS 629.021.*

24 **Sec. 2.** NRS 630.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 630.130 1. In addition to the other powers and duties
26 provided in this chapter, the Board shall, in the interest of the public,
27 judiciously:

28 (a) Enforce the provisions of this chapter;

29 (b) Establish by regulation standards for licensure under this
30 chapter;

31 (c) Conduct examinations for licensure and establish a system of
32 scoring for those examinations;

33 (d) Investigate the character of each applicant for a license and
34 issue licenses to those applicants who meet the qualifications set by
35 this chapter and the Board; and

36 (e) Institute a proceeding in any court to enforce its orders or the
37 provisions of this chapter.

38 2. On or before February 15 of each odd-numbered year, the
39 Board shall submit to the Governor and to the Director of the
40 Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next regular
41 session of the Legislature a written report compiling:

42 (a) Disciplinary action taken by the Board during the previous
43 biennium against any licensee for malpractice or negligence; *and*



1 (b) Information reported to the Board during the previous
2 biennium pursuant to NRS 630.3067, 630.3068, subsections 3 and 6
3 of NRS 630.307 and NRS 690B.250 and 690B.260 . ~~}; and~~

4 ~~—(c) Information reported to the Board during the previous~~
5 ~~biennium pursuant to NRS 630.30665, including, without limitation,~~
6 ~~the number and types of surgeries performed by each holder of a~~
7 ~~license to practice medicine and the occurrence of sentinel events~~
8 ~~arising from such surgeries, if any.}~~

9 ➔ The report must include only aggregate information for statistical
10 purposes and exclude any identifying information related to a
11 particular person.

12 3. The Board may adopt such regulations as are necessary or
13 desirable to enable it to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

14 **Sec. 3.** NRS 630.144 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 630.144 1. The Board shall maintain a website on the
16 Internet or its successor.

17 2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a member or
18 employee of the Board shall not place any information on the
19 Internet website maintained by the Board without the approval of
20 the Executive Director . ~~{and the Board.}~~ A member or employee of
21 the Board shall submit any information proposed to be placed on the
22 Internet website to the Executive Director for approval. ~~{Upon~~
23 ~~approving the proposal, the Executive Director shall present the~~
24 ~~proposal to the Board for approval at its next regularly scheduled~~
25 ~~meeting.}~~

26 3. The Board shall place on its Internet website, without having
27 to approve the placement at a meeting:

28 (a) Each application form for the issuance or renewal of a
29 license issued by the Board pursuant to this chapter.

30 (b) A list of questions that are frequently asked concerning the
31 processes of the Board and the answers to those questions.

32 (c) An alphabetical list, by last name, of each ~~{physician}~~
33 *licensee* and a brief description of each disciplinary action, if any,
34 taken against the ~~{physician.}~~ *licensee*, in this State and elsewhere,
35 which relates to ~~{the}~~ *his or her* practice ~~{of medicine}~~ and which is
36 noted in the records of the Board. The Board shall include, as part of
37 the list on the Internet website, the name of each ~~{physician}~~
38 *licensee* whose license has been revoked by the Board. The Board
39 shall make the list on the Internet website easily accessible and user
40 friendly for the public.

41 (d) All financial reports received by the Board.

42 (e) All financial reports prepared by the Board.

43 (f) Any other information that the Board is required to place on
44 its Internet website pursuant to any other provision of law.



1 **Sec. 4.** NRS 630.173 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 630.173 1. In addition to the other requirements for licensure,
3 an applicant for a license to practice medicine shall submit to the
4 Board information describing:

5 (a) Any claims made against the applicant for malpractice,
6 whether or not a civil action was filed concerning the claim;

7 (b) ~~Any~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, any*
8 complaints filed against the applicant with a licensing board of
9 another state ~~and~~ *that resulted in* any disciplinary action taken
10 against the applicant by a licensing board of another state; and

11 (c) Any complaints filed against the applicant with a hospital,
12 clinic or medical facility or any disciplinary action taken against the
13 applicant by a hospital, clinic or medical facility.

14 2. The Board may consider any information specified in
15 subsection 1 that is more than 10 years old if the Board receives the
16 information from the applicant or any other source from which the
17 Board is verifying the information provided by the applicant.

18 3. The Board may refuse to consider any information specified
19 in subsection 1 that is more than 10 years old if the Board
20 determines that the claim or complaint is remote or isolated and that
21 obtaining or attempting to obtain a record relating to the information
22 will unreasonably delay the consideration of the application.

23 4. *An applicant for a license to practice medicine is not*
24 *required to submit:*

25 (a) *An anonymous complaint that the licensing board of*
26 *another state refused to consider or investigate; or*

27 (b) *A complaint filed against the applicant that did not result*
28 *in any disciplinary action taken against the applicant by the*
29 *licensing board of another state.*

30 5. The Board shall not issue a license to the applicant until it
31 has received all the information required by this section.

32 **Sec. 5.** NRS 630.254 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 630.254 1. Each licensee shall maintain a permanent mailing
34 address with the Board to which all communications from the Board
35 to the licensee must be sent. A licensee who changes his or her
36 permanent mailing address shall notify the Board in writing of the
37 new permanent mailing address within 30 days after the change. If a
38 licensee fails to notify the Board in writing of a change in his or her
39 permanent mailing address within 30 days after the change, the
40 Board:

41 (a) ~~Shall~~ *May* impose upon the licensee a fine not to exceed
42 \$250; and

43 (b) *May* initiate disciplinary action against the licensee as
44 provided pursuant to paragraph (j) of subsection 1 of NRS 630.306.



1 2. Any licensee who changes the location of his or her office in
2 this State shall notify the Board in writing of the change before
3 practicing at the new location.

4 3. Any licensee who closes his or her office in this State shall:

5 (a) Notify the Board in writing of this occurrence within 14 days
6 after the closure; and

7 (b) For a period of 5 years thereafter, unless a longer period of
8 retention is provided by federal law, keep the Board apprised in
9 writing of the location of the medical records of the licensee's
10 patients.

11 4. In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, any licensee
12 who performs any of the acts described in subsection 3 of NRS
13 630.020 from outside this State or the United States shall maintain
14 an electronic mail address with the Board to which all
15 communications from the Board to the licensee may be sent.

16 **Sec. 6.** NRS 630.255 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 630.255 1. Any licensee who changes the location of his or
18 her practice of medicine from this State to another state or country,
19 has never engaged in the practice of medicine in this State after
20 licensure or has ceased to engage in the practice of medicine in this
21 State for 12 consecutive months may be placed on inactive status by
22 order of the Board.

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

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

38 4. Before resuming the practice of medicine in this State, the
39 inactive ~~registrant~~ *licensee* must:

40 (a) Notify the Board in writing of his or her intent to resume the
41 practice of medicine in this State;

42 (b) File an affidavit with the Board describing the activities of
43 the ~~registrant~~ *licensee* during the period of inactive status;

44 (c) Complete the form for registration for active status;

45 (d) Pay the applicable fee for biennial registration; and



1 (e) Satisfy the Board of his or her competence to practice
2 medicine.

3 5. If the Board determines that the conduct or competence of
4 the ~~registrant~~ licensee during the period of inactive status would
5 have warranted denial of an application for a license to practice
6 medicine in this State, the Board may refuse to place the ~~registrant~~
7 licensee on active status.

8 **Sec. 7.** NRS 630.258 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 630.258 1. A physician who is retired from active practice
10 and who:

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

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

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

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

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

26 (c) Proof that the physician satisfies the requirements for
27 licensure set forth in NRS 630.160 or the requirements for licensure
28 by endorsement set forth in NRS 630.1605, 630.1606 or 630.1607;

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

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

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

36 (e) Acknowledgment that the physician will not receive any
37 payment or compensation, either direct or indirect, or have the
38 expectation of any payment or compensation, for providing medical
39 care under the special volunteer medical license, except for payment
40 by a medical facility at which the physician provides volunteer
41 medical services of the expenses of the physician for necessary
42 travel, continuing education, malpractice insurance or fees of the
43 State Board of Pharmacy.

44 3. If the Board finds that the application of a physician satisfies
45 the requirements of subsection 2 and that the retired physician is



1 competent to practice medicine, the Board must issue a special
2 volunteer medical license to the physician.

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

8 5. The Board shall not charge a fee for:

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

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

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

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

21 **Sec. 8.** NRS 630.267 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 630.267 1. Each holder of a license to practice medicine
23 must, on or before June 30, or if June 30 is a Saturday, Sunday or
24 legal holiday, on the next business day after June 30, of each odd-
25 numbered year:

26 (a) ~~Submit~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,*
27 *submit* a list of all actions filed or claims submitted to arbitration or
28 mediation for malpractice or negligence against him or her during
29 the previous 2 years.

30 (b) Pay to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board the applicable
31 fee for biennial registration. This fee must be collected for the
32 period for which a physician is licensed.

33 (c) Submit all information required to complete the biennial
34 registration.

35 2. *A holder of a license to practice medicine is not required to*
36 *submit with his or her biennial registration:*

37 (a) *An anonymous complaint that the Board refused to*
38 *consider pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 630.307; or*

39 (b) *A complaint filed against the holder of the license that did*
40 *not result in any disciplinary action taken against the holder of the*
41 *license by the Board.*

42 3. When a holder of a license fails to pay the fee for biennial
43 registration and submit all information required to complete the
44 biennial registration after they become due, his or her license to
45 practice medicine in this State expires. The holder may, within 2



1 years after the date the license expires, upon payment of twice the
2 amount of the current fee for biennial registration to the Secretary-
3 Treasurer and submission of all information required to complete
4 the biennial registration and after he or she is found to be in good
5 standing and qualified under the provisions of this chapter, be
6 reinstated to practice.

7 ~~13-1~~ 4. The Board shall make such reasonable attempts as are
8 practicable to notify a licensee:

9 (a) At least once that the fee for biennial registration and all
10 information required to complete the biennial registration are due;
11 and

12 (b) That his or her license has expired.

13 ↪ A copy of this notice must be sent to the Drug Enforcement
14 Administration of the United States Department of Justice or its
15 successor agency.

16 **Sec. 9.** NRS 239.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 239.010 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and
18 NRS 1.4683, 1.4687, 1A.110, 41.071, 49.095, 62D.420, 62D.440,
19 62E.516, 62E.620, 62H.025, 62H.030, 62H.170, 62H.220, 62H.320,
20 75A.100, 75A.150, 76.160, 78.152, 80.113, 81.850, 82.183, 86.246,
21 86.54615, 87.515, 87.5413, 87A.200, 87A.580, 87A.640, 88.3355,
22 88.5927, 88.6067, 88A.345, 88A.7345, 89.045, 89.251, 90.730,
23 91.160, 116.757, 116A.270, 116B.880, 118B.026, 119.260,
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27 130.312, 130.712, 136.050, 159.044, 172.075, 172.245, 176.015,
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31 209.392, 209.3925, 209.419, 209.521, 211A.140, 213.010, 213.040,
32 213.095, 213.131, 217.105, 217.110, 217.464, 217.475, 218A.350,
33 218E.625, 218F.150, 218G.130, 218G.240, 218G.350, 228.270,
34 228.450, 228.495, 228.570, 231.069, 231.1473, 233.190, 237.300,
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36 239C.210, 239C.230, 239C.250, 239C.270, 240.007, 241.020,
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42 338.070, 338.1379, 338.16925, 338.1725, 338.1727, 348.420,
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45 365.138, 366.160, 368A.180, 372A.080, 378.290, 378.300, 379.008,



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28 645E.300, 645E.375, 645G.510, 645H.320, 645H.330, 647.0945,
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30 656.105, 661.115, 665.130, 665.133, 669.275, 669.285, 669A.310,
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36 692C.3536, 692C.3538, 692C.354, 692C.420, 693A.480, 693A.615,
37 696B.550, 703.196, 704B.320, 704B.325, 706.1725, 706A.230,
38 710.159, 711.600, sections 35, 38 and 41 of chapter 478, Statutes of
39 Nevada 2011 and section 2 of chapter 391, Statutes of Nevada 2013
40 and unless otherwise declared by law to be confidential, all public
41 books and public records of a governmental entity must be open at
42 all times during office hours to inspection by any person, and may
43 be fully copied or an abstract or memorandum may be prepared
44 from those public books and public records. Any such copies,
45 abstracts or memoranda may be used to supply the general public



1 with copies, abstracts or memoranda of the records or may be used
2 in any other way to the advantage of the governmental entity or of
3 the general public. This section does not supersede or in any manner
4 affect the federal laws governing copyrights or enlarge, diminish or
5 affect in any other manner the rights of a person in any written book
6 or record which is copyrighted pursuant to federal law.

7 2. A governmental entity may not reject a book or record
8 which is copyrighted solely because it is copyrighted.

9 3. A governmental entity that has legal custody or control of a
10 public book or record shall not deny a request made pursuant to
11 subsection 1 to inspect or copy or receive a copy of a public book or
12 record on the basis that the requested public book or record contains
13 information that is confidential if the governmental entity can
14 redact, delete, conceal or separate the confidential information from
15 the information included in the public book or record that is not
16 otherwise confidential.

17 4. A person may request a copy of a public record in any
18 medium in which the public record is readily available. An officer,
19 employee or agent of a governmental entity who has legal custody
20 or control of a public record:

21 (a) Shall not refuse to provide a copy of that public record in a
22 readily available medium because the officer, employee or agent has
23 already prepared or would prefer to provide the copy in a different
24 medium.

25 (b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.030, shall, upon
26 request, prepare the copy of the public record and shall not require
27 the person who has requested the copy to prepare the copy himself
28 or herself.

29 **Sec. 10.** NRS 449.447 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 449.447 1. If an office of a physician or a facility that
31 provides health care, other than a medical facility, violates the
32 provisions of NRS 449.435 to 449.448, inclusive, or the regulations
33 adopted pursuant thereto, or fails to correct a deficiency indicated in
34 a report pursuant to NRS 449.446, the Division, in accordance with
35 the regulations adopted pursuant to NRS 449.448, may take any of
36 the following actions:

37 (a) Decline to issue or renew a permit;

38 (b) Suspend or revoke a permit; or

39 (c) Impose an administrative penalty of not more than \$1,000
40 per day for each violation, together with interest thereon at a rate not
41 to exceed 10 percent per annum.

42 2. The Division may review a report submitted pursuant to
43 NRS ~~630.30665 or~~ 633.524 to determine whether an office of a
44 physician or a facility is in violation of the provisions of NRS
45 449.435 to 449.448, inclusive, or the regulations adopted pursuant



1 thereto. If the Division determines that such a violation has
2 occurred, the Division shall immediately notify the ~~appropriate~~
3 ~~professional licensing board of the physician.~~ *State Board of*
4 *Osteopathic Medicine.*

5 3. If a surgical center for ambulatory patients violates the
6 provisions of NRS 449.435 to 449.448, inclusive, or the regulations
7 adopted pursuant thereto, or fails to correct a deficiency indicated in
8 a report pursuant to NRS 449.446, the Division may impose
9 administrative sanctions pursuant to NRS 449.163.

10 **Sec. 11.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do
11 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
12 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

13 **Sec. 12.** NRS 630.30665 is hereby repealed.

14 **Sec. 13.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

630.30665 Physician required to report certain information concerning surgeries and sentinel events; disciplinary action or fine for failure to report or false report; duties of Board; confidentiality of report; applicability; regulations.

1. The Board shall require each holder of a license to practice medicine to submit to the Board, on a form provided by the Board, a report stating the number and type of surgeries requiring conscious sedation, deep sedation or general anesthesia performed by the holder of the license at his or her office or any other facility, excluding any surgical care performed:

(a) At a medical facility as that term is defined in NRS 449.0151; or

(b) Outside of this State.

2. In addition to the report required pursuant to subsection 1, the Board shall require each holder of a license to practice medicine to submit a report to the Board concerning the occurrence of any sentinel event arising from any surgery described in subsection 1. The report must be submitted in the manner prescribed by the Board which must be substantially similar to the manner prescribed by the State Board of Health for reporting information pursuant to NRS 439.835.

3. Each holder of a license to practice medicine shall submit the reports required pursuant to subsections 1 and 2:

(a) At the time the holder of a license renews his or her license; and



(b) Whether or not the holder of the license performed any surgery described in subsection 1. Failure to submit a report or knowingly or willfully filing false information in a report constitutes grounds for initiating disciplinary action pursuant to paragraph (i) of subsection 1 of NRS 630.306.

4. In addition to the reports required pursuant to subsections 1 and 2, the Board shall require each holder of a license to practice medicine to submit a report to the Board concerning the occurrence of any sentinel event arising from any surgery described in subsection 1 within 14 days after the occurrence of the sentinel event. The report must be submitted in the manner prescribed by the Board.

5. The Board shall:

(a) Collect and maintain reports received pursuant to subsections 1, 2 and 4;

(b) Ensure that the reports, and any additional documents created from the reports, are protected adequately from fire, theft, loss, destruction and other hazards, and from unauthorized access; and

(c) Submit to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health a copy of the report submitted pursuant to subsection 1. The Division shall maintain the confidentiality of such reports in accordance with subsection 6.

6. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.0115, a report received pursuant to subsection 1, 2 or 4 is confidential, not subject to subpoena or discovery, and not subject to inspection by the general public.

7. The provisions of this section do not apply to surgical care requiring only the administration of oral medication to a patient to relieve the patient's anxiety or pain, if the medication is not given in a dosage that is sufficient to induce in a patient a controlled state of depressed consciousness or unconsciousness similar to general anesthesia, deep sedation or conscious sedation.

8. In addition to any other remedy or penalty, if a holder of a license to practice medicine fails to submit a report or knowingly or willfully files false information in a report submitted pursuant to this section, the Board may, after providing the holder of a license to practice medicine with notice and opportunity for a hearing, impose against the holder of a license to practice medicine an administrative penalty for each such violation. The Board shall establish by regulation a sliding scale based on the severity of the violation to determine the amount of the administrative penalty to be imposed against the holder of the license pursuant to this subsection. The regulations must include standards for determining the severity of



the violation and may provide for a more severe penalty for multiple violations.

9. As used in this section:

(a) "Conscious sedation" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.436.

(b) "Deep sedation" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.437.

(c) "General anesthesia" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.438.

(d) "Sentinel event" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 439.830.

