PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 630.130 and 630.275.

A REGULATION relating to physician assistants; authorizing the Board of Medical Examiners to take disciplinary action against a physician assistant under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. NAC 630.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 630.380 1. A physician assistant is subject to disciplinary action by the Board if, after notice and hearing in accordance with this chapter, the Board finds that the physician assistant:
- (a) Has willfully and intentionally made a false or fraudulent statement or submitted a forged or false document in applying for a license;
- (b) Has held himself *or herself* out as or permitted another to represent [him] *the physician* assistant to be a licensed physician;
 - (c) Has performed medical services otherwise than:
 - (1) Pursuant to NAC 630.375; or
- (2) At the direction or under the supervision of the supervising physician of the physician assistant;
- (d) Has performed medical services which have not been approved by [his] the supervising physician [,] of the physician assistant, unless the medical services were performed pursuant to NAC 630.375;

- (e) Is guilty of gross or repeated malpractice in the performance of medical services for acts committed before October 1, 1997;
- (f) Is guilty of malpractice in the performance of medical services for acts committed on or after October 1, 1997;
- (g) Is guilty of disobedience of any order of the Board or an investigative committee of the Board, provision in the regulations of the State Board of Health or the State Board of Pharmacy or provision of this chapter;
- (h) Is guilty of administering, dispensing or possessing any controlled substance otherwise than in the course of legitimate medical services or as authorized by law and [his] the supervising physician [;] of the physician assistant;
- (i) Has been convicted of a violation of any federal or state law regulating the prescribing, possession, distribution or use of a controlled substance;
 - (j) Is not competent to provide medical services;
- (k) Failed to notify the Board of *an involuntary* loss of certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants [;] within 30 days after the involuntary loss of certification;
 - (l) Is guilty of violating a provision of NAC 630.230;
 - (m) Is guilty of violating a provision of NRS 630.301 to 630.3065, inclusive; or
 - (n) Is guilty of violating a provision of subsection 2 or 3 of NAC 630.340.
- 2. To institute disciplinary action against a physician assistant, a written complaint, specifying the charges, must be filed with the Board by the investigative committee of the Board.
- 3. A physician assistant is not subject to disciplinary action solely for prescribing or administering to a patient under [his] the care of the physician assistant a controlled substance

which is listed in schedule II, III, IV or V by the State Board of Pharmacy pursuant to NRS
453.146.