

NEVADA STATE BOARD
of
DENTAL EXAMINERS



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Agenda Item 5(a):
Legislative Update Report from Lewis Roca

Bills that are dead

AB 269 – Revises provisions relating to providers of dental care.

- This bill relates to dentists, dental hygienists or dental therapists to administer immunizations generally, or for influenza. They can only do this if they have approval from the Dental Board of Examiners. Furthermore, the bill goes on to describe what an endorsement to administer these immunizations looks like, as well as the information the dental professional must provide to the patient. The bill also states that the Board has authority to impose disciplinary action against dental professionals who are not in compliance with the regulations surrounding this matter. Finally, the bill makes changes as to whom can serve as the State Dental Health Officer, stating they must either have a license to practice dentistry or have a masters of doctorate degree in public health or a related field, and they must be a graduate of a dental college or residency program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor organization. In addition, the State Dental Hygienist may pursue another business or vocation with the approval of the Division.
- Status: This bill is dead and did not pass the April 10, 2021 deadline.

AB 369 – Revises provisions relating to professional and occupational boards.

- Assembly Bill 369 provides for the expiration of certain professional and occupational licensing boards, unless they are renewed by the Legislature. This bill also requires the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission to make recommendations and review said boards before their expiration. Through this legislation, the Sunset Subcommittee is also authorized to request the drafting of as many legislative measures as necessary to facilitate its recommendations relating to the renewal of professional and occupational licensing boards.
- Status: This bill is dead and did not pass the April 10, 2021 deadline.

AB 438 – Revises provisions relating to dentistry.

- This is the bill brought forth by the Board of Dental Examiners. The language includes changes to employing certain personnel, employment of hearing officers, the treatment of patients by a dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist licensed in another jurisdiction, and the process in which the Board gives approval for someone to practice dentistry and dental hygiene. Furthermore, the bill goes on to talk about investigations by the Board.
- Status: This bill is dead and did not pass the April 10, 2021 deadline.

SB 326 – Revises provisions relating to providers of health care.

- This bill relates to telehealth registration. It sets forth requirements surrounding who is eligible to apply for telehealth services, how someone can become a registrant to provide these services, and states that a registrant can provide virtual services in Nevada without being licensed or certified in this State. Additionally, the bill requires the Commissioner of Insurance to prescribe and make available on the Internet a form on which a physician may apply to be included in the network of providers of any health carrier that provides coverage in Nevada.
- Status: This bill is dead. Last action was taken on April 12, 2021 when the bill was declared exempt.

SB 335 – Revises provisions relating to professional and occupational licensing.

- This is the hybrid board and commission bill that sets out to abolish the Board of Dental Examiners and transfer its duties and powers to the Division of Occupational Licensing, which would be created in this bill.
- Status: This bill is dead. Last action was taken on April 20, 2021 when the bill was declared exempt.

SB 402 – Revises provisions relating to regulatory bodies.

- This bill requires certain boards to submit an annual report submitted by the Sunset Committee of the Legislative Commission and the Governor. It also gives the Governor authority to suspend the authority of a board or commission to expend funds if they fail to submit such an annual report.
- Status: This bill is dead. Last action was taken on April 20, 2021 when the bill was declared exempt.

Bills that have been signed or have pending action

AB 2 – Revises provisions relating to the appointments to public bodies.

- This bill makes it so the Governor can appoint a person to more than one board, commission or similar body at the same time. It also removes the section of the bill stating the current restrictions don't apply to members of the Advisory Council who also serve as county commissioners.
- Status: This bill was approved by the Governor on May 25, 2021.

SB 5 – Makes changes relating to telehealth.

- This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish an electronic tool to analyze certain data concerning access to telehealth. It also requires certain entities to review access to services provided through telehealth and evaluate policies to make such access more equitable, as well as governing services provided through telehealth and insurance coverage of such services.
- Status: Approved by the Governor on June 4, 2021.

SB 269 – Revises provisions relating to dental insurance.

- This bill relates to stand-alone dental plans. It puts regulation in place regarding overpayment notices from dental insurers or those who oversee payments, as well as regulations keeping them from attempting to recover an overpayment more than 12 months after the date of the overpayment. It also makes changes surrounding preauthorized claims.
- Status: Enrolled and delivered to the Governor on May 27, 2021.

SB 379 – Providers for the collection of certain data concerning providers of health care.

- This bill requires the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services to create and maintain a database of information for health care providers who are registered and licensed in Nevada. It also requires certain professional licensing boards and agencies to certify or registered health care providers to collect information from applicants for the renewal of their license or certificate.
- Status: Approved by the Governor on May 27, 2021.

SB 391 – Revises provisions relating to dentistry.

- This bill authorizes the issuance of a permit as a dental responder to a dentist, dental hygienist or dental therapist, and it authorizes a dental responder to perform certain duties during a declared emergency, disaster, public health emergency or other health event.
- Status: Enrolled and delivered to the Governor on May 27, 2021.

SB 420 – Revises provisions relating to health insurance.

- This is the bill that establishes a public option health benefit plan. Under Senate Bill 420, coverage under Medicaid has been expanded for groups such as pregnant women, doula services and services of a community health worker who works under the supervision of a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse. Additionally, the bill requires the Medicaid managed care program to include a state-directed payment arrangement to require Medicaid managed care organizations to reimburse critical access hospitals and any affiliated federally-qualified health centers or rural health clinics for covered services at a rate that is equal to or greater than the rate those facilities receive for services provided to recipients of Medicaid on a fee-for-service basis.
- Status: Enrolled and delivered to the Governor on June 2, 2021.

SB 456 – Revises provisions relating to the State Dental Health Officer.

- This bill transfers the duty to appoint the State Dental Health Officer from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health to the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department. It also removes a redundant provision from existing law, which authorizes the Division of Public and Behavioral Health to accept gifts and grants related to dental and oral health. Additionally, the bill removes the option that dental services provided to persons of low income be performed under the general supervision of the State Dental Health Officer, and instead requires the holder of the restricted license to perform such dental services under the remaining option of supervision by a licensed dentist.
- Status: Enrolled and delivered to the Governor on June 2, 2021.