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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION

Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of LCB No. R017-14
Of the
Board of Occupational Therapy

The Board of Occupational Therapy will hold a Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at the Board of Occupational Therapy, 1595 Robb Drive, Suite 1, Reno, Nevada 89523.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested parties regarding the adoption of regulations that pertain to R017-14, Chapter 640A of the Nevada Administrative Code.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

LCB File No. R017-14

1. Need and purpose of the proposed regulations or amendments

The need for the proposed regulations is to protect the public health, safety and welfare by ensuring that only qualified and competent occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants are licensed in the state.

The purpose of the proposed regulations are to provide clarity for the public, individuals and licensees through regulations regarding the term "name tag" for the purpose of complying with certain laws requiring a health care professional to communicate certain information; establishing the amounts of certain administrative fines for practice with an expired license; revising provisions relating to renewal of a license; eliminating certain fees; and include provisions relating to occupational therapy aids and technicians. The proposed regulation also clarify administrative language and provide for other matters properly relating thereto.

2. How to obtain the approved or revised text of regulations prepared by LCB

You may obtain a copy of the proposed regulations by writing to the Board of Occupational Therapy, P.O. Box 34779, Reno, Nevada 89533-4779; or by calling the Board office at 775-746-4101. The proposed regulations are also available for review and download on the Board website www.nvot.org.

3. Methods used in determining the impact on a small business

The agency used informed, reasonable judgment in determining that there will not be an impact on small businesses due to the nature of the regulation changes.

4. Estimated economic effect of regulations on business and the public

a. Adverse and beneficial effects

The adoption of these regulations should have no adverse economic effect on business, the public or practitioners of occupational therapy. The benefits of these regulations are that the public and the practitioners (occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants) will be provided more clarity in NAC 640A.

b. Immediate and long-term effects

The immediate and long-term effects of the regulations proposed in R017-14 will provide clarity and consistency in regulation and licensing of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants in Nevada.

5. Cost for enforcement of the regulations

There are no additional costs involved in enforcing the proposed regulations.

6. Overlap or duplication of other state or local governmental agencies

The proposed regulations do not overlap or duplicate any regulation of other state or local governmental entities.

7. Regulation required by federal law

Not applicable

8. More stringent than federal regulations

The Board is not aware of any similar federal regulations of the same activity in which the state regulations are more stringent.

9. New or increases in existing fees

The proposed regulations do not include new or increases in existing fees.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed action of the Board of Occupational Therapy may appear at the scheduled public hearing or address their comments, data, views or arguments in written form to the Board of Occupational Therapy, P.O. Box 34779, Reno, Nevada 89533. The Board of Occupational Therapy must receive all written submissions on or before June 14, 2014. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Board of Occupational Therapy may proceed immediately to action upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the regulations to be adopted, R017-14, will be on file at the Nevada State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulations to be adopted, R017-14, will be available from the Board of Occupational Therapy, P.O. Box 34779, Reno, Nevada 89533, and in all counties at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulations are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653 and on the Internet at http://www.leg.state.nv.us. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public upon request.

Upon adoption of any regulations, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption or incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

This **Notice of Hearing** has been posted on the Board's website <u>www.nvot.org</u>; and at the following locations:

Carson City Library 900 North Roop Street Carson City, NV 8701

Churchill County Library 553 South Main Street Fallon, NV 89406

Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Headquarters 833 Las Vegas Blvd. North Las Vegas, NV 89101

Douglas County Public Library 1625 Library Lane Minden, NV 89423

Elko County Library 720 Court Street Elko, NV 89801

Esmeralda County Library Corner of Crook & 4th Street PO Box 430 Goldfield, NV 89013

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Office of the Attorney General 200 North Carson Street Carson City, NV 8701 Office of the Attorney General Grant Sawyer State Office Building 555 E. Washington Ave #3900 Las Vegas, NV 89101

Dated: May 8, 2014

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