

Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine



Six years before it legalized gambling and transformed Nevada into a major tourist destination, the Nevada Legislature enacted in 1925 “an Act to define osteopathy and to authorize and regulate the practice of osteopathic physicians and surgeons, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act and other matters properly connected therewith.”

The act also created the Nevada State Board of Osteopathy Examiners, which held its first meeting in northern Nevada on July 19, 1925. Two board members were present. There were six osteopathic physicians in the state at that time. Osteopathic physicians were required to pay \$25 for the examination and \$25 for the licensing fee. The notebook recording their names, license numbers and date of licensure still exists as does the [application for License #1](#).

In 1977, the state legislature incorporated prior statutes and enacted additional statutory mandates related to the regulation of osteopathic medicine. At that time, the board’s name was changed to the [Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine](#).

Today, there are more than 1,000 osteopathic physicians and approximately 60 physician assistants licensed through the board. Among them are: a state legislator, the current Director of Medical Services for the Nevada State Department of Corrections, the current Chief Health Officer for the Southern Nevada Health District and chiefs of staff for various hospitals throughout the state.