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HOUSE BILL 1008

Short Title: Chiropractic Licensure Amendments.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Watson; and Morris.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

April 21, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT REGARDING THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR
2 CHIROPRACTIC LICENSURE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO
3 LICENSE PERSONS WHO HAVE PASSED THE NATIONAL CHIROPRACTIC
4 EXAMINATION.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 90-143 reads as rewritten:

8 **"§ 90-143. Definitions of chiropractic; examinations; educational requirements.**

9 (a) 'Chiropractic' is herein defined to be the science of adjusting the cause of
10 disease by realigning the spine, releasing pressure on nerves radiating from the spine to
11 all parts of the body, and allowing the nerves to carry their full quota of health current
12 (nerve energy) from the brain to all parts of the body.

13 (b) It shall be the duty of the North Carolina State Board of Chiropractic
14 Examiners (hereinafter referred to as 'Board') to examine for ~~license-licensure~~ to practice
15 chiropractic in this State every any applicant who complies with the following provisions: is
16 or will become, within 60 days of examination, a graduate of a four-year chiropractic
17 college that is either accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education or deemed by
18 the Board to be the equivalent of such a college and who furnishes to the Board, in the
19 manner prescribed by the Board, all of the following:

20 (1) ~~Furnishes proof~~ Satisfactory evidence of good moral character; character.

- 1 (2) ~~Satisfies the Board Proof~~ that the applicant has received a baccalaureate
2 degree from a college or university accredited by a regional
3 accreditation body recognized by the United States Department of
4 Education; ~~and Education.~~
- 5 (3) ~~Satisfies the Board that the applicant can, within 60 days of the date of~~
6 ~~examination exhibit a diploma or furnish proof of graduation from a~~
7 ~~chiropractic college accredited by the Council on Chiropractic~~
8 ~~Education or holding recognized candidate for accreditation status with~~
9 ~~the Council on Chiropractic Education or a college teaching chiropractic~~
10 ~~that, in the Board's opinion, meets the equivalent standards established~~
11 ~~by the Council on Chiropractic Education, requiring an attendance of~~
12 ~~not less than four academic years, and supplying such facilities for~~
13 ~~clinical and scientific instruction, as shall meet the approval of the~~
14 ~~Board. Provided, however, no license shall be issued until an applicant~~
15 ~~furnishes a diploma or proof of graduation, from an accredited~~
16 ~~chiropractic college, that meets the approval of the Board. A transcript~~
17 ~~confirming that the applicant has received at least 4,200 hours of~~
18 ~~accredited chiropractic education. The Board shall not count any hours~~
19 ~~earned at an institution that is not accredited by the Council on~~
20 ~~Chiropractic Education or is not, as determined by the Board, the~~
21 ~~equivalent of such an institution.~~

22 The examination shall include, but not be limited to, the following studies: neurology,
23 chemistry, pathology, anatomy, histology, physiology, embryology, dermatology,
24 diagnosis, microscopy, gynecology, hygiene, eye, ear, nose and throat, orthopody,
25 diagnostic radiology, jurisprudence, palpation, nerve tracing, chiropractic philosophy,
26 theory, teaching and practice of chiropractic.

27 (c) The Board shall not issue a license to any applicant until the applicant exhibits
28 a diploma or other proof that the Doctor of Chiropractic degree has been conferred.

29 (d) The Board may grant a license to an applicant if the applicant's scores on all
30 parts of the examination given by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners equal or
31 exceed passing scores on the Board's examination and the applicant satisfies all other
32 requirements for licensure as provided in this Article."

33 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.