

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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S.L. 1997-230
HOUSE BILL 1008

AN ACT REGARDING THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CHIROPRACTIC LICENSURE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO LICENSE PERSONS WHO HAVE PASSED THE NATIONAL CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

- (1) ~~Furnishes proof~~ Satisfactory evidence of good moral character; character.
- (2) ~~Satisfies the Board~~ Proof that the applicant has received a baccalaureate degree from a college or university accredited by a regional accreditation body recognized by the United States Department of ~~Education; and~~ Education.
- (3) ~~Satisfies the Board that the applicant can, within 60 days of the date of examination exhibit a diploma or furnish proof of graduation from a chiropractic college accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education or holding recognized candidate for accreditation status with the Council on Chiropractic Education or a college teaching chiropractic that, in the Board's opinion, meets the equivalent standards established by the Council on Chiropractic Education, requiring an attendance of not less than four academic years, and supplying such facilities for clinical and scientific instruction, as shall meet the approval of the Board. Provided, however, no license shall~~

be issued until an applicant furnishes a diploma or proof of graduation, from an accredited chiropractic college, that meets the approval of the Board. A transcript confirming that the applicant has received at least 4,200 hours of accredited chiropractic education. The Board shall not count any hours earned at an institution that was not accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education or was not, as determined by the Board, the equivalent of such an institution at the time the hours were earned.

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

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

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

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16th day of June, 1997.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor

Approved 3:00 p.m. this 27th day of June, 1997