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Short Title: Practice of Chiropractic.

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Sponsors: Senator Sands.

Referred to: Constitution.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE SUBJECTS ABOUT WHICH A CHIROPRACTOR
3 MAY TESTIFY AS AN EXPERT WITNESS AND TO MODIFY THE
4 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO TESTING FOR A
5 CHIROPRACTOR LICENSE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 90-157.2 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 90-157.2. Chiropractor as expert witness.**

9 A Doctor of Chiropractic, for all legal purposes, shall be considered an expert in his
10 field and, when properly qualified, may testify in a court of law as to:

11 (1) The etiology, diagnosis, prognosis, and disability, including
12 anatomical, neurological, physiological, and pathological
13 considerations within the scope of ~~chiropractic~~ chiropractic, as defined
14 in G.S. 90-151; and

15 (2) The physiological dynamics of contiguous spinal structures which can
16 cause neurological disturbances, the chiropractic procedure
17 preparatory to, and complementary to the correction thereof, by an
18 adjustment of the articulations of the vertebral column and other
19 articulations."

20 Sec. 2. G.S. 90-143 reads as rewritten:

21 "**§ 90-143. Definitions of chiropractic; examinations; educational requirements.**

22 (a) 'Chiropractic' is herein defined to be the science of adjusting the cause of
23 disease by realigning the spine, releasing pressure on nerves radiating from the spine to

1 all parts of the body, and allowing the nerves to carry their full quota of health current
2 (nerve energy) from the brain to all parts of the body.

3 (b) It shall be the duty of the North Carolina State Board of Chiropractic
4 Examiners (hereinafter referred to as 'Board') to examine for license to practice
5 chiropractic every applicant who complies with the following provisions:

6 (1) ~~He shall, before he is admitted to examination, furnish~~ Furnishes proof
7 of good moral character;

8 (2) ~~and satisfy~~ Satisfies the Board that ~~he~~ the applicant has completed two
9 years of prechiropractic college education and received credits for a
10 minimum of 60 semester hours; ~~and~~

11 (3) ~~He shall~~ Satisfies the Board that the applicant can, within 60 days of
12 the date of examination exhibit a diploma or furnish proof of
13 graduation from a chiropractic college accredited by the Council on
14 Chiropractic Education or holding recognized candidate for
15 accreditation status with the Council on Chiropractic Education or a
16 college teaching chiropractic that, in the Board's opinion, meets the
17 equivalent standards established by the Council on Chiropractic
18 Education, requiring an attendance of not less than four academic
19 years, and supplying such facilities for clinical and scientific
20 instruction, as shall meet the approval of the Board. Provided,
21 however, no license shall be issued until an applicant furnishes a
22 diploma or proof of graduation, from an accredited chiropractic
23 college, that meets the approval of the Board.

24 The examination shall include, but not be limited to, the following studies: Neurology,
25 chemistry, pathology, anatomy, histology, physiology, embryology, dermatology,
26 diagnosis, microscopy, gynecology, hygiene, eye, ear, nose and throat, orthopody,
27 diagnostic radiology, jurisprudence, palpation, nerve tracing, chiropractic philosophy,
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41 ~~years of prechiropractic college education and received credits for a~~
42 ~~minimum of 60 semester hours.~~ received a baccalaureate degree from a
43 college or university accredited by a regional accreditation body
44 recognized by the United States Department of Education; and

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18 theory, teaching and practice of chiropractic."
- 19 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification. Section 2 of this act shall
20 expire on July 1, 1993. Section 3 of this act shall become effective July 1, 1993.