

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 968

Short Title: Practice of Chiropractic.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Sands.

Referred to: Constitution.

April 19, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE SUBJECTS ABOUT WHICH A CHIROPRACTOR MAY TESTIFY AS AN EXPERT WITNESS AND TO MODIFY THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO TESTING FOR A CHIROPRACTOR LICENSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"§ 90-157.2. Chiropractor as expert witness.

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

- (1) The etiology, diagnosis, prognosis, and disability, including anatomical, neurological, physiological, and pathological considerations within the scope of ~~chiropractic~~-chiropractic, as defined in G.S. 90-151;
- (2) The science and art of using the inherent recuperative powers of the body for the restoration and maintenance of health;
- (3) The spinal column, its immediate articulations, spinal mechanics, and its supporting structures including muscles and the nervous system;
and
- (4) The physiological dynamics of contiguous spinal structures which can cause neuronal disturbances, the chiropractic procedure preparatory to, and complementary to the correction thereof, by an adjustment of the articulations of the vertebral column and other articulations."

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

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1 **"§ 90-143. Definitions of chiropractic; examinations; educational requirements.**

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

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

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

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

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

27 The examination shall include, but not be limited to, the following studies: Neurology,
28 chemistry, pathology, anatomy, histology, physiology, embryology, dermatology,
29 diagnosis, microscopy, gynecology, hygiene, eye, ear, nose and throat, orthopody,
30 diagnostic radiology, jurisprudence, palpation, nerve tracing, chiropractic philosophy,
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43 (2) ~~and satisfy~~ Satisfies the Board that ~~he~~ the applicant has received a
44 baccalaureate degree from a college or university accredited by a

1 regional accreditation body recognized by the United States
2 Department of ~~Education~~-Education; and
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21 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification. Section 2 of this act shall
22 expire on July 1, 1993. Section 3 of this act shall become effective July 1, 1993.