

State of Arkansas
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By: Representative Mills

HOUSE BILL 1465

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A "PRACTICAL CHIROPODY" LICENSE TO BE
ISSUED BY THE ARKANSAS STATE PODIATRY EXAMINING BOARD; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that Act 429 of 1983 removed persons with the degree of Doctor of Surgical Chiropody or Podiatry from eligibility to take the examination for licensure as a podiatrist; that persons with these degrees can provide quality treatment of ailments of the foot and it would be beneficial to the people of Arkansas to allow such persons to practice their profession. Therefore, it is the purpose of this Act to provide for the issuance of a new license to be known as a "Practical Chiropody" license to authorize persons to engage in a limited practice of podiatry.

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this Act: (A) "Practical Chiropody" means the practice of podiatry but does not include authorization to perform surgery or anesthetics or to prescribe drugs.

(B) "Practical Chiropodists" means a person licensed by the Arkansas State Podiatry Examining Board to practice to Practical Chiropody.

(C) "Board" means the Arkansas State Podiatry Examining Board.

SECTION 3. Any person who wishes to practice Practical Chiropody shall make application to the Arkansas State Podiatry Examining Board. The Board shall admit to examination, applicants who are at least twenty-one (21) years of age, of good morale character and who have received a diploma bestowing the degree of Doctor of Surgical Chiropody or Podiatry from a college requiring the completion of at least a three (3) year program for gra-

duation. Applicants shall also submit an examination fee, to be established by the Board, not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100). The examination shall be prepared by the Board and shall test applicants on subjects pertinent to the practice of Practical Chiropractic.

SECTION 4. The annual fee for licensure as a Practical Chiropractor shall be an amount established by the Board not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100). All licenses shall be conspicuously displayed at the office or other place of practice.

SECTION 5. The Board shall prescribe reasonable rules and regulations for the practice of Practical Chiropractic and may prescribe such other reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 6. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice as a Practical Chiropractor without a license issued by the Board. Any person violating this section shall upon conviction be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisoned for not less than three (3) months nor more than one (1) year, or both.

SECTION 7. The Board may revoke or suspend a license issued pursuant to this Act for any of the following reasons:

- (1) Violation of a provision of this act;
- (2) Engaging in a course of unprofessional conduct as defined by the rules and regulations of the Board; and
- (3) Conviction of a felony.

SECTION 8. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

