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A Bill

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By: Representative Gilbert

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 17-81-305 TO CLARIFY THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS FOR CHIROPRACTIC LICENSES; TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 17-81-306 TO REVISE THE SUBJECTS WHICH SHALL BE EXAMINED BY THE CHIROPRACTIC LICENSING EXAMINATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 17-81-305 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"17-81-305. Qualifications of applicants.

(a) To qualify to take the examination, an applicant must:

- (1) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (2) Have successfully completed not less than a minimum of sixty (60) semester credit hours of college education, to include a minimum of thirty (30) semester credit hours in the field of science;
- (3) Not have had a license to practice chiropractic in any other states suspended or revoked nor have been placed on probation for any cause;
- (4) Possess a valid "Doctor of Chiropractic" degree from a chiropractic institution whose requirements include a course of instruction of not less than four (4) years of nine (9) academic months each or not less than four-thousand-four-hundred (4,400) fifty-minute resident class hours and include one-hundred-twenty (120) classroom hours of physiological therapeutics;
- (5) Possess a valid National Board certificate to include Parts I and II and the physiological therapeutics section and, on and after January 1, 1990, possess a valid National Board certificate to include Parts I, II, and III and the physiological therapeutics section;
- (6) Be of good moral character;
- (7) Not have been convicted of a felony;

(8) Not be a habitual user of intoxicants, drugs, hallucinatory preparations; and

(9) Be a citizen or qualified applicant for citizenship of the United States or a person having official permanent resident status.

(b) An applicant graduated, as of July 19, 1971, from a school or college of chiropractic, the requirements and course of instruction of which were equal and comparable to other recognized schools or colleges of chiropractic at the time of his or her attendance, may be acceptable.

(c) For students enrolled in any approved chiropractic school or college who may not, at the passage date of this act, meet the requirements as set forth in subdivision (a)(4) of this section, the board may waive the requirement, in individual cases, at its discretion.

(d) An applicant for licensing who has been licensed to practice chiropractic by another state and who has five years or more of practice experience shall qualify for licensing in this state by being examined in a practical manner as provided for under practice experience rules and regulations."

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 17-81-306 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"17-81-306. Examination.

(a)(1) Examinations shall be given in English and in writing, except for certain handicapped applicants such as blind persons, and shall include the following subjects: chiropractic principle and practice; practice management, ethics, and jurisprudence; physical and clinical diagnosis; physiological therapeutics; nutritional associated chiropractic examination procedures; roentgenological principle and practice; chiropractic examination procedures; chiropractic adjustive and manipulative therapeutics; physical and clinical diagnostic methods; and x-ray interpretations.

(2) Examinations for applicants having passed Part III on the National Board shall include only the following subjects: practice, ethics, and jurisprudence; chiropractic examination procedures; chiropractic adjustive and manipulative therapeutics; and physical and clinical diagnostic methods.

(b) The board shall grade all papers and notify all applicants of the results within forty-five (45) days of the examination.

(c) Each applicant failing the examination shall be furnished a list of

his or her grades. He or she shall be eligible for reexamination, as put forth in the rules and regulations of the board, upon request and the payment of the required fee.

(d) All examination papers shall be retained by the board for a minimum period of two (2) years and shall be available for inspection, by appointment, by any aggrieved applicant."

SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.