

Interchange-
able terms. SEC. 21. The words "certificates" and "li-
censes" shall be known as interchangeable terms in
this act.

Repealing
clause. SEC. 22. All acts and parts of acts in conflict
herewith are hereby repealed.

Emergency. SEC. 23. This act is necessary for the immediate
preservation of the public peace, health and safety,
and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 5.

[H. B. 61, Session of 1917.]

REGULATING CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICE.

AN ACT to authorize and regulate the practice of Chiropractic, to provide for the licensing and examination of Chiropractors, to create a state board of examination and registration, to provide for the appointment of same, to establish rules and regulations governing said board, to provide a curriculum, and establish a standard of efficiency, to provide prerequisites and establish a fee for examination, to provide for the disposal of the fund arising from said fee, to regulate the holding of meetings of said board and issuance of license to practice Chiropractic, to provide a penalty for practicing Chiropractic without a license as provided by this act, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of
Washington:*

Board of
examiners.

SECTION 1. That there is hereby created and established a board to be known by the name and style of the state board of chiropractic examiners, and said board shall be composed of three (3) practicing chiropractors of integrity and ability, who shall be residents of the state for a period of at

least one year, and who shall have practiced chiropractic only continually in the state for this same year. No two members of said board shall be graduates from the same school or college of chiropractic.

SEC. 2. The Governor shall within thirty (30) days after the taking effect of this act, appoint three (3) chiropractors, who shall possess the qualifications, specified in section 1 of this act, to constitute the members of said board. Said members shall be classified by the Governor that the term of office of one shall expire in one year, one in two years, and one in three years from the date of appointment. Annually thereafter the Governor shall appoint one member who shall be a licensed practitioner and possesses [possess] the qualifications specified in section 1 of this act, to serve for a period of three years and shall fill all vacancies in said board caused by death or otherwise as soon as practicable.

Appointment
of examiners.

SEC. 3. (a) Said board of chiropractic examiners shall convene within thirty (30) days after their appointment and elect a president, a vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer from their membership.

Organization
of board.

(b) Said board shall hold regular sessions at such places as the board may decide the first week in January and July, respectively, of each year, and shall publish such dates for examinations and place of meeting in some newspaper of general circulation at least fifteen (15) days prior to said meeting.

Time and
place of
meetings.

(c) Said board shall have authority to administer oaths, take affidavits, summon witnesses and take testimony as to matters pertaining to their duties. They shall adopt a seal, which shall be affixed to all licenses issued by them and shall from time to time adopt such rules and regulations as they deem proper and necessary for the performance of their duties, and they shall adopt a schedule

Powers and
duties.

of minimum educational requirements, which shall be without prejudice, partiality or discrimination as to the different schools of chiropractic. The secretary of said board shall at all times keep a record of the proceedings of the board which shall at all times be open to public inspection. Said board shall also keep on file with the Secretary of State a copy of their rules and regulations for public inspection, and shall elect annually a president, vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum.

(d) No professor or person financially interested in any chiropractic school or college shall be a member of said board.

(e) A license to practice chiropractic within this state shall be issued to the individual members of said board at the first meeting of said board upon payment of the regular fee as provided for in this act.

SEC. 4. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice chiropractic in this state, unless they shall have obtained a license as provided in this act: *Provided, however,* That nothing in this act shall apply to or affect any persons who are now actually engaged in the practice of such profession, except as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 5. (a) Any person wishing the right to practice chiropractic in this state, before it shall be lawful for him to do so, shall make application to said board of chiropractic examiners through the secretary-treasurer thereon [thereof], upon such form thereof and in such manner as may be adopted and directed by the board at least fifteen (15) days prior to any meeting of said board. Each applicant shall be a graduate of a chartered chiropractic school or college which teaches a course of two years of nine months each or more, or its equivalent, requiring actual attendance in same. Applications shall be in

Record of
proceedings.

Officers.

Disqualifica-
tions for
membership.

Licenses
to board
members.

Practicing
without
license,
unlawful.

Application
for licenses.

Qualifica-
tions
required.

writing and shall be signed by the applicant in his own handwriting and shall be sworn to before some officer authorized to administer oath[s], and shall recite the history of the applicant as to his educational advantages, his experience in matters pertaining to a knowledge of the care of the sick, how long he has studied chiropractic, under what teachers, what collateral branches, if any, he has studied, the length of time he has engaged in clinical practice; accompanying the same by reference therein, with any proof thereof in the shape of diplomas, certificates, and shall accompany said application with satisfactory evidence of good character and reputation.

(b) There shall be paid to the secretary-treasurer of the state board of chiropractic examiners by each applicant for a license, a fee of \$25.00, ten dollars of which shall accompany application and the remainder, \$15.00, shall be paid upon issuance of license. Like fees shall be paid for any subsequent examination and application.

License and
examina-
tion fees.

SEC. 6. Examinations for license to practice chiropractic shall be made by said board according to the method deemed by it to be the most practicable and expeditious to test the applicant's qualifications. Such application shall be designated by a number instead of his or her name, so that the identity [shall] not be discovered or disclosed to the members of the board until after the examination papers are graded.

Examina-
tions, how
conducted.

(b) All examinations shall be made in writing, the subject of which shall be as follows: Anatomy, physiology, hygiene, symptomatology, nerve-tracing, chiropractic-orthopedy, principles of chiropractic and adjusting, as taught by chiropractic schools and colleges. A license shall be granted to all applicants who shall correctly answer seventy-five per centum (75%) of all questions asked, and if any applicant

Subjects
for ex-
amination.

shall fail to answer correctly sixty per centum (60%) of the questions on any branch of said examination, he or she shall not be entitled to a license.

Character
of practice
permitted.

(c) Any chiropractor who has complied with the provisions of this act may adjust by hand any articulation of the spine, but shall not prescribe for or administer to any person any medicine or drugs now or hereafter included in Materia Medica, nor practice obstetrics, nor practice osteopathy or surgery.

Examina-
tions dis-
pensed with,
when.

SEC. 7. All chiropractors practicing within this state six (6) months prior to the passage of this act and who shall be a graduate of a chartered school or college of chiropractic requiring actual attendance in the same, during his course, shall be granted a license as herein provided, without examination, provided that application be made within sixty (60) days after the taking effect of this act and accompanied by the required fee, as herein provided.

Revocation
and refusal
of licenses.

SEC. 8. (a) The state board of chiropractic examiners may refuse to grant or may revoke a license to practice chiropractic in this state or may cause a licentiate's name to be removed from the records in the office of the county clerk of any county in this state upon any of the following grounds, to-wit: The employment of fraud or deception in applying for a license or in passing an examination provided for in this act; the practice of chiropractic under a false or assumed name, or the impersonation of another practitioner of like or different name; the conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude; habitual intemperance in the use of ardent spirits, narcotics or stimulants to such an extent as to incapacitate him or her for the performance of their professional duties, exploiting or advertising through the press, or by the use of handbills, circulars or other periodicals, other than professional cards, giving only name, address, profes-

sion, office hours and telephone connections. Any person who is a licentiate, or who is an applicant for a license to practice chiropractic against whom any of the foregoing grounds for revoking or refusing a license, is presented to said board with a view of having the board revoke or refuse to grant a license, shall be furnished with a copy of the complaint, and shall have a hearing before said board in person or by attorney, and witnesses may be examined by said board respecting the guilt or innocence of said accused.

(b) Said board may at any time within two years of the refusal or revocation or cancellation of registration under this section, by a majority vote, issue a new license or grant a license to the person affected, restoring him to, or conferring upon him all the rights and privileges of, and pertaining to the practice of chiropractic as defined and regulated by this act. Any person to whom such have been resotred [restored] shall pay to the secretary-treasurer the sum of \$25.00 upon issuance of a new license.

Restoration
of right to
practice.

SEC. 9. (a) Every person who shall receive a license from the state board of chiropractic examiners shall have it recorded in the office of the county clerk of the county of which he resides and shall likewise have it recorded in the counties to which he shall subsequently remove for the purpose of practicing chiropractic.

Recordation
of licenses.

(b) The failure or refusal on the part of the holder of a license to have it recorded before he or she shall begin the practice of chiropractic in this state after having been notified by the state board of chiropractic examiners to do so, shall be sufficient grounds to revoke or cancel a license and render it null and void. The county clerk shall keep for public inspection, in a book provided for that purpose, a complete list and description of the licenses recorded by him. When any such licenses

Failure to
record,
ground for
cancellation.

shall be presented to him for record, he shall stamp upon the face thereof his signed memorandum of the date when such license was presented for record.

Annual li-
cense fee.

Notice to
practitioners.

SEC. 10. All persons practicing chiropractic within this state shall pay on or before the first day of September of each year, after a license is issued to them as herein provided, to said board of chiropractic examiners a renewal license fee of five (\$5.00) dollars. The secretary-treasurer shall, thirty (30) days or more before September 1st, of each year mail to all chiropractors in this state a notice of the fact that the renewal fee will be due on or before the first of September. Nothing in this act shall be construed so as to require that the receipts shall be recorded as original licenses are required to be recorded.

Disposition
of fees.

SEC. 11. (a) All examinations and renewal fees received by the state board of chiropractic examiners under this act shall be paid to the secretary-treasurer of said board, who shall on or before the tenth (10) day of the succeeding month deposit the same with the State Treasurer, together with a verified statement showing the sources from which the money was derived.

Annual
fiscal
reports.

(b) The secretary-treasurer shall keep a true and accurate account of all funds received and all vouchers issued by the board; and on the first day of December of each year he shall file with the Governor of this state a report of all receipts and disbursements, and the proceedings of said board for the fiscal year.

Per diem
and travel-
ing expenses
of board.

(c) The members of said board shall receive a per diem of five (\$5.00) dollars for each day during which they shall be actually engaged in the discharge of their duties in attendance upon the meetings of the board and in going to and returning from the place of meeting, and all necessary expenses incurred in attendance of such meetings.

(d) All such compensation and expenses, and all other expenses incident to the execution of the provisions of this act, shall be paid by warrants drawn by the State Auditor upon the presentation of vouchers to be approved by a majority of the board, as in the case of state officers.

Payment of compensation and expenses.

SEC. 12. Chiropractic practitioners shall observe and be subject to all state and municipal regulations relating to the control of contagious and infectious diseases, sign death certificates and any and all matters pertaining to public health, reporting to the proper health officers the same as other practitioners.

Practitioners subject to health regulations.

SEC. 13. The treasurer of said board shall give bond in such sum and with such sureties as the board may deem proper. Upon sufficient proof to the Governor of the inability or misconduct of a member of the board, said member shall be dismissed and the Governor shall appoint as his successor some licensed chiropractor practicing in this state who shall be a graduate of a different school than those represented on the board.

Bond of treasurer of board.

Removal of board members.

SEC. 14. Persons licensed to practice chiropractic under the laws of any other state having equal requirements of this act, may, in the discretion of the board, be issued a license to practice in this state without examination, upon payment of the fee of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars as herein provided.

Licensing practitioners from other states.

SEC. 15. Any person who shall practice or attempt to practice chiropractic, or any person who shall buy, sell, or fraudulently obtain any diploma or license to practice chiropractic, whether recorded or not, or who shall use the title chiropractor, D. C. Ph. C., or any word or title to induce belief that he is engaged in the practice of chiropractic without first complying with the provisions of this act, or any person who shall violate any of the provisions

Illegally practicing, a misdemeanor.

False per-
sonation, a
felony.

Advertising
matter,
style of.

Prosecutions
for viola-
tions of act.

Repealing
clause.

of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and every person filing for record, or attempting to file for record, the certificate issued to another, falsely claiming himself to be the person named in said certificate, or falsely claiming himself to be the person entitled to the same, shall be guilty of a felony. All subsequent offenses shall be punished in like manner. Nothing herein shall be held to apply or to regulate any kind of treatment by prayer: *Provided*, That on all cards, books, papers, signs or other written or printed means of giving information to the public, used by those licensed by this act to practice chiropractic, the practitioner shall use after or below his name the term chiropractor or D. C. Ph. C. designating his line of drugless practice, and shall not use the word "doctor" abbreviation "Dr." or the letters M. D. or D. O.

SEC. 16. It shall be the duty of the several prosecuting attorneys of this state to prosecute all persons charged with the violation of any of the provisions of this act. It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer of said board, under the direction of said board, to aid said attorneys of this state in the enforcement of this act.

SEC. 17. All acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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