

CHAPTER 53.

[ H. B. 244. ]

CHIROPRACTORS.

AN ACT relating to and regulating the practice of chiropractic; creating a board of chiropractic examiners; prescribing certain powers and duties; prescribing certain fees; amending section 5, chapter 5, Laws of 1919 and RCW 18.25.020; amending section 6, chapter 5, Laws of 1919 and RCW 18.25.030; amending section 10, chapter 5, Laws of 1919 and RCW 18.25.070; and adding two new sections to chapter 5, Laws of 1919 and to chapter 18.25 RCW.

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

New section. SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 5, Laws of 1919 and to chapter 18.25 a new section to read as follows:

Board created. There is hereby created a state board of chiropractic examiners consisting of three practicing chiropractors to conduct examinations and perform duties as provided in this chapter.

Appointment of members. Members of the board shall be appointed by the governor from a list of five or more names submitted by the Washington Chiropractors Association, Inc. At the time of their appointment, and during their tenure of office, the members of the board must be actual residents of Washington, licensed to practice chiropractic in this state, and must be citizens of the United States.

Terms. In order that the term of one member shall expire each year, first members appointed shall serve one for a term of three years, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of one year; thereafter appointments shall be for a term of three years.

Vacancies. Vacancies shall be filled by the governor as in the case of original appointment, such appointee to hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 5, Laws of 1919 and to chapter 18.25 a new section to read as follows:

New section.

The board shall meet as soon as practicable after appointment, and shall elect a chairman and a secretary from its members. Meetings shall be held at least once a year at such place as the director of licenses shall determine, and at such other times and places as he deems necessary.

Organization.

The board may make such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with this chapter, as it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

Rules and regulations.

Each member shall receive twenty-five dollars a day for each day actually engaged in conducting examinations or in the preparation of examination questions or the grading of examination papers, together with his actual travel expenses, all to be paid out of the general fund on vouchers approved by the director, but not to exceed in the aggregate the amount of fees collected as provided in this chapter.

Compensation, expenses.

SEC. 3. Section 5, chapter 5, Laws of 1919 and RCW 18.25.020 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 18.25.020 amended.

(1) Any person not now licensed to practice chiropractic in this state and who desires to practice chiropractic in this state, before it shall be lawful for him to do so, shall make application therefor to the director of licenses, upon such form and in such manner as may be adopted and directed by the director. Each applicant shall be a graduate of a chiropractic school or college accredited and approved by the board of chiropractic examiners and shall show satisfactory evidence of completion by each applicant of a resident course of study of not less than four thousand classroom hours of instruction in such school or college. Applications shall be in writing and shall be signed by the applicant in his own handwriting and shall be sworn to before

Application—Qualifications—Fees.

some officer authorized to administer oaths, 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.

(2) There shall be paid to the director of licenses by each applicant for a license, a fee of twenty-five dollars, ten dollars of which shall accompany application and the remainder, fifteen dollars, shall be paid upon issuance of license. Like fees shall be paid for any subsequent examination and application.

RCW 18.25.030  
amended.

Examinations  
—Grades—  
Limitations.

SEC. 4. Section 6, chapter 5, Laws of 1919 and RCW 18.25.030 are each amended to read as follows:

Examinations for license to practice chiropractic shall be made by the board of chiropractic examiners 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 examining committee until after the examination papers are graded.

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 percent of all questions asked, and if any applicant shall fail

to answer correctly sixty percent of the questions on any branch of said examination, he or she shall not be entitled to a license.

Any chiropractor who has complied with the provisions of this chapter 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.

SEC. 5. Section 10, chapter 5, Laws of 1919 and RCW 18.25.070 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 18.25.070  
amended.

Every person practicing chiropractic shall, as a prerequisite to annual renewal of license, submit to the director at the time of application therefor, satisfactory proof showing attendance during the preceding year, at one or more chiropractic symposiums which are recognized and approved by the board of chiropractic examiners.

Annual  
renewal fee.

Every person practicing chiropractic within this state shall pay on or before the first day of September of each year, after a license is issued to him as herein provided, to said director a renewal license fee of fifteen dollars. The director shall, thirty days or more before September first, of each year mail to all chiropractors in the state a notice of the fact that the renewal fee will be due on or before the first of September. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed so as to require that the receipts shall be recorded as original licenses are required to be recorded.

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Passed the Senate February 25, 1959.

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