

SENATE, No. 1664

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 28, 1996

By Senator ADLER

1 AN ACT concerning the licensing of chiropractors and amending
2 P.L.1953, c. 233.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 9 of P.L.1953, c.233 (C. 45:9-41.6) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 9. The board shall accept as an applicant for licensure as a
10 chiropractor any individual who has graduated from a school,
11 institution or college of chiropractic [which was] approved [during the
12 individual's entire course of study] by the board, and accredited by the
13 Council of Chiropractic Education, or the Straight Chiropractic
14 Academic Standards Association, or other accrediting agency
15 approved by the United States Department of Education.

16 The board, in approving a school, institution or college of
17 chiropractic, shall consult with and take into consideration the
18 standards suggested by the Council of Chiropractic Education, the
19 Straight Chiropractic Academic Standards Association, or other
20 accrediting agency approved by the United States Department of
21 Education.

22 Board approval of a school, institution or college of chiropractic
23 accredited by the Council of Chiropractic Education, the Straight
24 Chiropractic Academic Standards Association, or other accrediting
25 agency approved by the United States Department of Education shall
26 be based upon the standards set forth below and may include an on site
27 inspection.

28 a. Organization: The chiropractic school, institution or college
29 shall be incorporated as a nonprofit institution of learning and shall be
30 lawfully chartered to grant the degree of Doctor of Chiropractic within
31 the state of its residence.

32 b. Faculty:

33 (1) The basic science division and each department within the
34 division shall be headed by a person possessing at least a Master of

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 Science degree.

2 (2) Each member of the chiropractic science division shall be
3 headed by a person possessing a degree of Doctor of Chiropractic and
4 shall be eligible for licensure within the state in which the school,
5 institution or college is located.

6 c. Plant:

7 (1) The school, institution or college shall have sufficient space to
8 provide lecture rooms, laboratories, library, administrative and faculty
9 offices, as well as out-patient clinics for men and women.

10 (2) The library shall be headed by a full-time librarian with a degree
11 in library science, and shall consist of at least 10,000 volumes whose
12 quality reflects current knowledge in the field.

13 (3) There shall be a medical museum containing sufficient
14 pathological, embryological, histological and anatomical specimens to
15 augment the teaching of related subjects.

16 (4) There shall be sufficient, useful auxiliary equipment sufficient
17 for the teaching of the student body, such as mannikins, charts,
18 skeletons, models, projectors, microscopes, adjusting tables and other
19 equipment peculiar to the teaching of chiropractic.

20 d. Clinical facilities: Each school, institution or college of
21 chiropractic shall operate a general chiropractic clinic or clinics in
22 which the student shall gain clinical chiropractic practice with patients
23 with chiropractic case management, which shall include the
24 chiropractic clinical aspects of the courses which are required in the
25 curriculum, for a proper understanding of the knowledge gained from
26 the classroom and laboratory instruction. The clinic shall include
27 proper experience in various aspects of patient examination for the
28 purpose of determining the appropriateness of chiropractic care.
29 Clinical instruction shall encourage the student to refer patients to
30 doctors in the practice of medicine when impressions obtained as a
31 result of chiropractic examination indicate a consultation is in the
32 patient's best interest.

33 e. Resources: The school shall have sufficient resources to ensure
34 financial stability and continuous operation.

35 f. Administration: There shall be responsible supervision of the
36 entire school by the dean or other executive officer who, by training
37 and experience, is qualified to interpret the prevailing standards in
38 chiropractic and therapeutic education and who shall possess sufficient
39 authority to integrate such standards into the school's, institution's or
40 college's curriculum.

41 g. Records: There shall be a comprehensive system of records
42 showing conveniently and in detail the credentials, grades and
43 accounts of the students, by means of which an exact knowledge of
44 each student's work can be obtained. Records shall also be kept
45 showing the clinical work of each student and attendance. Except for
46 good cause, such as illness, no credit shall be given for any course

1 when the attendance has been less than 80% of full time, or when the
2 student fails to satisfactorily complete course requirements.

3 h. Requirement for admission: Prior to commencing a course of
4 study in the approved school, institution or college of chiropractic, the
5 student shall have successfully completed at least two years of study
6 in a school or college of arts and sciences accredited or recognized by
7 the New Jersey State Department of Education, no less than 1 1/2
8 years of which shall have been completed prior to commencing his
9 course of study in the approved school of chiropractic pursuant to the
10 provisions of section 10 of P.L.1953, c.233 (C.45:9-41.7).

11 i. Publications: The school, institution or college shall issue, at
12 least annually, a bulletin setting forth the nature and content of the
13 courses of study offered. Such announcements shall contain a list of
14 the faculty with their respective qualifications, academic degree
15 received and the name of the degree-granting school, institution or
16 college. The courses available should be set forth by departments
17 (anatomy, physiology, pathology, etc.) showing for each course its
18 contents, character, number of hours, etc. Information should be
19 given regarding entrance requirements, tuition and other fees.

20 j. Curriculum: The entire course of four years shall consist of
21 3,600 to 4,400 class hours of not less than 45 minutes each,
22 distributed from 900 to 1,100 hours per year, and shall be grouped as
23 set forth in the following schedule. Each group is to be allotted
24 approximately the percentage of the whole number of hours in the
25 course as follows:

26	27 Subject	28 Percentage of Total
29	1. Anatomy, including dissection wherever	
30	possible, embryology and histology	25%
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32	2. Principles of Chiropractic	37 1/2%
33	3. Physiology	6 1/4%
34	4. Diagnosis and Symptomatology	7 1/2%
35	5. Pathology, Bacteriology and Laboratory	
36	Technique	8 1/4%
37	6. Chemistry	2 1/2%
38	7. Neurology	5%
39	8. Hygiene	1 1/4%
40	9. Jurisprudence	1 1/4%
41	10. Gynecology, Obstetrics, Spinography,	
42	Endocrinology, Dermatology, Pediatrics,	
43	Special Sense	<u>5%</u>
44		100%

45 (cf: P.L.1989, c.153, s.13)

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2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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This bill modifies one of the current requirements for becoming licensed as a chiropractor in New Jersey by providing that the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners must accept as an applicant for licensure any person who has graduated from a school, institution or college of chiropractic approved by the board. Current law requires the board to accept as a candidate only a person who has graduated from a school, institution or college of chiropractic which was approved during the person's entire course of study by the board.

Requires applicant for licensure as chiropractor to graduate from chiropractic school approved by board, but not necessarily approved by board during graduate's entire course of study.