

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 25, 1993

AN ACT

1 ~~Amending the act of December 16, 1986 (P.L.1646, No.188),~~ <—
2 ~~entitled "An act providing for the licensing of chiropractors~~
3 ~~and the regulation of the practice of chiropractic;~~
4 ~~establishing the State Board of Chiropractic in the~~
5 ~~Department of State and providing for its powers and duties;~~
6 ~~providing for the supervision of colleges of chiropractic,~~
7 ~~for the examination of applicants, for enforcement and for~~
8 ~~disciplinary actions; providing penalties; and making~~
9 ~~repeals," further providing for approval of chiropractic~~
10 ~~colleges.~~
11 PROVIDING FOR THE ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN PERSONS FOR LICENSURE <—
12 TO PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC AND FOR COLLEGES' NOTICE AS TO
13 ACCREDITATION; AND MAKING A REPEAL.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 ~~Section 1. Section 303(a) of the act of December 16, 1986~~ <—
17 ~~(P.L.1646, No.188), known as the Chiropractic Practice Act, is~~
18 ~~amended to read:~~
19 ~~Section 303. Approval of chiropractic colleges.~~
20 ~~(a) Approval of colleges. The board shall approve any~~
21 ~~chiropractic college which is accredited by a chiropractic~~
22 ~~accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of~~

~~Education or the Council on Post Secondary Accreditation, but the board shall not approve any chiropractic college which is not so accredited. If an accredited chiropractic college's accrediting agency loses its recognition by the United States Department of Education, a student who had matriculated and begun his studies at the college prior to the effective date of the loss of recognition shall, upon completion of his degree program, be admitted to the licensing examination and shall be eligible for licensure if he otherwise satisfies the requirements of this act, provided that:~~

~~(1) the college continues to be accredited by the chiropractic accrediting agency;~~

~~(2) the college continues to have the authority, under the laws of the state in which it is located, to grant the doctor of chiropractic (D.C.) degree; and~~

~~(3) the student graduates prior to December 31, 1996.~~

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~~Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.~~

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY FOR LICENSURE.

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IF AN ACCREDITED CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE'S ACCREDITING AGENCY LOSES, OR HAS LOST, ITS RECOGNITION BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, A STUDENT WHO HAD MATRICULATED AND BEGUN HIS STUDIES AT THE COLLEGE PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE LOSS OF RECOGNITION SHALL, UPON COMPLETION OF HIS DEGREE PROGRAM, BE ADMITTED TO THE CHIROPRACTIC LICENSING EXAMINATION AND SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR LICENSURE TO PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC IF HE OTHERWISE SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT OF DECEMBER 16, 1986 (P.L.1646, NO.188), KNOWN AS THE CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICE ACT, PROVIDED THAT:

(1) THE COLLEGE CONTINUES TO BE ACCREDITED BY THE

1 CHIROPRACTIC ACCREDITING AGENCY;

2 (2) THE COLLEGE CONTINUES TO HAVE THE AUTHORITY, UNDER
3 THE LAWS OF THE STATE IN WHICH IT IS LOCATED, TO GRANT THE
4 DOCTOR OF CHIROPRACTIC (D.C.) DEGREE; AND

5 (3) THE STUDENT GRADUATES PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 1996.

6 SECTION 2. NOTICE OF ACCREDITATION STATUS.

7 (A) REQUIREMENT.--A CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE LOCATED IN THIS
8 COMMONWEALTH WHICH IS NOT ACCREDITED BY A CHIROPRACTIC
9 ACCREDITING AGENCY RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
10 EDUCATION OR THE COUNCIL ON POST-SECONDARY ACCREDITATION SHALL
11 PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING WRITTEN DISCLOSURE TO APPLICANTS:

12 SECTION 501 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICE ACT
13 REQUIRES APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE TO HAVE GRADUATED FROM
14 AN APPROVED COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC. SECTION 303 OF THIS
15 SAME ACT STATES THAT AN APPROVED COLLEGE IS A COLLEGE
16 ACCREDITED BY A CHIROPRACTIC ACCREDITING AGENCY
17 RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
18 OR THE COUNCIL ON POST-SECONDARY ACCREDITATION. THIS
19 COLLEGE IS NOT CURRENTLY AN APPROVED COLLEGE. EFFORTS ARE
20 BEING MADE TO OBTAIN APPROVAL. IF APPROVAL IS NOT
21 OBTAINED BY THE TIME YOU ARE APPLYING FOR LICENSURE, YOU
22 WILL NOT QUALIFY TO BE LICENSED IN PENNSYLVANIA.

23 (B) RECORD.--THE COLLEGE SHALL RETAIN A COPY OF THE
24 DISCLOSURE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) WHICH IS SIGNED BY THE
25 APPLICANT.

26 SECTION 3. REPEAL.

27 SECTION 303(A) OF THE ACT OF DECEMBER 16, 1986 (P.L.1646,
28 NO.188), KNOWN AS THE CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICE ACT, IS REPEALED
29 INsofar AS IT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ACT.

30 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

1 THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.