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AN ACT

To repeal section 331.030, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to chiropractor licensing.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 331.030, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 331.030, to read as follows:

331.030. 1. No person shall engage in the practice of chiropractic without having first secured a chiropractic license as provided in this chapter.

2. Any person desiring to procure a license authorizing the person to practice chiropractic in this state shall be at least twenty-one years of age and shall make application on the form prescribed by the board. The application shall contain a statement that it is made under oath or affirmation and that representations contained thereon are true and correct to the best knowledge and belief of the person signing the application, subject to the penalties of making a false affidavit or declaration, and shall give the applicant's name, address, age, sex, name of chiropractic schools or colleges which the person attended or of which the person is a graduate, and such other reasonable information as the board may require. The applicant shall give evidence satisfactory to the board of the successful completion of the educational requirements of this chapter, that the applicant is of good moral character, and that the chiropractic school or

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

13 college of which the applicant is a graduate is teaching chiropractic in accordance with the
14 requirements of this chapter. The board may make a final determination as to whether or not the
15 school from which the applicant graduated is so teaching.

16 3. Before [a person] **an applicant** shall be eligible [to sit for a practical examination] **for**
17 **licensure**, the applicant shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has
18 received[, prior to entering chiropractic college, a minimum of sixty credit hours, leading to a
19 baccalaureate degree, from a preprofessional college, which credit] **the minimum number of**
20 **semester credit hours, as required by the Council on Chiropractic Education, or its**
21 **successor, prior to beginning the doctoral course of study in chiropractic. The minimum**
22 **number of semester credit hours applicable at the time of enrollment in a doctoral course**
23 **of study** must be in those subjects, hours and course content as may be provided for by the
24 Council on Chiropractic Education or, in the absence of the Council on Chiropractic Education
25 or its provision for such subjects, **such** hours and course content[,] as adopted by rule of the
26 board; **however in no event shall fewer than ninety semester credit hours be accepted as the**
27 **minimum number of hours required prior to beginning the doctoral course of study in**
28 **chiropractic.** The examination applicant shall also provide evidence satisfactory to the board
29 of having graduated from a chiropractic college having status with the Commission on
30 Accreditation of the Council on Chiropractic Education or its successor. Any senior student in
31 a chiropractic college having status with the Commission on Accreditation on the Council on
32 Chiropractic Education or its successor may take a practical examination administered or
33 approved by the board under such requirements and conditions as are adopted by the board by
34 rule, but no license shall be issued until all of the requirements for licensure have been met.

35 4. Each applicant shall pay upon application an application or examination fee. All
36 moneys collected pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall be nonrefundable and shall be
37 collected by the director of the division of professional registration who shall transmit it to the
38 department of revenue for deposit in the state treasury to the credit of the chiropractic board fund.
39 Any person failing to pass a practical examination administered or approved by the board may
40 be reexamined upon fulfilling such requirements, including the payment of a reexamination fee,
41 as the board may by rule prescribe.

42 5. Every applicant for licensure by examination shall have taken and successfully passed
43 all required and optional parts of the written examination given by the National Board of
44 Chiropractic Examiners, including the written clinical competency examination, under such
45 conditions as established by rule of the board, and all applicants for licensure by examination
46 shall successfully pass a practical examination administered or approved by the board and a
47 written examination testing the applicant's knowledge and understanding of the laws and

48 regulations regarding the practice of chiropractic in this state. The board shall issue to each
49 applicant who meets the standards and successful completion of the examinations, as established
50 by rule of the board, a license to practice chiropractic. The board shall not recognize any
51 correspondence work in any chiropractic school or college as credit for meeting the requirements
52 of this chapter.

53 6. The board shall issue a license without examination to persons who have been
54 regularly licensed to practice chiropractic in any other state, territory, or the District of Columbia,
55 or in any foreign country, provided that the regulations for securing a license in the other
56 jurisdiction are equivalent to those required for licensure in the state of Missouri, when the
57 applicant furnishes satisfactory evidence that the applicant has continuously practiced
58 chiropractic for at least one year immediately preceding the applicant's application to the board
59 and that the applicant is of good moral character, and upon the payment of the reciprocity license
60 fee as established by rule of the board. The board may require an applicant to successfully
61 complete the special purposes examination for chiropractic (SPEC) administered by the National
62 Board of Chiropractic Examiners if the requirements for securing a license in the other
63 jurisdiction are not equivalent to those required for licensure in the state of Missouri at the time
64 application is made for licensure under this subsection.

65 7. Any applicant who has failed any portion of the practical examination administered
66 or approved by the board three times shall be required to return to an accredited chiropractic
67 college for a semester of additional study in the subjects failed, as provided by rule of the board.

68 8. A chiropractic physician currently licensed in Missouri shall apply to the board for
69 certification prior to engaging in the practice of meridian therapy/acupressure/acupuncture. Each
70 such application shall be accompanied by the required fee. The board shall establish by rule the
71 minimum requirements for the specialty certification under this subsection. "Meridian
72 therapy/acupressure/acupuncture" shall mean methods of diagnosing and the treatment of a
73 patient by stimulating specific points on or within the body by various methods including but not
74 limited to manipulation, heat, cold, pressure, vibration, ultrasound, light, electrocurrent, and
75 short-needle insertion for the purpose of obtaining a biopositive reflex response by nerve
76 stimulation.

77 9. The board may through its rulemaking process authorize chiropractic physicians
78 holding a current Missouri license to apply for certification in a specialty as the board may deem
79 appropriate and charge a fee for application for certification, provided that:

80 (1) The board establishes minimum initial and continuing educational requirements
81 sufficient to ensure the competence of applicants seeking certification in the particular specialty;
82 and

83 (2) The board shall not establish any provision for certification of licensees in a
84 particular specialty which is not encompassed within the practice of chiropractic as defined in
85 section 331.010.

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