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*Committee Substitute for*  
**SENATE BILL NO. 557**

(By Mr. *Saville M. Hatfield, et al.*)



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## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

## Senate Bill No. 557

(MR. SAVILLA, MR. HATFIELD, MR. NELSON and MR. JONES,  
*original sponsors*)

[Passed April 9, 1977; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section four, article sixteen, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the requirements for applicants for a license to practice chiropractic; accreditation of schools and colleges.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section four, article sixteen, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

### **ARTICLE 16. CHIROPRACTORS.**

#### **§30-16-4. Application for license; qualifications of applicant.**

1 Any person wishing to practice chiropractic in this state  
2 shall apply to the secretary of the board for a license so to  
3 practice. Each applicant shall establish the fact to the  
4 board that he has satisfied the following requirements:  
5 (a) That he is eighteen years of age or over; (b) that he  
6 is of good moral character; (c) that he is a graduate of an  
7 accredited high school giving a four-year course or has an  
8 education equivalent to the same; (d) that he has attended  
9 for at least two academic years consisting of no less than  
10 sixty semester hours, an academic college equal in stand-  
11 ing to the West Virginia University; (e) that he is a  
12 graduate of a chiropractic school or college approved by  
13 the West Virginia Board of Chiropractic Examiners and

14 having status with an accrediting agency recognized by  
15 the United States department of health, education and  
16 welfare as an acceptable accrediting agency for granting  
17 accreditation in chiropractic education in a resident course  
18 of not less than four academic years of nine months each,  
19 and active attendance at the same for a minimum of four  
20 thousand hours of fifty minutes each of classroom and  
21 laboratory instruction: *Provided*, That this requirement  
22 shall not be construed to disqualify applicants that grad-  
23 uated from chiropractic schools or colleges before the  
24 passage of this article which taught a resident course  
25 of at least three academic years of eight months each or a  
26 minimum of two thousand hours of fifty minutes each and  
27 required active attendance upon the same. Attendance at  
28 the academic college as set forth in requirement (d) shall  
29 be prior to entrance into the chiropractic training as set  
30 forth in requirement (e): *Provided, however*, That this  
31 requirement of sequence of attendance at an academic  
32 college then chiropractic school or college shall not apply  
33 to those applicants who at the time of passage of this  
34 article have completed or are in the process of fulfilling  
35 the requirements set forth in (e) above; nor shall such  
36 requirement of sequence of attendance at an academic  
37 college then chiropractic school or college apply to such  
38 applicants who have, subsequent to the passage of this  
39 article, commenced the fulfillment of requirement (c)  
40 under the educational provisions of the Federal Service-  
41 men's Readjustment Act now in force or as may hereafter  
42 be amended, or such federal act of similar effect, benefit  
43 or purpose as may hereafter be enacted by Congress.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence C. Chustain Jr.  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

J. Willson, Jr.  
Clerk of the Senate

C. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

H. B. Smith  
President of the Senate

Donald L. Hoop  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 27  
day of April, 1977.

John R. Rye  
Governor



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