WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1977

ENROLLED
Committee Substitute for
SENATE BILL NO. 557

(By Mr. Sayers, Mr. Hatfield, et al.)

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 shall apply to the secretary of the board for a license so to practice. Each applicant shall establish the fact to the board that he has satisfied the following requirements:

2 (a) That he is eighteen years of age or over; (b) that he is of good moral character; (c) that he is a graduate of an accredited high school giving a four-year course or has an education equivalent to the same; (d) that he has attended for at least two academic years consisting of no less than sixty semester hours, an academic college equal in standing to the West Virginia University; (e) that he is a graduate of a chiropractic school or college approved by the West Virginia Board of Chiropractic Examiners and
having status with an accrediting agency recognized by
the United States department of health, education and
welfare as an acceptable accrediting agency for granting
accreditation in chiropractic education in a resident course
of not less than four academic years of nine months each,
and active attendance at the same for a minimum of four
thousand hours of fifty minutes each of classroom and
laboratory instruction: Provided, That this requirement
shall not be construed to disqualify applicants that gradu-
ated from chiropractic schools or colleges before the
passage of this article which taught a resident course
of at least three academic years of eight months each or a
minimum of two thousand hours of fifty minutes each and
required active attendance upon the same. Attendance at
the academic college as set forth in requirement (d) shall
be prior to entrance into the chiropractic training as set
forth in requirement (e): Provided, however, That this
requirement of sequence of attendance at an academic
college then chiropractic school or college shall not apply
to those applicants who at the time of passage of this
article have completed or are in the process of fulfilling
the requirements set forth in (e) above; nor shall such
requirement of sequence of attendance at an academic
college then chiropractic school or college apply to such
applicants who have, subsequent to the passage of this
article, commenced the fulfillment of requirement (c)
under the educational provisions of the Federal Service-
men’s Readjustment Act now in force or as may hereafter
be amended, or such federal act of similar effect, benefit
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. Christie, Jr.  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

J. William Jr.  
Clerk of the Senate

W. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Frank B. McKinley  
President of the Senate

Donald L. Yeop  
Speaker House of Delegates

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

Governor
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APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

Date: April 27, 1927
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