WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1979

---

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 1420

(By Mr. Reed, 10th Dist., Mr. Holt)

---

Passed March 10, 1979

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: (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 graduated 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, nor, shall the requirement that a chiropractic school or college have status with an acceptable accrediting agency recognized by the United States department of health, education and welfare as an acceptable accrediting agency, be construed to disqualify any applicant, who, on April ninth, one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven, was enrolled in a chiropractic school or college then accredited by the American chiropractic association or the international chiropractic association: Provided, That such applicant at the time of his enrollment in such school maintained bona fide residence in the state. 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, subsequ ent to the passage of this article, commenced the fulfillment of requirement (e) under the educational provisions of the federal servicemen'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 the Congress.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence C. Schuske  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

J. S. Dillon, Jr.  
Clerk of the Senate  

W. V. Blackshear  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

E. T. Bartlett  
President of the Senate

H. M. Lee, Jr.  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within ________ approved ________ this the ________ day of ________, 1979.

Governor