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HOUSE BILL No. 1420

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

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H. B. 1420

(By MR. REED, 10TH DISTRICT, and MR. HOLT)

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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 board
4 that he has satisfied the following requirements: (a) That he
5 is eighteen years of age or over; (b) that he is of good moral
6 character; (c) that he is a graduate of an accredited high
7 school giving a four-year course or has an education equivalent
8 to the same; (d) that he has attended for at least two academic
9 years consisting of no less than sixty semester hours, an
10 academic college equal in standing to the West Virginia
11 University; (e) that he is a graduate of a chiropractic school
12 or college approved by the West Virginia board of chiroprac-
13 tic examiners and having status with an accrediting agency

14 recognized by the United States department of health, educa-
15 tion and welfare as an acceptable accrediting agency for
16 granting accreditation in chiropractic education in a resident
17 course of not less than four academic years of nine months
18 each, and active attendance at the same for a minimum of
19 four thousand hours of fifty minutes each of classroom and
20 laboratory instruction: *Provided*, That this requirement shall
21 not be construed to disqualify applicants that graduated from
22 chiropractic schools or colleges before the passage of this
23 article which taught a resident course of at least three aca-
24 demic years of eight months each or a minimum of two
25 thousand hours of fifty minutes each and required active
26 attendance upon the same, nor, shall the requirement that a
27 chiropractic school or college have status with an acceptable
28 accrediting agency recognized by the United States department
29 of health, education and welfare as an acceptable accrediting
30 agency, be construed to disqualify any applicant, who, on
31 April ninth, one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven, was
32 enrolled in a chiropractic school or college then accredited
33 by the American chiropractic association or the international
34 chiropractic association: *Provided*, That such applicant at
35 the time of his enrollment in such school maintained bona
36 fide residence in the state. Attendance at the academic
37 college as set forth in requirement (d) shall be prior to
38 entrance into the chiropractic training as set forth in re-
39 quirement (e): *Provided, however*, That this requirement
40 of sequence of attendance at an academic college then chiro-
41 practic school or college shall not apply to those appli-
42 cants who at the time of passage of this article have com-
43 pleted or are in the process of fulfilling the requirements
44 set forth in (e) above; nor shall such requirement of sequ-
45 ence of attendance at an academic college then chiropractic
46 school or college apply to such applicants who have, sub-
47 sequent to the passage of this article, commenced the ful-
48 fillment of requirement (c) under the educational provi-
49 sions of the federal servicemen's readjustment act now in
50 force or as may hereafter be amended, or such federal act
51 of similar effect, benefit or purpose as may hereafter be
52 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. Chestnut Jr.
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

J. C. Dillon Jr.
Clerk of the Senate

C. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

J. G. Bostwick Jr.
President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 25
day of March, 1979.

Don Roper
Governor

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