

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

NO. 80  
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7 H.P. 77 House of Representatives, January 26, 1987  
8 Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation  
9 suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
10 Presented by Representative Racine of Biddeford.

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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN  
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17 AN ACT to Amend the Education Requirements  
18 for Chiropractors.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §551, as amended by PL 1983, c.  
23 176, Pt. A., §10, is further amended to read:

24 §551. Examination and registration

25 Any person, before engaging in the practice of  
26 chiropractic in this State, shall make application  
27 for a certificate to practice chiropractic to the  
28 board on a form prescribed by said board. Said ap-  
29 plication shall be filed with the secretary of the  
30 board at least 7 days before the date of examination,  
31 together with a deposit of \$40, which said deposit  
32 shall be returned to applicant in case the applica-

1 tion is rejected. Each applicant must be at least 18  
2 years of age and shall present proof of 2 years' 4  
3 years of satisfactory attendance at a college of lib-  
4 eral arts. Candidates for licensure shall be required  
5 to present transcripts from an accredited college or  
6 university certifying that they have completed 2 4  
7 years of preprofessional work, 2 subjects of which  
8 must be English and biology and 24 credit hours of  
9 which must be in courses which the Board of Chiro-  
10 practic Examination and Registration shall, by rule,  
11 designate as premedicine courses of study, or other-  
12 wise satisfy the members of the board of sufficient  
13 prior academic education. The applicant shall present  
14 a diploma granted by a legally chartered chiropractic  
15 college, school or university in good standing and  
16 having the power to confer degrees in chiropractic,  
17 which diploma shall show that it was granted on per-  
18 sonal attendance of the applicant and completion of a  
19 course of 4 school years of not less than 8 months  
20 each and of a total of 4,400 60-minute school hours.  
21 If an applicant matriculated in a chiropractic col-  
22 lege on or after January 1, 1984, his diploma shall  
23 show that it was granted by a chiropractic college  
24 accredited by a chiropractic educational accrediting  
25 agency approved by the United States Department of  
26 Education or its successor agency or, in the event no  
27 such agency exists, approved by the board, or the ap-  
28 plicant must have evidence of having successfully  
29 passed a licensing procedure from another state hav-  
30 ing similar requirements. If an applicant  
31 matriculated in a chiropractic college before January  
32 1, 1984, his diploma shall show that it was granted  
33 by a chiropractic college accredited as set out in  
34 this section, or the applicant must present evidence  
35 of having become a diplomat of the National Board of  
36 Chiropractic Examiners, or the applicant must have  
37 evidence of having successfully passed a licensing  
38 procedure from another state having similar require-  
39 ments. All applicants must present a certificate of  
40 good moral character signed by some reputable resi-  
41 dent of this State and such other reasonable and  
42 proper facts as the board in its blank application  
43 may require.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2           The purposes of this bill are to require a  
3 4-year, rather than a 2-year, undergraduate degree as  
4 a prerequisite to certification as a chiropractor  
5 doctor and to provide that the 4-year degree include  
6 at least 24 hours of study in premedicine courses as  
7 the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services  
8 shall by rule designate.

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