

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 243

S.P. 96

In Senate, February 5, 1987

Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland,
Representative ALLEN of Washington, Representative TELOW of
Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT to Increase the Fees for Examination
2 and Licensure for Chiropractors.
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §551, as amended by Pl 1983, c.
7 176, Pt. A, §10, is further amended to read:

8 §551. Examination and registration

9 Any person, before engaging in the practice of
10 chiropractic in this State, shall make application
11 for a certificate to practice chiropractic to the
12 board on a form prescribed by said the board. Said
13 The application shall be filed with the secretary of
14 the board at least 7 days before the date of examina-
15 tion, together with a deposit of \$40 up to \$100,

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

42 Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §552, last ¶, as amended by PL
43 1983, c. 378, §5, is further amended to read:

44 Any person, licensed by a chiropractic board of
45 any other state or territory having a standard equal

1 to that of the State, shall be licensed without exam-
2 ination, upon the payment of \$40 up to \$100 and the
3 production to the board of his diploma and the li-
4 cense obtained in such other state. The board may,
5 in its discretion, require an examination of any such
6 applicant.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

8 This bill increases the fees for examination and
9 licensure of chiropractors up to \$100.

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