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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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NO. 1347

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Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
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suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative KILKELLY of Wiscasset.
Cosponsored by Representatives CARROLL of Gray, KIMBALL
of Buxton and Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Educational
Requirements of Chiropractic Practice
in this State.

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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 32 MRSA §551, as amended by PL 1983, c. 176, Pt.
8 A, §10, is further amended to read:

9 §551. Examination and registration

10 Any person, before engaging in the practice of
11 chiropractic in this State, shall make application
12 for a certificate to practice chiropractic to the
13 board on a form prescribed by said the board. Said
14 The application shall be filed with the secretary of

1 the board at least 7 days before the date of examina-
2 tion, together with a deposit of \$40, which said de-
3 posit shall be returned to the applicant in case the
4 application is rejected. Each applicant must be at
5 least 18 years of age and shall present proof of 2
6 years' satisfactory attendance at a college of liber-
7 al arts. Candidates for licensure shall be required
8 to present transcripts from an accredited college or
9 university certifying that they have completed 2
10 years of preprofessional work, 2 subjects of which
11 must be English and biology, or otherwise satisfy the
12 members of the board of sufficient prior academic ed-
13 ucation. The applicant shall present a diploma
14 granted by a legally chartered chiropractic college,
15 school or university in good standing and having the
16 power to confer degrees in chiropractic, which diplo-
17 ma shall show that it was granted on personal attend-
18 ance of the applicant and completion of a course of 4
19 school years of not less than 8 months each and of a
20 total of 4,400 60-minute school hours. If an appli-
21 cant matriculated in a chiropractic college on or af-
22 ter January 1, 1984, his diploma shall show that it
23 was granted by a chiropractic college accredited by a
24 ~~chiropractic~~ an educational accrediting agency ap-
25 proved by the United States Department of Education
26 or its successor agency or, in the event no such
27 agency exists, approved by the board, or the appli-
28 cant must have evidence of having successfully passed
29 a licensing procedure from another state having simi-
30 lar requirements. If an applicant matriculated in a
31 chiropractic college before January 1, 1984, his di-
32 ploma shall show that it was granted by a chiroprac-
33 tic college accredited as set out in this section, or
34 the applicant must present evidence of having become
35 a diplomat of the National Board of Chiropractic Ex-
36 aminers, or the applicant must have evidence of hav-
37 ing successfully passed a licensing procedure from
38 another state having similar requirements. All ap-
39 plicants must present a certificate of good moral
40 character signed by some reputable resident of this
41 State and such other reasonable and proper facts as
42 the board in its blank application may require.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill allows graduates of chiropractic colleges or universities that are accredited by accrediting agencies approved by the United States Department of Education to practice within this State.

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