

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 12, 1935.

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Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Bramson of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Relating to Registration of Chiropractors.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 21, § 73, amended.** Section 73 of chapter 21 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 73. Chiropractors to be examined and registered.** Any person, before engaging in the practice of chiropractic in this state, shall make application for a certificate to practice chiropractic to the board of chiropractic examiners and registration, on a form prescribed by said board. Said application shall be filed with the secretary of the board, at least 7 days before the date of examination, together with a deposit of \$25, which said deposit shall be returned to applicant in case the application is rejected. Each applicant must be at least 21 years of age, and shall present a diploma from a high school, academy, state normal school, college, or university, or otherwise satisfy the members of the board of sufficient prior academic education. The applicant shall also present a diploma granted by a legally chartered chiropractic college, school or university in good standing and having the power to confer degrees in chiropractic, which diploma shall show that it was granted on personal attendance of the applicant and completion of a course of 3 school years of not less than 6 months each, and of a total of 2,060 minute school hours. All applicants must also present

a certificate of good moral character signed by some reputable resident of the state of Maine, and such other reasonable and proper facts as the board in its blank application may require. Or any person graduated from a recognized school of chiropractic whose prescribed course of study is not less than 3 years of 6 months each and is graduated therefrom previous to making application for a license to practice in the state of Maine, and who has practiced in any state for a period of not less than 10 years, and who in the opinion of the board of chiropractic examiners is of good moral character and is qualified to practice the art and science of chiropractic shall at the discretion of the board of chiropractic examiners be granted a license to practice in this state without examination.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 21, § 74, amended. Section 74 of chapter 21 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 74. Examination of applicants; subjects included; board to issue certificate; certificate without examination, in certain cases; board may refuse certificate. The board shall then require the applicant to submit to an examination as to his or her qualifications for the practice of chiropractic, which examination shall include the subjects of anatomy, physiology, symptomatology, hygiene, sanitation, chemistry, histology, pathology, chiropractic analysis, and the principles and practice of chiropractic as taught in reputable chiropractic schools and colleges. If such examination is passed in a manner satisfactory to the board, then the board shall issue to the said applicant a certificate granting him or her the right to practice chiropractic in the state of Maine. Any person of good moral character, licensed by a chiropractic board of any other state or territory having a standard equal to the state of Maine, shall be licensed without examination, upon the payment of \$25 and the production to the board of his or her diploma, the license obtained in such other state, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character; but the board may, in its discretion, require an examination of any such applicant. The board may refuse to grant a certificate to any person convicted of a felony, or who has been guilty of grossly unprofessional conduct, or who is addicted to any vice to such a degree as to render such person unfit to practice chiropractic, and may, after due notice and hearing, revoke a certificate already issued, for like cause.'