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BY DELEGATE FRIEDMAN—Ways and Means

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By the HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 22, 1967.

Introduced, read first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By order, JAMES P. MAUSE, Chief Clerk.

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## A BILL

ENTITLED

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 42(a) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1966 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Miscellaneous Provisions," to authorize the use of chiropractors for treatment of medically indigent persons under the State program for medical care for indigent persons.

1 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,*  
2 That Section 42(a) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Mary-  
3 land (1965 Replacement Volume and 1966 Supplement), title  
4 "Health," subtitle "Miscellaneous Provisions," be and it is hereby  
5 repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

1 42.

2 (a) The State Board of Health shall (1) administer a program  
3 of medical care in the State of Maryland for indigent and  
4 medically indigent persons, or either of such classes; for this pur-  
5 pose the Board of Health is hereby authorized to contract with  
6 physicians, *chiropractors*, dentists, pharmacists, hospitals, nursing  
7 homes, nurses, and other persons who perform services upon the  
8 prescription of a physician, for the medical, *chiropractic*, dental,  
9 surgical and hospital treatment of eligible persons; within the pro-  
10 visions of the budget the said Board is hereby authorized to provide  
11 bedside nursing care for eligible persons. (2) The Board of Health  
12 shall conduct and operate such hospitals as may be established by  
13 law and placed under the jurisdiction of the said Board of Health  
14 for the care of persons suffering from chronic diseases.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect  
2 June 1, 1967.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

# **Chiropractic Law**

**AS PASSED BY**

**MARYLAND LEGISLATURE**

**OF 1929**

## SENATE BILL NO. 414

### A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 383, 384, 386 and 388 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Health," sub-title "Chiropractic," said amendments making slight changes in the regulation of the practice of Chiropractic and substituting a definition of Chiropractic in place of the limitations imposed on persons practicing Chiropractic by 384 (c) of said Article.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 383, 384, 386 and 388 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Health," sub-title "Chiropractic," be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows: That there is hereby created and established a board to be known by the name and style of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, and said board shall be composed of three (3) resident course graduated practicing Chiropractors of integrity and ability, who shall be residents of the State of Maryland and who shall have practiced Chiropractic in the State for a period of at least three (3) years. No two members of said board shall be graduates of the same school or college of Chiropractic.

**SEC. 2.** The Governor of the State of Maryland shall within thirty (30) days after the taking effect of this Act appoint three (3) Chiropractors who shall possess the qualifications specified in Section One of this Act,

to constitute the members of said board. Said members shall be so classified by the Governor that the term of office of one shall expire in one year, one in two years and one in three years from the date of appointment. Annually thereafter the Governor shall appoint one member who shall be a licensed practitioner and possess the qualifications specified in Section One of the Act, who shall serve for a period of three (3) years and shall fill vacancies in said board caused by death or otherwise as soon as practicable.

SEC. 3. (a) Said board of Chiropractic Examiners shall convene within thirty days after their appointment and elect a president, a vice-president and secretary-treasurer from their membership.

(b) Said board shall hold regular sessions, at such places the board may decide, the first week in January and July, respectively, of each year, and shall publish such dates for examination and place of meeting in some newspaper of general circulation at least fifteen (15) days prior to said meeting.

(c) Said board shall have authority to administer oaths, take affidavits, summon witnesses and take testimony as to matters pertaining to their duties. They shall adopt a seal, which shall be affixed to all licenses issued by them and shall from time to time adopt such rules and regulations as they deem proper and necessary for the performance of their duties, which shall be without prejudice, partiality or discrimination as to the different schools of Chiropractic. The secretary of said board shall keep a record of the proceedings of the board which shall at all times be open to public inspection. Said board shall also keep on file with the Secretary of State a copy of the rules and regulations for public inspection, and shall elect annually a president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer.

A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum.

(d) A license to practice Chiropractic within this State shall be issued to the individual members of said board at first meeting of said board upon payment of the regular fee as provided for in this Act.

SEC. 4. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice Chiropractic in this State unless they shall have first obtained a license as provided in this Act; provided, however, that nothing in this Act shall apply to or affect any persons who are now actually engaged in the practice of such profession, except as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 5. (a) Any person wishing to practice Chiropractic in this State, before it shall be lawful for him to do so, shall make application to said Board of Chiropractic Examiners, through the secretary-treasurer thereof, upon form thereof and in such manner as be adopted and directed by the board, at least ten (10) days prior to any meeting of said board. Each applicant shall be a graduate of a Chiropractic school or college which teaches a resident course of three (3) years, of six (6) months each, with a minimum of two thousand (2000) sixty minute hours, or more, or the equivalent thereof and requiring active attendance in the same. *The applicant shall have a first grade four (4) year high school education or the equivalent thereof.* Application shall be made in writing and shall be signed by the applicant in his own handwriting and shall be sworn to before some officer authorized to administer oath, and shall recite the history of the applicant as to his educational advantages, his experience in matters pertaining to a knowledge of the care of the sick, how long he has studied Chiropractic, under what teachers, what collateral branches, if any, he has studied,

the length of time he has been engaged in clinical practice, accompanying same by reference therein, with any proof thereof in shape of diplomas, certificates, etc., and shall accompany said application with satisfactory evidence of good character and reputation.

(b) There shall be paid to the secretary-treasurer of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners by each applicant for a license, a fee of \$25, \$10 of which shall accompany the application and the remaining \$15 shall be paid upon issuance of license. Like fees shall be paid for any subsequent examination and application.

SEC. 6. Examinations for license to practice Chiropractic shall be made by said board according to the method deemed by it to be most practicable and expeditious to test the applicant's qualifications. Such application shall be designated by a number instead of his or her name so that the identity will not be discovered or disclosed to the members of the board until after the examination papers are graded.

(a) All examinations shall be made in writing, the subjects of which shall be as follows: Anatomy, Physiology, Symptomatology, Chiropractic Orthopedy, principles of Chiropractic and adjusting, nerve tracing, chemistry, hygiene, bacteriology, and Chiropractic analysis as taught by Chiropractic schools and colleges. A license shall be granted to all applicants who shall correctly answer seventy-five percentum (75%) of all questions asked, and if any applicant shall fail to answer correctly sixty percentum (60%) of the questions on any branch of said examination, he or she shall not be entitled to a license.

(b) *Chiropractic is hereby defined to be a drugless health system, the basic principle of*

*which teaches that disease is caused by interference with the transmission of nerve impulses. The practice of Chiropractic is defined as diagnosis, the location of misaligned or displaced vertebrae of the human spinal column, the procedure preparatory to, and the adjustment by hand of such misaligned or displaced vertebrae of the spinal column and its articulations, by any method not including the use of drugs, surgery or obstetrics, nor any branch of medicine, nor osteopathy, for the purpose of relieving such interference.*

SEC. 7. Any person who has practiced Chiropractic for a livelihood in this State not less than five years prior to the passage of this Act; and also any person graduated from any organized school or college of Chiropractic, who has been engaged in actual and bona fide practice as a Chiropractor in this State, for at least two years prior to the taking effect of this Act; and also any person engaged in the actual practice of Chiropractic in this State, at the time of the passage of this Act and who is the graduate of a legally incorporated Chiropractic school or college giving a two-year course requiring actual attendance in class work, upon proper application and due proof of good moral character, furnished to said board within thirty (30) days after the organization of said board, and verified, showing that said applicant comes within either of said three classes herein, shall upon the payment of the fee of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars be granted a license to practice Chiropractic without examination.

SEC. 8. The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners may refuse to grant or may revoke a license to practice Chiropractic in this State, or may cause a licentiate's name to be removed from the records in the office of the recorder of deeds of this State upon any of the follow-

*Definition*

ing grounds, to wit: *The attempt to do other than is permitted under this license in an effort to deceive the public*, the employment of fraud or deception in applying for a license or in passing an examination provided for in this Act, the practice of Chiropractic under a false or assumed name, or the impersonation of another practitioner of like or different name, the conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, habitual intemperance, in the use of ardent spirits, narcotics or stimulants to such an extent as to incapacitate him or her for the performance of his or her professional duties. Any person who is a licentiate, or is an applicant for a license to practice Chiropractic against whom any of the foregoing grounds for revoking or refusing a license is presented to said board with the view of having the board revoke or refuse to grant a license, shall be furnished with a copy of the complaint, and shall have a hearing before said board in person or *by* attorney, or both, and witness may be examined by said board respecting the guilt or innocence of said accused.

(b) Said board may at any time within two years of the refusal or revocation or cancellation of registration under this section, by a majority vote, issue a new license or grant a license to the person affected, restoring him to or conferring upon him all rights and privileges of, and pertaining to the practice of Chiropractic as defined and regulated by this Act. Any person to whom such have been restored shall pay to the secretary-treasurer the sum of \$25 upon issuance of a new license.

SEC. 9. (a) Every person who shall receive a license from the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall have it recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds of the county in which he resides and shall likewise have it recorded in the counties to which he shall sub-

sequently remove for the purpose of practicing Chiropractic.

(b) The failure or refusal on the part of the holder of a license to have it recorded before he or she shall begin the practice of Chiropractic in this State after having been notified by the State Board of Examiners to do so, shall be sufficient grounds to revoke or cancel a license and render it null and void. The recorder shall keep for public inspection, in a book provided for that purpose, a complete list and description of the licenses recorded by him. When any such license shall be presented to him for record he shall stamp upon the face thereof his signed memorandum of date when such license was presented for record.

SEC. 10. All persons practicing Chiropractic within this State shall pay on or before the first day of September of each year, after a license is issued to them, as herein provided, to said Board of Chiropractic Examiners, a renewal license fee of ten (\$10) dollars. The secretary-treasurer shall thirty days or more before September 1st of each year mail to all Chiropractors in this State a notice of the fact that the renewal fee will be due on or before the first day of September, *and the board shall furnish to each Chiropractor a "Renewal Form" which shall require that each Chiropractor at the time of renewal must give satisfactory evidence of his or her good character and reputation in practice during preceding year.* Nothing in this Act shall be construed so as to require that the receipts shall be recorded as original licenses are required to be recorded.

SEC. 11. (a) All examination and renewal fees received by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners under this Act shall be paid to the secretary-treasurer of said board, who

