

SENATE, No. 196

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 221st LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes option for students nearing completion of program in chiropractic medicine to participate in preceptorship provided by State-licensed chiropractor.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning training for students in chiropractic medicine
2 and supplementing P.L.1953, c.233 (C.45:9-41.4 et al.).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. As used in this act:

8 “Board” means the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

9 “Direct supervision” means initial and ongoing direction,
10 procedural guidance, observation, and evaluation by the State-
11 licensed chiropractor who is the preceptor to a student in
12 chiropractic medicine participating in a preceptorship.

13 “Preceptor” means a New Jersey-licensed chiropractor approved
14 by the board to provide direct supervision of a student.

15 “Preceptorship” means a clinical program in which a student in
16 the final year or final two semesters of a school, institution, or
17 college of chiropractic participates in the practice of chiropractic
18 medicine under the direct supervision of a New Jersey-licensed
19 chiropractor.

20 “Student” means an individual in the final year or final two
21 semesters of a school, institution, or college of chiropractic.

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23 2. a. The board shall establish, by rule or regulation,
24 requirements of preceptorships for students.

25 b. A student may apply to the board for participation in a
26 preceptorship with a State-licensed chiropractor approved, as
27 determined by the board, to be a preceptor.

28 c. To participate in a preceptorship, a student shall submit an
29 application, as prescribed by the board, for a limited license, which
30 includes:

31 (1) an attestation that demonstrates the student is in good
32 academic standing; and

33 (2) payment of a non-refundable fee.

34 d. The school, institution, or college of chiropractic in which
35 the student seeking participation in a preceptorship is enrolled shall
36 be approved by the board pursuant to section 9 of P.L.1953, c.233
37 (C.45:9-41.6).

38 e. A limited license for participation in a preceptorship shall
39 not be renewed upon expiration.

40 f. The provisions of P.L.1953, c.233 (C.45:9-41.4 et al.) shall
41 apply to students seeking a limited license to participate in a
42 preceptorship to the extent the board considers appropriate.

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44 3. The board shall adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the
45 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
46 seq.), as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

1 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the 13th month
2 next following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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7 This bill requires the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (the
8 “board”) to allow for preceptorships for students in the final year or
9 final two semesters of a program in chiropractic medicine.
10 “Preceptorship” is defined in the bill to mean a clinical program in
11 which a student participates in the practice of chiropractic medicine
12 under the direct supervision of a New Jersey-licensed chiropractor.
13 The board is to approve the State-licensed chiropractors who can
14 act as preceptors for students. Additionally, the school, institution,
15 or college of chiropractic in which the student is enrolled is to be
16 approved by the board pursuant to current law.

17 Under the bill, a student seeking to participate in a preceptorship
18 is to apply to the board for a limited license. The limited license is
19 not to be renewed upon expiration. To the extent the board
20 considers it appropriate, the provisions of current law governing
21 chiropractors and additional staff are to apply to students in a
22 preceptorship.

23 The bill aims to retain graduates of programs of chiropractic
24 medicine based in New Jersey to work as licensed chiropractors in
25 the State.