

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1032

By: Easley of the Senate

and

Adkins and Smithson of the
House

An Act relating to professions and occupations;
amending 59 O.S. 2001, Sections 161.3, as amended by
Section 1, Chapter 269, O.S.L. 2004 and Section 8,
Chapter 269, O.S.L. 2004, as amended by Section 5,
Chapter 149, O.S.L. 2005 (59 O.S. Supp. 2006,
Sections 161.3 and 161.10a), which relate to the
Oklahoma Chiropractic Practice Act; adding
definition; providing for certain continuing
education; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2001, Section 161.3, as
amended by Section 1, Chapter 269, O.S.L. 2004 (59 O.S. Supp. 2006,
Section 161.3), is amended to read as follows:

Section 161.3 As used in the Oklahoma Chiropractic Practice
Act, these words, phrases or terms, unless the context otherwise
indicates, shall have the following meanings:

1. "Accredited chiropractic college" means a chiropractic
educational institution which is accredited by the Commission on
Accreditation of the Council on Chiropractic Education, a national,
independent accreditation body recognized and approved by the U.S.
Department of Education, or its successor;

2. "Animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment" means treatment that includes vertebral subluxation complex (vsc) and spinal manipulation of nonhuman vertebrates. The term "animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment" shall not be construed to allow the:

- a. use of x-rays,
- b. performing of surgery,
- c. dispensing or administering of medications, or
- d. performance of traditional veterinary care;

3. "Applicant" means any person submitting an application for licensure to the Board;

4. "Board" means the Board of Chiropractic Examiners;

5. "Chiropractic physician", "chiropractor", "doctor of chiropractic", "practitioner of chiropractic" and "licensee" are synonymous and mean a person holding an original license to practice chiropractic in this state;

6. "Examination" means the process used by the Board, prior to the issuance of an original license, to test the qualifications and knowledge of an applicant on any or all of the following: current statutes, rules or any of those subjects listed in Section 161.8 of this title;

7. "Intern" means a student at an accredited chiropractic college who is participating in the Chiropractic Undergraduate Preceptorship Program;

8. "Non-Clinical" means of a business nature including, but not limited to, practice management, insurance information, and computer information. It shall also mean the discussion of philosophy as it relates to the performance of chiropractic.

~~8.~~ 9. "Original license" means a license granting initial authorization to practice chiropractic in this state issued by the Board to an applicant found by the Board to meet the licensing

requirements of the Oklahoma Chiropractic Practice Act, by examination pursuant to Section 161.7 of this title, or by reciprocity pursuant to Section 161.9 of this title;

~~9.~~ 10. "Preceptor" means a chiropractic physician who is participating in the Chiropractic Undergraduate Preceptorship Program;

~~10.~~ 11. "Relocation of practice" means the recognition and approval by the Board, prior to the issuance of an original license, of the chiropractic licensing process in another state, country, territory or province; and

~~11.~~ 12. "Renewal license" means a license issued to a chiropractic physician by the Board, on or before the first day of January of each year, which authorizes such licensee to practice chiropractic in this state during the succeeding calendar year.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 8, Chapter 269, O.S.L. 2004, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 149, O.S.L. 2005 (59 O.S. Supp. 2006, Section 161.10a), is amended to read as follows:

Section 161.10a A. At least ninety (90) calendar days prior to offering a continuing education course in Oklahoma, an association shall submit to the Board for approval:

1. An application to provide continuing education in this state;
2. The agenda for the continuing education seminar;
3. The professional background of the instructors; and
4. A summary of the courses to be taught at the continuing education seminar.

B. No later than thirty (30) days after submission of the application, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall either approve or reject the continuing education seminar.

C. A continuing education program shall offer seminars providing continuing education on those subjects within the scope of

practice of chiropractic as well as those technical, professional, and practical subjects that relate to the practice of chiropractic as included in Section 161.8 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Instructors at continuing education seminars may sell products as long as the sale of such products is ancillary to the purpose of the seminar.

D. Each year a chiropractic physician must attend sixteen (16) hours of continuing education. Twelve (12) hours must be within the scope of practice of chiropractic as well as those technical, professional, and practical subjects that relate to the practice of chiropractic as included in Section 161.8 of this title. A maximum of four (4) hours may be non-clinical in nature.

~~D.~~ E. Beginning January 1, 2006, a maximum of eight (8) hours of the annual Oklahoma continuing education requirements may be obtained by a continuing education program outside this state if the out-of-state continuing education program is approved by the Board.

~~E.~~ F. Chiropractic physicians who have not been in active practice during the previous year shall be exempt from that calendar year's continuing education requirements. However, prior to returning to active practice, the chiropractor must have attended the required continuing education during the previous calendar year.

~~F.~~ G. All licensed chiropractic physicians must attend a minimum of eight (8) hours of in-state continuing education programs approved by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

~~G.~~ H. Beginning January 1, 2005, the Board shall waive the in-state attendance requirements for continuing education, if the licensee was prevented from attending by illness or extenuating circumstances, as determined by the Board.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2007.

Passed the Senate the 21st day of May, 2007.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of May, 2007.

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of Representatives