

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 510

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Chiropractic Practice  
8 Act; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 161.7, which  
9 relates to licensure applications; requiring  
10 international applicants to possess certain  
11 credentials; requiring submission of certain  
12 documents; directing Board to issue licenses to  
13 certain applicants; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 161.7, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 161.7. A. 1. Applications for an original license by  
18 examination to practice chiropractic in this state shall be made to  
19 the Board of Chiropractic Examiners in writing on a form and in a  
20 manner prescribed by the Board. The application shall be supported  
21 by the affidavits of two persons who hold a valid license to  
22 practice chiropractic in this state or in another state, country,  
23 territory or province, and who are not related to or under financial  
24 obligations to the applicant, showing the applicant to be a person  
of good moral character.

1           2. The application shall be accompanied by a fee of One Hundred  
2 Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00), which shall not be refundable under  
3 any circumstances.

4           3. If the application is disapproved by the Board, the  
5 applicant shall be so notified by the secretary-treasurer of the  
6 Board, with the reason for such disapproval fully stated in writing.

7           4. If the application is approved, the applicant, upon payment  
8 of an examination fee of One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00),  
9 may take an examination administered by the Board for the purpose of  
10 securing an original license. The Board may accept a passing score  
11 on an examination administered by the National Board of Chiropractic  
12 Examiners taken by the applicant, or may require the applicant to  
13 take an examination administered by the Board or both.

14           B. Applicants for an original license to practice chiropractic  
15 in this state shall submit to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners  
16 documentary evidence of completion of:

17           1. A course of standard high school education;

18           2. Ninety (90) semester hours of college credits in a college  
19 or university whose credits are accepted by the University of  
20 Oklahoma. For students enrolled in an accredited Doctor of  
21 Chiropractic Degree Program on the effective date of this act, proof  
22 of having earned a minimum of sixty (60) semester hours of college  
23 credits at an institution for which credits are accepted by the  
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1 University of Oklahoma shall meet the requirements of this  
2 paragraph;

3 3. A course of resident study of not less than four (4) years  
4 of nine (9) months each in an accredited chiropractic college. A  
5 senior student at an accredited chiropractic college may make  
6 application for an original license by examination prior to  
7 graduation, but such a license shall not be issued until documentary  
8 evidence of the graduation of the student from the college has been  
9 submitted to the Board;

10 4. Parts I, II, III, IV and physiotherapy as administered by  
11 the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners with a passing score;  
12 and

13 5. Passing an examination with seventy-five percent (75%) or  
14 better.

15 C. An international applicant shall possess a degree or Board-  
16 approved equivalent based on satisfactory completion of an  
17 educational program from a Chiropractic college as evidenced by a  
18 recognized national and international resource available to the  
19 Board.

20 D. All credentials, diplomas, and other required documentation  
21 in a foreign language submitted to the Board by such applicants  
22 shall be accompanied by notarized English translations.

23 E. International applicants shall provide satisfactory evidence  
24 of meeting the requirements for permanent residence or temporary

1 nonimmigrant status as set forth by the United States Citizenship  
2 and Immigration Services.

3 ~~E.~~ F. Effective January 1, 2006, out-of-state licensed  
4 applicants shall submit to the Board documentary evidence that the  
5 applicant has malpractice insurance. New applicants shall submit to  
6 the Board documentary evidence that the applicant has malpractice  
7 insurance within six (6) months of obtaining their Oklahoma license.

8 ~~D.~~ G. An applicant for an original license shall provide full  
9 disclosure to the Board of any disciplinary action taken against the  
10 applicant in any state pursuant to licensure and/or criminal  
11 proceedings including, but not limited to, pleading guilty or nolo  
12 contendere to, or being convicted of, a felony, a misdemeanor  
13 involving moral turpitude, or a violation of federal or state  
14 controlled dangerous substance laws.

15 ~~E.~~ H. No later than one (1) year after receiving a license to  
16 practice in Oklahoma, chiropractic physicians shall complete an  
17 orientation course of training approved by the Board. The  
18 orientation course hours shall count as continuing education credits  
19 for the year in which they were earned. An association may provide  
20 the orientation course of training.

21 ~~F.~~ I. The Board shall issue an original license to those  
22 applicants who have passed the required examination with a score  
23 acceptable to the Board and who meet all other requirements set  
24 forth by the Board. No license fee shall be charged by the Board

1 for the balance of the calendar year in which such a license is  
2 issued.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.  
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