

SENATE FLOOR VERSION

February 26, 2024

SENATE BILL NO. 1591

By: Coleman of the Senate

and

Harris of the House

An Act relating to the practice of chiropractic; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 161.10a, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 13, O.S.L. 2023 (59 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 161.10a), which relates to continuing education; modifying in-state continuing education program qualifications; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 161.10a, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 13, O.S.L. 2023 (59 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 161.10a), is amended to read as follows:

Section 161.10a. A. Applications to provide chiropractic continuing education seminars shall be submitted for review and approval by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. An applicant 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;

1 3. The professional background of the instructors; and

2 4. A summary of the courses to be taught at the continuing
3 education seminar.

4 B. Prior to approval of an application, the Board may authorize
5 the Executive Director to temporarily approve applications, or
6 amendments to an application, pursuant to the requirements specified
7 by this section and the rules approved by the Board for continuing
8 education programs. Continuing education credits may only be
9 counted for seminars receiving final Board approval.

10 C. A continuing education program shall offer seminars
11 providing continuing education on those subjects within the scope of
12 practice of chiropractic as well as those technical, professional,
13 and practical subjects that relate to the practice of chiropractic
14 as included in Section 161.8 of this title. Instructors at
15 continuing education seminars may sell products as long as the sale
16 of such products is ancillary to the purpose of the seminar.

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

23 E. 1. A minimum of eight (8) hours of the annual Oklahoma
24 continuing education requirements shall be obtained through one or

1 more in-state continuing education programs approved by the Board
2 and provided by an accredited chiropractic college in this state or
3 a chiropractic association in this state.

4 2. A maximum of eight (8) hours of the annual Oklahoma
5 continuing education requirements may be obtained by a continuing
6 education program outside this state if the out-of-state continuing
7 education program is approved by the Board.

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

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

16 ~~H.~~ The Board may waive the requirements for continuing
17 education, if the licensee was prevented from attending by illness
18 or extenuating circumstances, as determined by the Board. In
19 waiving the continuing education requirements for any given year,
20 the Board may require the licensee to make up the hours in the
21 succeeding year as a condition for license renewal.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE
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