

1 SB555
2 119669-1
3 By Senator Mitchell
4 RFD: Governmental Affairs
5 First Read: 23-MAR-10

2
3
4
5
6
7
8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, applicants for
9 licensure as a chiropractor are licensed by the
10 State Board of Chiropractic Examiners and are
11 required to meet certain qualifications.

12 This bill would provide that applicants for
13 licensure as a chiropractor would be required to
14 take a graduate level admission test.

15
16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT

19
20 Relating to the licensure of chiropractors; to amend
21 Section 34-24-160, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to
22 applicants for licensure by the State Board of Chiropractic
23 Examiners, to require certain applicants to take a graduate
24 school admissions test.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Section 34-24-160 of the Code of Alabama
27 1975, is amended to read as follows:

1 "§34-24-160.

2 "Any person wishing the right to practice
3 chiropractic shall make application to the State Board of
4 Chiropractic Examiners in the form as the board may prescribe.
5 Each applicant shall be of good moral character, a citizen of
6 the United States or, if not a citizen of the United States, a
7 person who is legally present in the United States with
8 appropriate documentation from the federal government, and
9 shall be a graduate of a chartered chiropractic school or
10 college accredited by the council of chiropractic education
11 which teaches only attendance courses and requires a minimum
12 four-year standard college course. An applicant for licensure
13 prior to December 31, 2009, shall also have had literary
14 training equaling as much as a regular high school. An
15 applicant for licensure after January 1, 2010, shall have a
16 bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. An
17 applicant for licensure who commenced chiropractic education
18 at a chiropractic school or college after January 1, 2012,
19 shall have taken the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or the Miller
20 Analogies Test and shall provide the results to the board. The
21 application shall be signed by the applicant in his or her own
22 handwriting, and shall be notarized, and shall recite the
23 history of the applicant's educational qualifications, how
24 long he or she has studied chiropractic, what collateral
25 branches, if any, he or she has studied, the length of time he
26 or she has engaged in clinical practice, with proof thereof in
27 the form of diplomas, certificates, transcripts, etc. Each

1 applicant shall submit with his or her application
2 satisfactory evidence of good character and reputation. Each
3 applicant for licensure shall pay to the board a fee of not
4 less than fifty dollars (\$50) and not more than one hundred
5 fifty dollars (\$150), the exact amount to be fixed annually by
6 resolution of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The
7 fee shall accompany the application. A fee of not less than
8 fifty dollars (\$50) and not more than one hundred fifty
9 dollars (\$150), the exact amount to be fixed by resolution of
10 the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall be paid for
11 any subsequent examination."

12 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
13 first day of the third month following its passage and
14 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.