

By: Representative Moody

To: Public Health and
Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 1319

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-6-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PERSON MUST BE A UNITED STATES
3 CITIZEN TO BE LICENSED AS A CHIROPRACTOR; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-6-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 73-6-13. (1) Any adult * * * of good moral character who
9 has (a) graduated from a school or college of chiropractic
10 recognized by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, preceded
11 by the successful completion of at least two (2) academic years at
12 an accredited institution of higher learning, or accredited junior
13 college, and (b) successfully completed parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 and
14 the physical modality section of the examination prepared by the
15 National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, shall be entitled to
16 take the examination for a license to practice chiropractic in
17 Mississippi. The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall keep
18 on file a list of schools or colleges of chiropractic which are so
19 recognized. No chiropractic school shall be approved unless it is
20 recognized and approved by the council of chiropractic education,
21 offers an accredited course of study of not less than four (4)
22 academic years of at least nine (9) months in length, and requires
23 its graduates to receive not less than forty (40) clock hours of
24 instruction in the operation of x-ray machinery and not less than
25 forty (40) clock hours of instruction in x-ray interpretation and
26 diagnosis.



27 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the State
28 Board of Health shall prescribe rules and regulations for the
29 operation and use of x-ray machines.

30 (3) The examination to practice chiropractic used by the
31 board shall consist of testing on the statutes and the rules and
32 regulations regarding the practice of chiropractic in the State of
33 Mississippi.

34 (4) Reciprocity privileges for a chiropractor from another
35 state shall be granted at the board's option on an individual
36 basis and by a majority vote of the State Board of Chiropractic
37 Examiners to an adult * * * of good moral character who (a) is
38 currently an active competent practitioner for at least eight (8)
39 years and holds an active chiropractic license in another state
40 with no disciplinary proceeding or unresolved complaint pending
41 anywhere at the time a license is to be issued by this state, (b)
42 demonstrates having obtained licensure as a chiropractor in
43 another state under the same education requirements which were
44 equivalent to the education requirements in this state to obtain a
45 chiropractic license at the time the applicant obtained the
46 license in the other state, (c) satisfactorily passes the
47 examination administered by the State Board of Chiropractic
48 Examiners and the Spec examination prepared by the National Board
49 of Chiropractic Examiners, and (d) meets the requirements of
50 Section 73-6-1(3) pertaining to therapeutic modalities.

51 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
52 and after July 1, 2002.

