

By: Representative Moody

To: Public Health and
WelfareHOUSE BILL NO. 1319
(As Passed the House)

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; TO REQUIRE ANY APPLICANT
4 FOR A CHIROPRACTIC LICENSE WHO IS NOT A UNITED STATES CITIZEN TO
5 SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT STATING THE PERSON'S INTENTION TO APPLY FOR
6 CITIZENSHIP AT THE EARLIEST DATE THAT HE OR SHE BECOMES ELIGIBLE;
7 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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



30 Any person who applies to take the examination for a
31 chiropractic license who is not a citizen of the United States
32 must include with the application to the board a signed affidavit
33 stating that the person intends to meet the qualifications and
34 apply for United States citizenship at the earliest date that he
35 or she becomes eligible for citizenship.

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

39 (3) The examination to practice chiropractic used by the
40 board shall consist of testing on the statutes and the rules and
41 regulations regarding the practice of chiropractic in the State of
42 Mississippi.

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

60 Any person who applies for a chiropractic license by
61 reciprocity who is not a citizen of the United States must include
62 with the application to the board a signed affidavit stating that



63 the person intends to meet the qualifications and apply for United
64 States citizenship at the earliest date that he or she becomes
65 eligible for citizenship.

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

