

By: Senator(s) Huggins

To: Public Health and
Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2657

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

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

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

7 73-6-13. (1) Any adult * * * of good moral character who
8 has (a) graduated from a school or college of chiropractic
9 recognized by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, preceded
10 by the successful completion of at least two (2) academic years at
11 an accredited institution of higher learning, or accredited junior
12 college, and (b) successfully completed parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 and
13 the physical modality section of the examination prepared by the
14 National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, shall be entitled to
15 take the examination for a license to practice chiropractic in
16 Mississippi. The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall keep
17 on file a list of schools or colleges of chiropractic which are so
18 recognized. No chiropractic school shall be approved unless it is
19 recognized and approved by the council of chiropractic education,
20 offers an accredited course of study of not less than four (4)
21 academic years of at least nine (9) months in length, and requires
22 its graduates to receive not less than forty (40) clock hours of
23 instruction in the operation of x-ray machinery and not less than
24 forty (40) clock hours of instruction in x-ray interpretation and
25 diagnosis.



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

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

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

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

