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The Committee on Health Regulation (Jones) recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

On page 1, between lines 27 and 28,

insert:

(1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a chiropractic physician must ~~shall~~ apply to the department to take the licensure examination. There shall be an application fee set by the board not to exceed \$100 which shall be nonrefundable. There shall also be an examination fee not to exceed \$500 plus the actual per applicant cost to the department for purchase of portions of the examination from the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners or a similar national organization, which may be refundable if the applicant is found ineligible to take the examination. The department shall examine each applicant who the board certifies has:

(a) Completed the application form and remitted the appropriate fee.

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1 (b) Submitted proof satisfactory to the department  
2 that he or she is not less than 18 years of age.

3 (c) Submitted proof satisfactory to the department  
4 that he or she is a graduate of a chiropractic college which  
5 is accredited by or has status with the Council on  
6 Chiropractic Education or its predecessor agency. However, any  
7 applicant who is a graduate of a chiropractic college that was  
8 initially accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education  
9 in 1995, who graduated from such college within the 4 years  
10 immediately preceding such accreditation, and who is otherwise  
11 qualified shall be eligible to take the examination. No  
12 application for a license to practice chiropractic medicine  
13 shall be denied solely because the applicant is a graduate of  
14 a chiropractic college that subscribes to one philosophy of  
15 chiropractic medicine as distinguished from another.

16 (d)1. For an applicant who has matriculated in a  
17 chiropractic college prior to July 2, 1990, completed at least  
18 2 years of residence college work, consisting of a minimum of  
19 one-half the work acceptable for a bachelor's degree granted  
20 on the basis of a 4-year period of study, in a college or  
21 university accredited by an accrediting agency recognized and  
22 approved by the United States Department of Education.  
23 However, prior to being certified by the board to sit for the  
24 examination, each applicant who has matriculated in a  
25 chiropractic college after July 1, 1990, shall have been  
26 granted a bachelor's degree, based upon 4 academic years of  
27 study, by a college or university accredited by a regional  
28 accrediting agency which is a member of the Commission on  
29 Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation.

30 2. Effective July 1, 2000, completed, prior to  
31 matriculation in a chiropractic college, at least 3 years of

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1 residence college work, consisting of a minimum of 90 semester  
 2 hours leading to a bachelor's degree in a liberal arts college  
 3 or university accredited by an accrediting agency recognized  
 4 and approved by the United States Department of Education.  
 5 However, prior to being certified by the board to sit for the  
 6 examination, each applicant who has matriculated in a  
 7 chiropractic college after July 1, 2000, shall have been  
 8 granted a bachelor's degree from an institution holding  
 9 accreditation for that degree from a regional accrediting  
 10 agency which is recognized by the United States Department of  
 11 Education. The applicant's chiropractic degree must consist  
 12 of credits earned in the chiropractic program and may not  
 13 include academic credit for courses from the bachelor's  
 14 degree.

15 (e) Successfully completed the National Board of  
 16 Chiropractic Examiners certification examination in parts I,  
 17 ~~and II,~~ and III ~~clinical competency~~, with a score approved by  
 18 the board, ~~within 10 years immediately preceding application~~  
 19 ~~to the department for licensure.~~

20 (f) Submitted to the department a set of fingerprints  
 21 on a form and under procedures specified by the department,  
 22 along with payment in an amount equal to the costs incurred by  
 23 the Department of Health for the criminal background check of  
 24 the applicant.

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 26 The board may require an applicant who graduated from an  
 27 institution accredited by the Council on Chiropractic  
 28 Education more than 10 years before the date of application to  
 29 the board to take the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners  
 30 Special Purposes Examination for Chiropractic, or its  
 31 equivalent, as determined by the board. The board shall

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1 establish by rule a passing score.

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5 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

6           On page 1, lines 25 and 26, delete those lines

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8 and insert:

9           Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 460.406, Florida  
10 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that  
11 section, to read:

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14 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

15 And the title is amended as follows:

16           On page 1, line 3, after the semicolon,

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18 insert:

19           providing that the Board of Chiropractic  
20           Medicine may require certain applicants to take  
21           the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners  
22           Special Purposes Examination for Chiropractic  
23           or its equivalent;

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