

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the practice of chiropractic
 3 medicine; amending s. 460.403, F.S.; authorizing
 4 chiropractic physicians to use dry needling treatments
 5 for specified purposes; requiring certain training and
 6 certification; amending s. 460.406, F.S.; requiring
 7 the Board of Chiropractic Medicine to certify certain
 8 applicants who provide a specified credentials
 9 evaluation report; providing an effective date.

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 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 13 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (9) of section
 14 460.403, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 460.403 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:
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17 (c)1. Chiropractic physicians may adjust, manipulate, or
 18 treat the human body by manual, mechanical, electrical, or
 19 natural methods; by the use of physical means or physiotherapy,
 20 including light, heat, water, or exercise; by the use of
 21 acupuncture; by the use of monofilament intramuscular
 22 stimulation, also known as dry needling, treatment for trigger
 23 points or myofascial pain, only after completing a 40-hour, in
 24 person, board-approved certification course; or by the
 25 administration of foods, food concentrates, food extracts, and

26 | items for which a prescription is not required and may apply
 27 | first aid and hygiene, but chiropractic physicians are expressly
 28 | prohibited from prescribing or administering to any person any
 29 | legend drug except as authorized under subparagraph 2., from
 30 | performing any surgery except as stated herein, or from
 31 | practicing obstetrics.

32 | 2. Notwithstanding the prohibition against prescribing and
 33 | administering legend drugs under subparagraph 1. or s.
 34 | 499.83(2) (c), pursuant to board rule chiropractic physicians may
 35 | order, store, and administer, for emergency purposes only at the
 36 | chiropractic physician's office or place of business,
 37 | prescription medical oxygen and may also order, store, and
 38 | administer the following topical anesthetics in aerosol form:

39 | a. Any solution consisting of 25 percent ethylchloride and
 40 | 75 percent dichlorodifluoromethane.

41 | b. Any solution consisting of 15 percent
 42 | dichlorodifluoromethane and 85 percent
 43 | trichloromonofluoromethane.

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 45 | However, this paragraph does not authorize a chiropractic
 46 | physician to prescribe medical oxygen as defined in chapter 499.

47 | Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section
 48 | 460.406, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

49 | 460.406 Licensure by examination.—

50 | (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a chiropractic

51 physician must apply to the department to take the licensure
52 examination. There shall be an application fee set by the board
53 not to exceed \$100 which shall be nonrefundable. There shall
54 also be an examination fee not to exceed \$500 plus the actual
55 per applicant cost to the department for purchase of portions of
56 the examination from the National Board of Chiropractic
57 Examiners or a similar national organization, which may be
58 refundable if the applicant is found ineligible to take the
59 examination. The department shall examine each applicant whom
60 the board certifies has met all of the following criteria:

61 (d)1. For an applicant who has matriculated in a
62 chiropractic college before July 2, 1990, completed at least 2
63 years of residence college work, consisting of a minimum of one-
64 half the work acceptable for a bachelor's degree granted on the
65 basis of a 4-year period of study, in a college or university
66 accredited by an institutional accrediting agency recognized and
67 approved by the United States Department of Education or
68 provides a credentials evaluation report from a board-approved
69 organization that deems the applicant's education equivalent to
70 a bachelor's degree. However, before being certified by the
71 board to sit for the examination, each applicant who has
72 matriculated in a chiropractic college after July 1, 1990, must
73 have been granted a bachelor's degree, based upon 4 academic
74 years of study, by a college or university accredited by an
75 institutional accrediting agency that is a member of the

76 Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation or
 77 provides a credentials evaluation report from a board-approved
 78 organization that deems the applicant's education equivalent to
 79 a bachelor's degree.

80 2. Effective July 1, 2000, completed, before matriculation
 81 in a chiropractic college, at least 3 years of residence college
 82 work, consisting of a minimum of 90 semester hours leading to a
 83 bachelor's degree in a liberal arts college or university
 84 accredited by an institutional accrediting agency recognized and
 85 approved by the United States Department of Education or
 86 provides a credentials evaluation report from a board-approved
 87 organization that deems the applicant's education equivalent to
 88 a bachelor's degree. However, before being certified by the
 89 board to sit for the examination, each applicant who has
 90 matriculated in a chiropractic college after July 1, 2000, must
 91 have been granted a bachelor's degree from an institution
 92 holding accreditation for that degree from an institutional
 93 accrediting agency that is recognized by the United States
 94 Department of Education or provides a credentials evaluation
 95 report from a board-approved organization that deems the
 96 applicant's education equivalent to a bachelor's degree. The
 97 applicant's chiropractic degree must consist of credits earned
 98 in the chiropractic program and may not include academic credit
 99 for courses from the bachelor's degree.

100 (e) Successfully completed the National Board of

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101 Chiropractic Examiners certification examination in parts I, II,
102 III, and IV, and the physiotherapy examination of the National
103 Board of Chiropractic Examiners, with a score approved by the
104 board.

105 (f) Submitted to the department a set of fingerprints on a
106 form and under procedures specified by the department, along
107 with payment in an amount equal to the costs incurred by the
108 Department of Health for the criminal background check of the
109 applicant.

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111 The board may require an applicant who graduated from an
112 institution accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education
113 more than 10 years before the date of application to the board
114 to take the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners Special
115 Purposes Examination for Chiropractic, or its equivalent, as
116 determined by the board. The board shall establish by rule a
117 passing score.

118 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.