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An Act To Allow Chiropractic Internships

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative DOORE of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and
Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, CAMPBELL of Orrington, COLLINGS of Portland,
FECTEAU of Biddeford, HANDY of Lewiston, MARTIN of Sinclair, MASTRACCIO of
Sanford, Senator: HERBIG of Waldo.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §451, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

3 **2-A. Chiropractic intern.** "Chiropractic intern" means a chiropractic student who
4 has been issued a temporary license to provide chiropractic services under the provisions
5 of subchapter 5.

6 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA c. 9, sub-c. 5** is enacted to read:

7 **SUBCHAPTER 5**

8 **CHIROPRACTIC INTERNS**

9 **§561. License**

10 An individual may not provide chiropractic services as a chiropractic intern except as
11 described under this subchapter.

12 **1. Application for licensure.** An applicant for a temporary license to practice
13 chiropractic as a chiropractic intern pursuant to this subchapter shall complete an
14 application on a form established by the board and pay a fee established by the board. An
15 applicant for a temporary license shall:

16 A. Identify the college or institution at which the applicant is a student sponsoring
17 the applicant through a preceptorship arrangement;

18 B. Identify the licensed chiropractic doctor who will provide supervision to the
19 applicant, who must possess a valid, unrestricted license to practice chiropractic in
20 the State and be approved by the sponsoring college or institution under paragraph A;

21 C. Identify to the satisfaction of the board that adequate professional liability
22 insurance provided by the sponsoring college or institution under paragraph A that
23 covers the internship relationship is in effect;

24 D. Provide evidence of having good moral character by means of a letter of good
25 standing from the sponsoring college or institution under paragraph A and submit to a
26 criminal background check as described in Title 20-A, section 6103; and

27 E. Attest to having fully read and understood the requirements of this chapter and all
28 rules established by the board pertaining to the legal practice of chiropractic in the
29 State and agree to practice within the confines of state law.

30 The board may issue a nonrenewable temporary license, not to exceed 6 months, to
31 practice chiropractic to an applicant meeting all of the conditions of this subsection. The
32 temporary license must describe the place or setting where chiropractic services are
33 provided. An applicant failing to provide documentation of the requirements of this
34 subsection may not be granted a temporary license by the board. The board may by rule
35 establish other requirements for temporary licensure of chiropractic interns.

1 2. Exceptions to licensure. The board may adopt rules to implement exceptions to
2 licensure requirements for students practicing chiropractic as part of educational
3 instruction in chiropractic.

4 **§562. Supervision requirements**

5 1. Supervision. A chiropractic intern may not provide chiropractic services except
6 under the supervision of the chiropractic doctor identified in section 561, subsection 1,
7 paragraph B. The chiropractic doctor shall be on the premises at all times and be readily
8 available to instruct a chiropractic intern throughout the performance of the services the
9 chiropractic intern is providing.

10 2. Changes to supervision. In the event the supervising chiropractic doctor under
11 subsection 1 is unable to continue providing supervision to a chiropractic intern, the
12 intern shall immediately notify the board and may not continue to practice chiropractic
13 medicine until the board has approved the chiropractic intern to practice under the
14 supervision of another licensed chiropractic doctor.

15 **§563. Title and display of license**

16 1. Title. A chiropractic intern may not use any title or initials other than the term
17 "chiropractic intern" with respect to the provision of chiropractic services.

18 2. Display of temporary license. A chiropractic intern shall conspicuously display
19 the intern's temporary license while providing chiropractic services.

20 **§564. Rulemaking**

21 The board may establish rules to implement this subchapter. Rules adopted pursuant
22 to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
23 2-A.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill establishes a new temporary license for chiropractic interns. The bill
26 describes the supervision and credentialing requirements for licensure and the process by
27 which an applicant may gain licensure. The bill provides the Board of Chiropractic
28 Licensure with rule-making authority.