Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013

SENATE BILL NO. 2051 (Government and Veterans Affairs Committee) (At the request of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 43-06-08, 43-06-12, and 43-06-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to chiropractic licensure fees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 43-06-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-06-08. License required - Application - Examination required - Fee.

No person may practice chiropractic in this state unless that person has a license from the state board of chiropractic examiners. Any person who desires a license shall apply to the board and submit to an examination. Each applicant shall present with the application a diploma from a college of chiropractic accredited by the council on chiropractic education or its successor, or a photocopy of the same, or a certificate from the college stating that the applicant is a student in good standing in the student's last trimester, and proof that the applicant has the required qualifications. The board may allow an applicant to take the examination during the period that the applicant is attending the applicant's last trimester but may not issue a license until the applicant has graduated and has provided the board with a diploma as provided in this section. Before beginning the examination, the applicant shall pay to the secretary-treasurer of the board a fee, to be determined by the board from time to time, of an amount not to exceed twofive hundred dollars. The examination must be held twice yearly at intervals of approximately six months with date and place to be determined by the board.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 43-06-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-06-12. Reexamination - Fee.

If an applicant for a license to practice chiropractic fails to pass the examination, the board, within one year after rejection, may permit that person to retake the examination, upon the payment of a fee, to be determined by the board from time to time, of an amount not to exceed two five hundred dollars.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 43-06-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-06-13. Term of license - Renewal - Fee - Requirements.

A license to practice chiropractic in this state is valid for one year only and must be renewed on or before the first day of September of each year. The fee for renewal of a license must be determined by the board but may not exceed twofive hundred dollars. The board shall establish by rule the number of hours necessary for annual continuing education. Before it issues a renewal license, the board shall require each applicant who has a license to practice in this state to attend a postgraduate course sponsored by a college of chiropractic, accredited by the council on chiropractic education, or its successor, a health-related seminar sponsored by an equally accredited college or university, a medical seminar qualifying for continuing education credits, or at least a two-day educational program arranged by the North Dakota chiropractic association and approved by the board. A license which has not been renewed, as a result of nonpayment of annual registration fees required by this chapter or as a result of the failure by the licensee to attend the required annual continuing education, may be reinstated upon payment to the board of the amount of renewal fees then in default or by certification that the required continuing education has been completed within sixty days after the expiration of the previous license.

In either case, the board may charge an additional administrative fee to be fixed by the board not to exceed four hundred dollars. In addition to the payment of fees, the board, after an investigation, may require a chiropractor whose license has not been renewed to submit to a reexamination as to the applicant's qualifications to practice chiropractic before the applicant is reinstated, if the board in the exercise of its discretion finds and determines that the best interests of the public and the applicant will be served thereby.

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