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By: **Delegate D. Davis**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Chiropractors - Licensure - Educational Qualifications**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the educational qualifications for licensure in  
4 chiropractic to exempt from a certain requirement concerning a bachelor's  
5 degree a license applicant who has matriculated to an approved school of  
6 chiropractic and who has obtained a bachelor's degree before making a certain  
7 application; and generally relating to the qualifications for licensure in  
8 chiropractic.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Health Occupations  
11 Section 3-302  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Health Occupations**

17 3-302.

18 (a) To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the  
19 requirements of this section and the examination requirements of this title.

20 (b) The applicant shall be of good moral character.

21 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this title, the applicant shall:

22 (1) [Prior to matriculation to an approved school of chiropractic:]

23 (i) Hold a bachelor's degree from a college or university approved  
24 by an accrediting agency of the United States Department of Education; and

25 (ii) Have completed satisfactorily college courses required by the  
26 Board; and

1                   (2)    (i)    Be a graduate of a school of chiropractic that has been approved  
2 by the Board under § 3-402 of this title; or

3                               (ii)    1.     Be licensed in another state for at least 2 years; and

4   2.     Be a graduate of a school of chiropractic:

5   A.     That has been approved by the Council on Chiropractic  
6 Education within 4 years after the applicant graduated from that school; and

7   B.     That the Board determines had standards comparable to  
8 an approved school at the time the applicant graduated.

9    (d)    The requirement IN SUBSECTION (C)(1)(I) OF THIS SECTION that an  
10 applicant hold a bachelor's degree does not apply to an individual who:

11                   (1)    [has] HAS matriculated to an approved school of chiropractic [before  
12 July 1, 1991]; AND

13                   (2)    OBTAINS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE BEFORE MAKING AN APPLICATION  
14 FOR LICENSURE.

15    (e)    An applicant shall be entitled to a license to practice chiropractic with the  
16 right to practice physical therapy if the applicant:

17                   (1)    Satisfies the requirements of this section, § 3-303, and § 3-304(e)(2)  
18 of this title;

19                   (2)    Was licensed as a chiropractor on or before June 1, 1949; or

20                   (3)    Was enrolled at an approved college of chiropractic on June 1, 1949,  
21 and later was graduated by that college and licensed.

22    SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 July 1, 1999.