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House Bill 646 (Delegate D. Davis)

Environmental Matters

Chiropractors - Licensure - Educational Qualifications

This bill modifies the educational requirements for a chiropractic license. An individual qualifies for a chiropractic license if the individual has matriculated to an approved chiropractic school and obtains a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university before applying for licensure. Under current law an applicant for licensure must have earned a bachelor's degree before matriculating to an approved chiropractic school. The bill allows an applicant to complete the bachelor's degree requirement at any time prior to applying for licensure. The bill also repeals the exemption from the bachelor degree requirement applicable to an individual who had matriculated to an approved school of chiropractic before July 1, 1991.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund revenues from license fees could increase by a nominal amount as a result of more individuals qualifying for a chiropractic license. Currently, applicants for a new license are required to pay a \$100 application fee, a \$250 examination fee, and a \$100 licensure fee. No effect on expenditures.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. More individuals may qualify for a chiropractic license as a result of this bill.

Information Source(s): Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Board of Chiropractic Examiners), Department of Legislative Services

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