

ACT 68

S.B. NO. 447

A Bill for an Act Relating to Chiropractic.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 442-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

“(c) The applicant shall be required to pass parts I and II of the [national board of chiropractic examiners’] National Board of Chiropractic Examiners’ examination in order to qualify for the state chiropractic examination. The state examinations shall be designed to ascertain the fitness and qualifications of the applicant to practice chiropractic. The board may contract with professional testing services to prepare, administer, and grade the state examinations. The state examination may include both practical demonstration and a written examination. A license shall be granted to any applicant who attains a numerical score of seventy-five or higher in all subjects and sections of the state examination. Any applicant failing to make the required grade may be reexamined at the next regular examination upon payment of a reexamination fee. Any person seeking licensure under this chapter, including approval to use physiotherapy modalities, shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board that the person has received training in the use of physiotherapy modalities at an accredited institution and passed the physiotherapy portion of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners’ examination. The board may require an applicant to complete a practical

demonstration examination which shall include an examination of the applicant's performance in using physiotherapy treatment techniques and equipment.

(d) No person licensed [as a] to practice chiropractic in this State shall use physiotherapy modalities without receiving approval by the board to do so. [The board by rule shall establish the criteria and procedures for granting this approval. Any person seeking licensure under this chapter, including approval to use physiotherapy modalities must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board that the person has received training in the use of physiotherapy modalities at an accredited institution and passed the physiotherapy portion of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners examination, in addition to the requirements of subsection (c). The board shall require an applicant for approval to use physiotherapy modalities to complete a practical demonstration examination which shall include an examination of the applicant's performance in using physiotherapy treatment techniques and equipment, with emphasis on the more complex and dangerous techniques. The practical demonstration examination shall use standardized questions of uniform difficulty for each applicant and provide for grading of each applicant by two examiners who shall grade independently and have had appropriate training in calibrated grading procedures.]

The board shall adopt rules for granting approval for the use of physiotherapy modalities by persons holding valid, current licenses under this chapter on June 4, 1984. The board may require any licensed chiropractor to take and pass a written or practical examination before granting approval to use physiotherapy modalities.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 29, 1987.)