










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House Bill 942

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Bill Text for All Versions Explanation

 |  |  *Approved by the Governor*
 |  |  *As Passed the House*
 |  |  *As Introduced*

Description: Chiropractors; extend repealer on licensure law.

Fiscal Note: No fiscal note conducted





Background Information:

Disposition: Law
Deadline: General Bill/Constitutional Amendment
Revenue: No
Vote type required: Three/Fifths
Effective date: July 1, 2026

History of Actions:

- 1 01/16 (H) Referred To Public Health and Human Services
- 2 02/03 (H) Title Suff Do Pass As Amended
- 3 02/11 (H) Read the Third Time
- 4 02/12 (H) Amended
- 5 02/12 (H) Passed As Amended [Vote]
- 6 02/16 (H) Transmitted To Senate
- 7 02/18 (S) Referred To Public Health and Welfare
- 8 03/03 (S) Title Suff Do Pass
- 9 03/09 (S) Passed [Vote]
- 10 03/10 (S) Returned For Enrolling
- 11 03/11 (H) Enrolled Bill Signed
- 12 03/11 (S) Enrolled Bill Signed
- 13 03/17 Approved by Governor

Amendments:

 |  [H] Committee Amendment No 1 **Tabled**
 |  [H] Amendment No 2 **Adopted** *Voice Vote*

Code Section: [A 073-0006-0001](#), [R 073-0006-0003](#), [R 073-0006-0005](#), [R 073-0006-0007](#), [R 073-0006-0009](#),
[R 073-0006-0011](#), [R 073-0006-0013](#), [R 073-0006-0014](#), [R 073-0006-0015](#), [R 073-0006-0017](#), [R 073-0006-0018](#),
[R 073-0006-0019](#), [R 073-0006-0023](#), [R 073-0006-0025](#), [R 073-0006-0026](#), [R 073-0006-0027](#), [R 073-0006-0029](#),
[R 073-0006-0031](#), [A 073-0006-0033](#)

----- Additional Information -----

House Committee: [Public Health and Human Services](#)

Senate Committee: [Public Health and Welfare](#)

Principal Author: [Shanks](#)

Title: AN ACT TO REENACT SECTIONS 73-6-1 THROUGH 73-6-19 AND 73-6-23 THROUGH 73-6-31, MISSISSIPPI

CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATE THE STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS AND PRESCRIBE ITS DUTIES AND POWERS; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 73-6-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT CHIROPRACTORS MUST PRACTICE UNDER THE DIRECT AND IMMEDIATE SUPERVISION OF A VETERINARIAN WHEN RESPONDING TO CALLS FOR ANIMALS REQUIRING THEIR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED THAT THE CHIROPRACTOR IS A CERTIFIED ANIMAL CHIROPRACTOR; TO AMEND SECTION 73-6-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE REENACTED SECTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill No. 942

BY: Committee

1 **AMEND** on line 61 by deleting the words "and immediate"

2 **AMEND FURTHER** on line 9 by inserting after the word
3 "reenacted" the words "and amended"

4 **AMEND FURTHER** the title on line 4 by inserting the following
5 after the semicolon: "TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 73-6-1,
6 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT
7 CHIROPRACTORS MUST PRACTICE UNDER THE IMMEDIATE SUPERVISION OF A
8 VETERINARIAN WHEN RESPONDING TO CALLS FOR ANIMALS REQUIRING THEIR
9 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES;"



By: Representative Shanks

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 942
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO REENACT SECTIONS 73-6-1 THROUGH 73-6-19 AND 73-6-23
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3 BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS AND PRESCRIBE ITS DUTIES AND
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7 RESPONDING TO CALLS FOR ANIMALS REQUIRING THEIR PROFESSIONAL
8 SERVICES PROVIDED THAT THE CHIROPRACTOR IS A CERTIFIED ANIMAL
9 CHIROPRACTOR; TO AMEND SECTION 73-6-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
10 TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE REENACTED SECTIONS; AND
11 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

13 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-6-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
14 amended as follows:

15 73-6-1. (1) The practice of chiropractic involves the
16 analysis of any interference with normal nerve transmission and
17 expression, and the procedure preparatory to and complementary to
18 the correction thereof, by adjustment and/or manipulation of the
19 articulations of the vertebral column and for the restoration and
20 maintenance of health without the use of drugs or surgery.

21 (2) The chiropractic adjustment and/or manipulation of the
22 articulations of the human body may include manual adjustments



23 and/or manipulations and adjustments and/or manipulations by means
24 of electrical and/or mechanical manual devices. Chiropractors
25 licensed under this chapter may also use in conjunction with
26 adjustments and/or manipulations of the spinal structures
27 electrical therapeutic modalities which induce heat or electrical
28 current beneath the skin, including therapeutic ultrasound,
29 galvanism, diathermy and electromuscular stimulation and other
30 procedures taught by a chiropractic college approved by the
31 Council on Chiropractic Education, its successor or an equivalent
32 accrediting agency.

33 (3) Chiropractors licensed under this chapter may utilize
34 those electric therapeutic modalities described in subsection (2)
35 of this section only after the chiropractor has completed a course
36 of study containing a minimum of one hundred twenty (120) hours of
37 instruction in the proper utilization of those procedures in
38 accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Council on
39 Chiropractic Education, its successor or an equivalent accrediting
40 agency, and is qualified and so certified in that proper
41 utilization.

42 (4) Chiropractors shall not prescribe or administer medicine
43 to patients, perform surgery, practice obstetrics or osteopathy.
44 Chiropractors shall be authorized to recommend, dispense or sell
45 vitamins or food supplements.

46 (5) Chiropractors shall not use venipuncture, capillary
47 puncture, acupuncture or any other technique which is invasive of



48 the human body either by penetrating the skin or through any of
49 the orifices of the body or through the use of colonics.

50 (6) A person professing to practice chiropractic for
51 compensation must bring to the exercise of that person's
52 profession a reasonable degree of care and skill. Any injury
53 resulting from a want of such care and skill shall be a tort for
54 which a recovery may be had. If a chiropractor performs upon a
55 patient any act authorized to be performed under this chapter but
56 which act also constitutes a standard procedure of the practice of
57 medicine including, but not limited to, the use of modalities such
58 as those described in subsection (2) of this section and x-rays,
59 under similar circumstances, the chiropractor shall be held to the
60 same standard of care as would licensed doctors of medicine who
61 are qualified to and who actually perform those acts under similar
62 conditions and like circumstances.

63 (7) Chiropractors licensed under this chapter are authorized
64 to refer patients to licensed physical therapists for treatment.

65 (8) Doctors of chiropractic medicine may respond on a
66 referral basis *** from a Mississippi licensed veterinarian to
67 calls for animals requiring their professional services provided
68 the chiropractor has a current license from the State Board of
69 Chiropractic Examiners and the chiropractor *** is a Certified
70 Animal Chiropractor certified by the Animal Chiropractic
71 Certification Commission (ACCC) of the American Veterinary



72 Chiropractic Association (AVCA) or the International Veterinary
73 Chiropractic Association.

74 **SECTION 2.** Section 73-6-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
75 reenacted as follows:

76 73-6-3. There is hereby created a State Board of
77 Chiropractic Examiners. This board shall consist of six (6)
78 members; one (1) of whom shall be the executive officer of the
79 State Board of Health, or his designee, and one (1) from each
80 congressional district as presently constituted, to be appointed
81 by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each
82 member except the executive officer of the State Board of Health
83 shall be a qualified elector of the State of Mississippi having
84 been continuously engaged in the practice of chiropractic in
85 Mississippi for at least five (5) years prior to appointment. No
86 member shall be a stockholder in or member of the faculty or board
87 of trustees of any school of chiropractic. Each member appointed
88 to the board shall serve for five (5) years and until his
89 successor is appointed and qualified; except the terms of the
90 initial members appointed by the Governor shall expire one (1)
91 each for five (5) years or until their successors are appointed
92 and qualified. The members of the board as constituted on January
93 1, 2011, whose terms have not expired shall serve the balance of
94 their terms, after which time the membership of the board shall be
95 appointed as follows: There shall be appointed one (1) member of
96 the board from each of the four (4) Mississippi congressional



97 districts as they currently exist, and one (1) from the state at
98 large, and the Governor shall make appointments from the
99 congressional district having the smallest number of board members
100 until the membership includes one (1) member from each district as
101 required. Vacancies on the board, except for the Executive
102 Officer of the State Board of Health, or his designee, shall be
103 filled by appointment of the Governor only for unexpired terms.
104 Any member who shall not attend two (2) consecutive meetings of
105 the board shall be subject to removal by the Governor. The
106 chairman of the board shall notify the Governor in writing when
107 any such member has failed to attend two (2) consecutive regular
108 meetings.

109 **SECTION 3.** Section 73-6-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
110 reenacted as follows:

111 73-6-5. (1) The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall
112 select by election from its membership a chairman and vice
113 chairman who shall hold their respective offices for a period of
114 one (1) year. A majority of the members of the board may select
115 an executive secretary; and may hire such other employees,
116 including an attorney, needed to implement the provisions of this
117 chapter. The board shall hold regular meetings for examination
118 beginning on the second week of January and July of each year; and
119 may hold additional meetings at such times and places as it deems
120 necessary, but not to exceed twelve (12) times during its initial
121 calendar year and at least four (4) times during any subsequent



122 calendar year but may hold meetings at such times and places as it
123 deems necessary. The July meeting shall be held in the Jackson
124 Metropolitan area. A majority of the board shall constitute a
125 quorum, and the concurrence of a majority of the members of the
126 board shall be required to grant or revoke a license. The board
127 shall make such rules and regulations as is necessary to carry out
128 the provisions of this chapter; however, the board shall not adopt
129 any rule or regulation or impose any requirement regarding the
130 licensing of chiropractors that conflicts with the prohibitions in
131 Section 73-49-3. A copy of these rules and regulations as well as
132 all changes thereto shall, upon passage, be sent to all
133 practitioners licensed under this chapter.

134 (2) The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall be
135 authorized to certify to the State Department of Health those
136 chiropractic assistants who are exempt from registration under
137 Section 41-58-3(7) (d) as having completed continuing education
138 requirements and charge a fee of not more than Fifty Dollars
139 (\$50.00) annually to each individual whom the board certifies, as
140 required under Section 41-58-5(4) and (6). The board shall be
141 authorized to establish educational qualifications and continuing
142 education requirements for chiropractic assistants that
143 participate in direct patient care. This section does not
144 prohibit a chiropractic assistant from rendering ancillary
145 services or procedures used in chiropractic practice, other than
146 the adjustments or manipulative techniques, if those services are



147 rendered under the supervision and control of a licensed
148 chiropractor as long as the chiropractic assistant has
149 successfully completed a training program recognized by the board.
150 "Supervision and control" may not be construed as requiring the
151 personal presence of the supervising and controlling chiropractor
152 at the place where those services are rendered, unless physical
153 presence is necessary to provide patient care of the same quality
154 as provided by the chiropractor. This section does not prohibit a
155 chiropractor from delegating to a chiropractic assistant certain
156 activities relating to patient care and treatment when those
157 activities are under supervision or direct order of the
158 chiropractor. The chiropractor delegating those activities to an
159 employee, to a program graduate, or to a participant in an
160 approved training program is legally liable for those activities
161 performed by such a chiropractic assistant and that chiropractic
162 assistant is considered to be the chiropractor's agent. The board
163 shall charge a fee not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) annually
164 for this certification and annual renewal. Likewise, a late fee
165 of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) shall be charged on all
166 chiropractic assistants and chiropractic radiological
167 technologists not renewing on or before July 1 of each year.
168 Chiropractic radiological technologists are not exempt from these
169 continuing education requirements.

170 **SECTION 4.** Section 73-6-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
171 reenacted as follows:



172 73-6-7. Before entering upon the discharge of the duties of
173 his office, the Executive Secretary of the State Board of
174 Chiropractic Examiners shall present a bond, approved by the
175 board, to the state in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars
176 (\$10,000.00), conditioned upon the faithful discharge of the
177 duties of his office. The premium for such bond shall be paid
178 from the funds paid into the State Treasury by the secretary of
179 the board. Such bond, with the approval of the board and oath of
180 office endorsed thereon, shall be deposited with the Secretary of
181 State.

182 Each month, monies received by the secretary of the board
183 shall be paid by him into the State Treasury and deposited in a
184 fund to be known as the "State Board of Chiropractic Examiners
185 Fund" for the use of the board in carrying out the provisions of
186 this chapter. The board shall receive no appropriation from any
187 state funds for its support, except from the special fund
188 deposited into the State Treasury by the board.

189 **SECTION 5.** Section 73-6-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
190 reenacted as follows:

191 73-6-9. Each member of the State Board of Chiropractic
192 Examiners shall receive the per diem authorized under Section
193 25-3-69, for each day actually discharging his official duties,
194 and shall receive reimbursement for mileage and necessary expense
195 incurred, as provided in Section 25-3-41. The executive secretary
196 shall receive an annual salary to be fixed by the board in



197 addition to reimbursements for necessary expenses incurred in the
198 discharge of his official duties.

199 The expenses of the board in carrying out the provisions of
200 this chapter shall be paid upon requisitions signed by the
201 chairman and secretary of the board and warrants signed by the
202 State Auditor from the fund in the State Treasury for the use of
203 the board. Said expenses shall not exceed the amount paid into
204 the State Treasury under the provisions of this chapter.

205 **SECTION 6.** Section 73-6-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
206 reenacted as follows:

207 73-6-11. The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall
208 adopt an official seal and shall keep a record of its proceedings,
209 persons licensed as chiropractors, and a record of licenses which
210 have been revoked or suspended. The board shall keep on file all
211 examination papers for a period of at least ninety (90) days after
212 each examination. A transcript of an entry in such records,
213 certified by the secretary under the seal of the board, shall be
214 evidence of the facts therein stated. The board shall annually,
215 on or before January 1, make a report to the Governor and
216 Legislature of all its official acts during the preceding year,
217 its receipts and disbursements, and a full and complete report of
218 the conditions of chiropractic in this state.

219 **SECTION 7.** Section 73-6-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
220 reenacted as follows:



221 73-6-13. (1) Any adult of good moral character who has (a)
222 graduated from a school or college of chiropractic recognized by
223 the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, preceded by the
224 successful completion of at least two (2) academic years at an
225 accredited institution of higher learning, or accredited junior
226 college, and (b) successfully completed parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 and
227 the physical modality section of the examination prepared by the
228 National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, shall be entitled to
229 take the examination for a license to practice chiropractic in
230 Mississippi. The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall keep
231 on file a list of schools or colleges of chiropractic which are so
232 recognized. No chiropractic school shall be approved unless it is
233 recognized and approved by the Council on Chiropractic Education,
234 its successor or an equivalent accrediting agency, offers an
235 accredited course of study of not less than four (4) academic
236 years of at least nine (9) months in length, and requires its
237 graduates to receive not less than forty (40) clock hours of
238 instruction in the operation of x-ray machinery and not less than
239 forty (40) clock hours of instruction in x-ray interpretation and
240 diagnosis.

241 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the State
242 Board of Health shall prescribe rules and regulations for the
243 operation and use of x-ray machines.

244 (3) The examination to practice chiropractic used by the
245 board shall consist of testing on the statutes and the rules and



246 regulations regarding the practice of chiropractic in the State of
247 Mississippi.

248 (4) Reciprocity privileges for a chiropractor from another
249 state shall be granted at the board's option on an individual
250 basis and by a majority vote of the State Board of Chiropractic
251 Examiners to an adult of good moral character who (a) is currently
252 an active competent practitioner for at least eight (8) years and
253 holds an active chiropractic license in another state with no
254 disciplinary proceeding or unresolved complaint pending anywhere
255 at the time a license is to be issued by this state, (b)
256 demonstrates having obtained licensure as a chiropractor in
257 another state under the same education requirements which were
258 equivalent to the education requirements in this state to obtain a
259 chiropractic license at the time the applicant obtained the
260 license in the other state, (c) satisfactorily passes the
261 examination administered by the State Board of Chiropractic
262 Examiners, and (d) meets the requirements of Section 73-6-1(3)
263 pertaining to therapeutic modalities. The issuance of a license
264 by reciprocity to a military-trained applicant, military spouse or
265 person who establishes residence in this state shall be subject to
266 the provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

267 **SECTION 8.** Section 73-6-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
268 reenacted as follows:

269 73-6-14. (1) The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners is
270 hereby authorized to establish a preceptorship and extern program



271 whereby chiropractic students enrolled in their last year at a
272 board-approved chiropractic college accredited by the Council on
273 Chiropractic Education, its successor or an equivalent accrediting
274 agency, and recent chiropractic graduates of such schools may be
275 issued a limited license to practice chiropractic in the State of
276 Mississippi under the direct on-premises supervision of a
277 sponsoring licensed chiropractor, and in the case of chiropractic
278 students, also under the general supervision of the student's
279 school. The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall prohibit
280 the use of more than one (1) such limited license student or
281 graduate to one (1) sponsor licensed to practice chiropractic.
282 The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners is empowered to
283 establish rules and regulations for the implementation of this
284 subsection (1), including, but not limited to, providing academic,
285 professional and character requirements for eligible participants,
286 defining the permitted scope of practice of the limited licensee,
287 and prescribing fees for participation.

288 (2) The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners is hereby
289 authorized to establish a Travel to Treat temporary license
290 whereby nonresident chiropractors traveling with nonresident
291 entities, including, but not limited to sports teams, will be able
292 to practice chiropractic on members of their entities while in the
293 State of Mississippi. The board is empowered to establish rules
294 and regulations for the implementation of this subsection (2),
295 including, but not limited to, providing professional requirements



296 for eligible participants, defining the permitted scope of
297 practice of the traveling chiropractors, and prescribing fees for
298 participation.

299 (3) The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners is hereby
300 authorized to establish an emergency license to nonresident
301 chiropractors to practice in the place of a chiropractor licensed
302 in the State of Mississippi. Such emergency license shall remain
303 in force for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, unless
304 extended for an additional period of ninety (90) days by the board
305 or until the licensed resident chiropractor is able to resume his
306 practice. The board is empowered to establish rules and
307 regulations for the implementation of this subsection (3),
308 including, but not limited to, providing professional requirements
309 for eligible participants, defining the scope of practice for
310 emergency licensees, and prescribing fees for participation.

311 **SECTION 9.** Section 73-6-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
312 reenacted as follows:

313 73-6-15. Every applicant shall file with the secretary of
314 the board an application, verified by oath, setting forth the
315 facts which entitle the applicant to examination under the
316 provisions of this chapter. The State Board of Chiropractic
317 Examiners shall hold at least two (2) examinations each year. In
318 case of failing to pass such examination, the applicant, after the
319 expiration of six (6) months and within two (2) years, shall have
320 the privilege of taking a second examination by the board with the



321 payment of an additional fee equal to that charged the State Board
322 of Chiropractors by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
323 An applicant who fails the examination twice shall not be
324 permitted to retake the examination until completion of further
325 course of study to be outlined by the board and payment of the fee
326 for further examination. Every applicant who passed the
327 examination and otherwise complies with the provisions of this
328 chapter shall receive from the board, under its seal, a
329 certificate of licensure which entitles him to practice
330 chiropractic in this state; however, such certificate does not in
331 any way qualify a chiropractor to make application to practice on
332 the medical staff of any hospital licensed by the State Department
333 of Health. Nothing in this chapter may prevent a chiropractor
334 from making application to any hospital for chiropractic staff
335 privileges or as an allied health provider as outlined under the
336 Minimum Standards of Operation for Mississippi Hospitals. Such
337 certificate shall be duly registered in a record book which shall
338 be properly kept by the secretary of the board and which shall be
339 open to public inspection. A duly certified copy of said record
340 shall be competent evidence in all courts of this state to
341 establish licensure.

342 Each application or filing made under this section shall
343 include the social security number(s) of the applicant in
344 accordance with Section 93-11-64, Mississippi Code of 1972.



345 **SECTION 10.** Section 73-6-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
346 reenacted as follows:

347 73-6-17. The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall
348 charge the following fees for application, examination and
349 issuance of certificates: application, One Hundred Dollars
350 (\$100.00); examination and issuance of certificate, Two Hundred
351 Dollars (\$200.00) for all applicants; provided, however, that
352 resident and nonresident applicants shall have first successfully
353 completed parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 and the physical modality section of
354 the examination prepared by the National Board of Chiropractic
355 Examiners.

356 Except as provided in Section 33-1-39, every registered
357 chiropractor in order to continue the practice of chiropractic
358 shall pay annually to the secretary of the board a registration
359 renewal fee of not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) and,
360 in addition to such renewal fee, shall be required to file with
361 the secretary of the board a certificate, certified by a state
362 chiropractic board and state chiropractic association, verifying
363 his attendance at a course of study approved by the board
364 consisting of not less than twelve (12) hours of instruction in
365 the latest developments in the practice of chiropractic of which
366 at least three (3) hours shall be instruction in the subject of
367 risk management. Provided, that any chiropractor who has reached
368 the age of seventy-five (75) years and is not participating in an
369 active practice shall not be required to pay said renewal fee or



370 submit the twelve (12) hours of continuing education. Any
371 chiropractor who has received a certificate of licensure in this
372 state under the provisions of Section 73-6-13(4) shall be in good
373 standing in the state of his original licensure in order to renew
374 his certificate in this state, and the board shall refuse to renew
375 the certificate of any such chiropractor whose license has been
376 suspended or revoked for cause in the state of his original
377 licensure. In case of failure to pay the renewal fee, the board
378 may revoke such certificate after giving sixty (60) days' notice
379 to the holder who, within such period, may renew such certificate
380 upon payment of the delinquent fee with a special processing
381 charge of not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00). Lack of
382 participation in active practice for a period of less than two (2)
383 years, except when a doctor is in active military duty, shall not
384 deprive the holder of the right to renew such certificate, without
385 examination, upon the payment of all lapsed fees and proof of
386 required continuing education hours.

387 **SECTION 11.** Section 73-6-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
388 reenacted as follows:

389 73-6-18. These standards apply to all licensed chiropractors
390 and chiropractic assistants. These standards also apply to those
391 consultations and examinations advertised as a reduced fee or free
392 (no charge) service:



393 (a) The chiropractor shall maintain records for
394 patients which accurately, legibly and completely reflect the
395 evaluation and treatment of the patient.

396 (b) All patient records shall include patient history,
397 symptomatology, examination, diagnosis, prognosis and treatment.
398 If abbreviations or symbols are used in daily record keeping, a
399 key must be provided.

400 (c) In the event that the board takes disciplinary
401 action against a chiropractor for any reason, these minimum record
402 keeping standards will apply. It is understood that these
403 procedures are the accepted standard(s) and anything less than
404 this shall be considered unprofessional conduct in the practice of
405 chiropractic.

406 **SECTION 12.** Section 73-6-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
407 reenacted as follows:

408 73-6-19. (1) The board shall refuse to grant a certificate
409 of licensure to any applicant or may cancel, revoke or suspend the
410 certificate upon the finding of any of the following facts
411 regarding the applicant or licensed practitioner:

412 (a) Failure to comply with the rules and regulations
413 adopted by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners;

414 (b) Violation of any of the provisions of this chapter
415 or any of the rules and regulations of the State Board of Health
416 pursuant to this chapter with regard to the operation and use of
417 x-rays;



- 418 (c) Fraud or deceit in obtaining a license;
- 419 (d) Addiction to the use of alcohol, narcotic drugs, or
420 anything which would seriously interfere with the competent
421 performance of his professional duties;
- 422 (e) Conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction of
423 a felony, other than manslaughter or any violation of the United
424 States Internal Revenue Code;
- 425 (f) Unprofessional and unethical conduct;
- 426 (g) Contraction of a contagious disease which may be
427 carried for a prolonged period;
- 428 (h) Failure to report to the Mississippi Department of
429 Human Services or the county attorney any case wherein there are
430 reasonable grounds to believe that a child or vulnerable adult has
431 been abused by its parent or person responsible for such person's
432 welfare;
- 433 (i) Advising a patient to use drugs, prescribing or
434 providing drugs for a patient, or advising a patient not to use a
435 drug prescribed by a licensed physician or dentist;
- 436 (j) Professional incompetency in the practice of
437 chiropractic;
- 438 (k) Having disciplinary action taken by his peers
439 within any professional chiropractic association or society;
- 440 (l) Offering to accept or accepting payment for
441 services rendered by assignment from any third-party payor after
442 offering to accept or accepting whatever the third-party payor



443 covers as payment in full, if the effect of the offering or
444 acceptance is to eliminate or give the impression of eliminating
445 the need for payment by an insured of any required deductions
446 applicable in the policy of the insured;

447 (m) Associating his practice with any chiropractor who
448 does not hold a valid chiropractic license in Mississippi, or
449 teach chiropractic manipulation to nonqualified persons under
450 Section 73-6-13;

451 (n) Failure to make payment on chiropractic student
452 loans;

453 (o) Failure to follow record-keeping requirements
454 prescribed in Section 73-6-18;

455 (p) If the practitioner is certified to provide animal
456 chiropractic treatment, failure to follow guidelines approved by
457 the Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medicine; or

458 (q) Violation(s) of the provisions of Sections 41-121-1
459 through 41-121-9 relating to deceptive advertisement by health
460 care practitioners.

461 (2) Any holder of such certificate or any applicant therefor
462 against whom is preferred any of the designated charges shall be
463 furnished a copy of the complaint and shall receive a formal
464 hearing in Jackson, Mississippi, before the board, at which time
465 he may be represented by counsel and examine witnesses. The board
466 is authorized to administer oaths as may be necessary for the
467 proper conduct of any such hearing. In addition, the board is



468 authorized and empowered to issue subpoenas for the attendance of
469 witnesses and the production of books and papers. The process
470 issued by the board shall extend to all parts of the state. Where
471 in any proceeding before the board any witness shall fail or
472 refuse to attend upon subpoena issued by the board, shall refuse
473 to testify, or shall refuse to produce any books and papers, the
474 production of which is called for by the subpoena, the attendance
475 of such witness and the giving of his testimony and the production
476 of the books and papers shall be enforced by any court of
477 competent jurisdiction of this state in the manner provided for
478 the enforcement of attendance and testimony of witnesses in civil
479 cases in the courts of this state.

480 (3) In addition to any other investigators the board
481 employs, the board shall appoint one or more licensed
482 chiropractors to act for the board in investigating the conduct
483 relating to the competency of a chiropractor, whenever
484 disciplinary action is being considered for professional
485 incompetence and unprofessional conduct.

486 (4) Whenever the board finds any person unqualified to
487 practice chiropractic because of any of the grounds set forth in
488 subsection (1) of this section, after a hearing has been conducted
489 as prescribed by this section, the board may enter an order
490 imposing one or more of the following:

491 (a) Deny his application for a license or other
492 authorization to practice chiropractic;



493 (b) Administer a public or private reprimand;
494 (c) Suspend, limit or restrict his license or other
495 authorization to practice chiropractic for up to five (5) years;
496 (d) Revoke or cancel his license or other authorization
497 to practice chiropractic;
498 (e) Require him to submit to care, counseling or
499 treatment by physicians or chiropractors designated by the board,
500 as a condition for initial, continued or renewal of licensure or
501 other authorization to practice chiropractic;
502 (f) Require him to participate in a program of
503 education prescribed by the board; or
504 (g) Require him to practice under the direction of a
505 chiropractor designated by the board for a specified period of
506 time.

507 (5) Any person whose application for a license or whose
508 license to practice chiropractic has been cancelled, revoked or
509 suspended by the board within thirty (30) days from the date of
510 such final decision shall have the right of a de novo appeal to
511 the circuit court of his county of residence or the Circuit Court
512 of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi. If
513 there is an appeal, such appeal may, in the discretion of and on
514 motion to the circuit court, act as a supersedeas. The circuit
515 court shall dispose of the appeal and enter its decision promptly.
516 The hearing on the appeal may, in the discretion of the circuit
517 judge, be tried in vacation. Either party shall have the right of



518 appeal to the Supreme Court as provided by law from any decision
519 of the circuit court.

520 (6) In a proceeding conducted under this section by the
521 board for the revocation, suspension or cancellation of a license
522 to practice chiropractic, after a hearing has been conducted as
523 prescribed by this section, the board shall have the power and
524 authority for the grounds stated in subsection (1) of this
525 section, with the exception of paragraph (c) thereof, to assess
526 and levy upon any person licensed to practice chiropractic in the
527 state a monetary penalty in lieu of such revocation, suspension or
528 cancellation, as follows:

529 (a) For the first violation, a monetary penalty of not
530 less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One
531 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation.

532 (b) For the second and each subsequent violation, a
533 monetary penalty of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)
534 nor more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for
535 each violation.

536 The power and authority of the board to assess and levy such
537 monetary penalties under this section shall not be affected or
538 diminished by any other proceeding, civil or criminal, concerning
539 the same violation or violations. A licensee shall have the right
540 of appeal from the assessment and levy of a monetary penalty as
541 provided in this section to the circuit court under the same
542 conditions as a right of appeal is provided for in this section



543 for appeals from an adverse ruling, or order, or decision of the
544 board. Any monetary penalty assessed and levied under this
545 section shall not take effect until after the time for appeal has
546 expired, and an appeal of the assessment and levy of such a
547 monetary penalty shall act as a supersedeas.

548 (7) In addition to the grounds specified in subsection (1)
549 of this section, the board shall be authorized to suspend the
550 license of any licensee for being out of compliance with an order
551 for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The procedure for
552 suspension of a license for being out of compliance with an order
553 for support, and the procedure for the reissuance or reinstatement
554 of a license suspended for that purpose, and the payment of any
555 fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended
556 for that purpose, shall be governed by Section 93-11-157 or
557 93-11-163, as the case may be. Actions taken by the board in
558 suspending a license when required by Section 93-11-157 or
559 93-11-163 are not actions from which an appeal may be taken under
560 this section. Any appeal of a license suspension that is required
561 by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 shall be taken in accordance
562 with the appeal procedure specified in Section 93-11-157 or
563 93-11-163, as the case may be, rather than the procedure specified
564 in this section. If there is any conflict between any provision
565 of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any provision of this
566 chapter, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the
567 case may be, shall control.



568 **SECTION 13.** Section 73-6-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
569 reenacted as follows:

570 73-6-23. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as
571 conferring upon the holder of such certificate the right to
572 practice medicine and surgery as a physician or osteopathic
573 physician as defined by statute, to engage in the practice of
574 physical therapy as defined by statute, to advise or prescribe the
575 use of drugs by his patients, or to advise a patient not to use a
576 drug prescribed by a licensed physician or dentist.

577 **SECTION 14.** Section 73-6-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
578 reenacted as follows:

579 73-6-25. (1) The members of the chiropractic profession,
580 licensed or unlicensed, are hereby prohibited from:

581 (a) Making use of any public statement of a character
582 tending to mislead the public in regard to the health services of
583 the chiropractic profession or of an individual chiropractor, or
584 use of any other professional designation other than the term
585 "chiropractor," "doctor of chiropractic," "D.C." or "chiropractic
586 physician"; however, the use of the title "chiropractic physician"
587 authorized in this paragraph (a) shall not be construed as
588 conferring upon the holder of a license to practice chiropractic
589 any right or responsibility given to a "physician" by any other
590 Mississippi statute, unless the statute specifically confers the
591 right or responsibility on a "chiropractor" or a "chiropractic
592 physician";



593 (b) Offering discounts or inducements to prospective
594 patients by means of coupons or otherwise to perform professional
595 services during any period of time for a lesser or more attractive
596 price without providing a disclaimer to the public indicating the
597 usual price for other services;

598 (c) Advertising or promising to guarantee any
599 professional service or to perform any operation painlessly;

600 (d) Violating any of the provisions of this chapter or
601 any of the rules and regulations of the State Board of Health
602 pursuant to this chapter with regard to the operation and use of
603 x-rays.

604 (2) Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit a licensed
605 practitioner of chiropractic from allowing or causing his name,
606 address and telephone number to be inserted in the classified
607 section of a telephone directory under a classification denoting
608 the practitioner's profession. Nothing herein shall be construed
609 to prohibit a licensed practitioner from mailing letters to his
610 clients, but such letters shall otherwise be subject to the
611 provisions of this section.

612 **SECTION 15.** Section 73-6-26, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
613 reenacted as follows:

614 73-6-26. It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation or
615 association to, in any manner, make claim, verbally, in writing,
616 or by way of advertising, that they perform chiropractic
617 adjustments/manipulation to the articulations of the human spine



618 unless they hold a valid license to practice chiropractic (D.C.)
619 in the State of Mississippi.

620 **SECTION 16.** Section 73-6-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
621 reenacted as follows:

622 73-6-27. Any person who has graduated from a college
623 approved by the International Chiropractors Association or
624 American Chiropractic Association and who was engaged in the
625 full-time practice of chiropractic in Mississippi prior to January
626 1, 1970, or was engaged in the full-time practice of chiropractic
627 in Mississippi for a period of eight (8) years prior to April 16,
628 1973, shall be entitled to a license hereunder by making
629 application to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners without
630 being required to take the examination of the State Board of
631 Chiropractic Examiners, provided he applies for such license
632 within ninety (90) days after the appointment of the initial
633 board, submits reasonable evidence to the board establishing his
634 eligibility for such exemption, and pays a Twenty-five Dollar
635 registration fee. All other persons practicing chiropractic
636 within the State of Mississippi on April 16, 1973, shall be
637 eligible to take the approved examination.

638 **SECTION 17.** Section 73-6-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
639 reenacted as follows:

640 73-6-29. Anyone failing to comply with the provisions of
641 this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction
642 thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Hundred



643 Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
644 (\$2,500.00), and/or by imprisonment in the county jail for not
645 less than thirty (30) days nor more than one (1) year.

646 All subsequent offenses shall be separate and distinct
647 offenses, and punishable in like manner.

648 The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners or the district
649 attorney or county attorney of the county in which the defendant
650 may reside or the Attorney General of Mississippi may institute
651 legal action as provided by law against any person violating the
652 provisions of this chapter, and the chancery court of the county
653 in which any such violation occurred or in which any such person
654 resides or practices shall have jurisdiction to grant injunctive
655 relief against the continuation of any such violation.

656 **SECTION 18.** Section 73-6-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
657 reenacted as follows:

658 73-6-31. No person shall engage in the practice of
659 chiropractic from and after January 1, 1974, unless he has a valid
660 license issued pursuant to this chapter.

661 **SECTION 19.** Section 73-6-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
662 amended as follows:

663 73-6-33. Sections 73-6-1 through 73-6-31, Mississippi Code
664 of 1972, which create the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners
665 and prescribe its duties and powers, shall stand repealed as of
666 July 1, * * * 2029.



667 **SECTION 20.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
668 and after July 1, 2026.

