

HOUSE No. 5750

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 11, 1972.

The committee on Social Welfare, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4920) of Raymond M. LaFontaine relative to certain educational requirements for the annual license renewal of chiropractors, report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5750) ought to pass.

For the committee,

CARTER D. KIMBREL

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL OF CHIROPRACTORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 89 of chapter 112 of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by adding the following definition: —
3 “License renewal certificate”, a certificate issued annually by the
4 board to a registered chiropractor upon payment of the license
5 fee, as provided in section ninety-six, and presentation of
6 satisfactory evidence that he has completed the prescribed
7 educational requirements for renewal.

1 SECTION 2. Section 95 of said chapter 112, as appearing in
2 section 2 of chapter 409 of the acts of 1966, is hereby amended
3 by inserting after the word “license”, in lines 13 and 15,
4 respectively, the words: — , license renewal certificate.

1 SECTION 3. Said chapter 112 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 96, as amended by chapter 477 of the acts of
3 1968, and inserting in place thereof the following section: —
4 *Section 96:* Every registered chiropractor practicing as afore-
5 said shall annually before April first, pay to the board a license
6 fee, which licensee fee shall be set annually by the board which
7 shall not exceed ten dollars. The board shall thereupon issue to
8 said registered chiropractor a license renewal certificate;
9 provided, however, that he shall furnish to the board satisfactory
10 evidence that he has attended, in the twelve months preceding
11 each renewal date, twelve hours of instruction in chiropractic
12 related subjects as conducted by the Massachusetts Chiropractic
13 Society or received instruction equivalent thereof as approved by
14 the board. Satisfactory evidence of completion of post-graduate
15 study of a type and character, at an educational session or
16 institution, both as approved by the board, shall be considered

17 equivalent. The board may waive such educational requirements
18 if it is satisfied that an applicant was prevented from meeting said
19 educational requirements by reason of an unusual emergency, or
20 that the applicant has undergone an extreme hardship, or for
21 other good and sufficient reason deemed adequate by the board.
22 Each registered chiropractor shall promptly notify the board of
23 any change in his address or addresses, and from time to time
24 shall furnish such other information to the board as it may
25 require. The board may suspend the authority of any registered
26 chiropractor to practice chiropractic for failure to comply with
27 any of the above requirements. The board shall publish annually
28 complete lists of the names and office addresses of all chiro-
29 practors registered and practicing in the Commonwealth arranged
30 alphabetically by name and also by the towns where their various
31 offices are situated.

