State of Wisconsin
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2013 BILL

AN ACT ***to repeal*** 20.165 (1) (gc) and 446.02 (3) (a); ***to amend*** 20.165 (1) (g) and 446.028; and ***to repeal and recreate*** 446.02 (3) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** examination and continuing education requirements for chiropractic licensure in this state.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the examinations required for chiropractic licensure in this state include a practical examination administered by the Chiropractic Examining Board (board) that tests the applicant's knowledge of the subjects usually taught in a chiropractic school and any examination that the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) requires.

This bill eliminates the requirement that an applicant for chiropractic licensure pass a practical exam administered by the board. Also, the bill specifies that an applicant for chiropractic licensure must pass Parts I, II, III, and IV of the chiropractic examination that the NBCE administers.

The bill also adds the American Chiropractic Association as an acceptable sponsor of continuing education programs required by the board.

For further information see the ***state*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.165 (1) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.165 **(1)** (g) *General program operations.* The amounts in the schedule for the licensing, rule making, and regulatory functions of the department, other than the licensing, rule–making, and credentialing functions of the medical examining board and the affiliated credentialing boards attached to the medical examining board and except for preparing, administering, and grading examinations. Ninety percent of all moneys received under chs. 440 to 480, except ch. 448, ss. 440.03 (13), and 440.05 (1) (b), ~~and 446.02 (3) (a),~~ less $10 of each renewal fee received under s. 452.12 (5), and all moneys transferred from the appropriation under par. (i) and all moneys received under s. 440.055 (2), shall be credited to this appropriation.

SECTION 2. 20.165 (1) (gc) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 3. 446.02 (3) (a) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 4. 446.02 (3) (b) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

446.02 **(3)** (b) Parts I, II, III, and IV of the examination administered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

SECTION 5. 446.028 of the statutes is amended to read:

446.028 Continuing education approval; program sponsors. Each program sponsor of a continuing education program required to be completed by a chiropractor, chiropractic technician, or chiropractic radiological technician as a condition of license renewal shall submit the program to the examining board for approval. In this section, "program sponsor" means the Wisconsin Chiropractic Association, the American Chiropractic Association, the International Chiropractors Association, a college of chiropractic approved by the examining board, and a college of medicine or osteopathy accredited by an accrediting body listed as nationally recognized by the secretary of the federal department of

education. "Program sponsor" does not include an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved under s. 46.03 (38) to provide instruction in the use of an automated external defibrillator.

SECTION 6. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to an application for a license to practice as a chiropractor that the chiropractic examining board receives on the effective date of this subsection.

(END)