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SENATE BILL 202

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSURE; AUTHORIZING THE CHIROPRACTIC BOARD TO  
PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR NON-HUMAN PATIENTS;  
AMENDING THE CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN PRACTICE ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 61-4-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,  
Chapter 3, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-4-6. EXAMINATION--SUBJECTS--METHOD OF TREATMENT--  
RECORDING LICENSE.--

A. The board shall recognize successful completion  
of all parts of the national board examination.

B. The board shall examine each applicant in the  
act of chiropractic adjusting, procedures and methods as shall  
reveal the applicant's qualifications.

C. The board shall issue a license to all

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1 applicants whose applications have been filed with and approved  
2 by the board and who have paid the required fees and passed the  
3 board-administered examination with a general average of not  
4 less than seventy-five percent with no subject below sixty-five  
5 percent. A license shall be refused to any applicant who fails  
6 to make application as provided in this section, fails the  
7 examination or fails to pay the required fees.

8 D. The license, when granted by the board, carries  
9 with it the title of doctor of chiropractic and entitles the  
10 holder to diagnose using any necessary diagnostic procedures,  
11 excluding invasive procedures, except as provided by the board  
12 by rule and regulation, and treat injuries, deformities or  
13 other physical or mental conditions relating to the basic  
14 concepts of chiropractic by the use of any [~~or all~~] methods as  
15 provided in this section, including but not limited to  
16 palpating, diagnosing, adjusting and treating injuries and  
17 defects of [~~human beings~~] patients by the application of  
18 manipulative, manual and mechanical means, including all  
19 natural agencies imbued with the healing act, such as food,  
20 water, heat, cold, electricity and mechanical appliances,  
21 herbs, nutritional supplements and homeopathic remedies, but  
22 excluding operative surgery and prescription or use of  
23 controlled or dangerous drugs. The holder may also supervise  
24 the use of any [~~or all~~] natural agencies imbued with the  
25 healing act, such as food, water, heat, cold, electricity,

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1 mechanical appliances, herbs, nutritional supplements and  
2 homeopathic remedies administered by a chiropractic assistant.

3 E. The board may promulgate rules and regulations  
4 for the treatment of non-human patients as required.

5 [~~E.~~] F. Failure to display the license shall be  
6 grounds for the suspension of the license to practice  
7 chiropractic until so displayed and shall subject the licensee  
8 to the penalties for practicing without a license."

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