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HOUSE BILL 127

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICE; PROVIDING FOR A CERTIFIED
ADVANCED PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN TO PRESCRIBE AND
ADMINISTER DANGEROUS DRUGS OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND TO
PERFORM CERTAIN OTHER PROCEDURES; DEFINING "CHIROPRACTIC
MEDICINE"; AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CHIROPRACTIC
PHYSICIAN PRACTICE ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61-4-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
Chapter 3, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-4-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Chiropractic
Physician Practice Act:

A. "advanced practice chiropractic certification
registry" means a compendium kept by the board that meets and
maintains the board's established credentials for certified

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1 advanced practice chiropractic physicians;

2 B. "certified advanced practice chiropractic
3 physician" means a chiropractic physician who has been included
4 in the advanced practice chiropractic certification registry;

5 C. "chiropractic medicine" means the science, art
6 and philosophy of things natural, the science of locating and
7 removing interference with the transmissions or expression of
8 nerve forces in the human body by the correction of
9 misalignments or subluxations of the articulations and adjacent
10 structures, more especially those of the vertebral column and
11 pelvis, for the purpose of restoring and maintaining health for
12 treatment of human disease primarily by, but not limited to,
13 adjustment and manipulation of the human structure [~~It shall~~
14 ~~include~~], including, but not [~~be~~] limited to, diagnosis and
15 treatment of a condition for which the chiropractic physician
16 has been educated and trained; the prescribing and
17 administering of all natural agents to assist in the healing
18 act, such as food, water, heat, cold, light, electricity,
19 mechanical appliances and medical devices; the selling of
20 [~~herbs~~] herbal medicine, nutritional [~~supplements~~] medicine and
21 homeopathic [~~remedies~~] medicine; the administering of a drug by
22 injection by a certified advanced practice chiropractic
23 physician; and any necessary diagnostic procedure [~~excluding~~
24 ~~invasive procedures~~]. Except as provided by the board by rule
25 [~~and regulation. It~~], "chiropractic medicine" shall exclude:

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1 (1) operative surgery;
2 (2) the prescription or use of controlled or
3 dangerous drugs; and

4 (3) the practice of acupuncture;

5 D. "board" means the chiropractic board;

6 E. "chiropractic physician" includes doctor of
7 chiropractic, chiropractor and chiropractic physician and means
8 a person who practices chiropractic medicine as defined in the
9 Chiropractic Physician Practice Act; and

10 F. "chiropractic assistant" means a person who
11 practices under the on-premises supervision of a licensed
12 chiropractic physician."

13 SECTION 2. Section 61-4-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
14 Chapter 3, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

15 "61-4-3. BOARD CREATED--APPOINTMENT--OFFICERS--DUTIES--
16 COMPENSATION.--

17 A. [~~There is created~~] The "chiropractic board" is
18 created. The board shall be administratively attached to the
19 regulation and licensing department. The board shall consist
20 of six persons. Four shall have been continuously engaged in
21 the practice of chiropractic medicine in New Mexico for five
22 years immediately prior to their appointment, at least one of
23 whom shall be a certified advanced practice chiropractic
24 physician. Two persons shall represent the public and shall
25 not have practiced chiropractic medicine in this state or any

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1 other jurisdiction. A person shall not be appointed to the
2 board who is an officer or employee of or who is financially
3 interested in any school or college of chiropractic, medicine,
4 surgery or osteopathy.

5 B. Members of the board shall be appointed by the
6 governor for staggered terms of five years or less and in a
7 manner that the term of one board member expires on July 1 of
8 each year. A list of five names for each professional member
9 vacancy shall be submitted by the New Mexico chiropractic
10 association to the governor for consideration in the
11 appointment of board members. A vacancy shall be filled by
12 appointment for the unexpired term. Board members shall serve
13 until their successors have been appointed and qualified.

14 C. The board shall annually elect a chair and a
15 secretary-treasurer. A majority of the board constitutes a
16 quorum. The board shall meet quarterly. Special meetings may
17 be called by the chair and shall be called upon the written
18 request of two members of the board. Notification of special
19 meetings shall be made by certified mail unless such notice is
20 waived by the entire board and the action noted in the minutes.
21 Notice of all regular meetings shall be made by regular mail at
22 least ten days prior to the meeting, and copies of the minutes
23 of all meetings shall be mailed to each board member within
24 thirty days after a meeting.

25 D. A board member failing to attend three

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1 consecutive meetings, either regular or special, shall
2 automatically be removed as a member of the board.

3 E. The board shall adopt a seal.

4 F. The board shall promulgate and file, in
5 accordance with the State Rules Act, all rules [~~and~~
6 ~~regulations~~] necessary for the implementation and enforcement
7 of the provisions of the Chiropractic Physician Practice Act,
8 including educational requirements for a chiropractic
9 assistant.

10 G. The board, for the purpose of protecting the
11 health and well-being of the citizens of this state and
12 maintaining and continuing informed professional knowledge and
13 awareness, shall establish by [~~regulations~~] rules adopted in
14 accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Licensing Act
15 mandatory continuing education requirements for chiropractic
16 physicians and certified advanced practice chiropractic
17 physicians licensed in this state.

18 H. Failure to comply with the rules [~~and~~
19 ~~regulations~~] adopted by the board shall be grounds for
20 investigation, which may lead to revocation of license.

21 I. Members of the board shall be reimbursed as
22 provided in the Per Diem and Mileage Act but shall receive no
23 other compensation, perquisite or allowance for each day
24 necessarily spent in the discharge of their duties."

25 SECTION 3. Section 61-4-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,

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1 Chapter 3, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

2 "61-4-4. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS--EVALUATION.--

3 A. Each applicant for a license to practice
4 chiropractic medicine shall:

5 (1) make application on forms furnished by the
6 board;

7 (2) submit evidence on oath satisfactory to
8 the board that the applicant has reached the age of majority,
9 has completed a preliminary education equal to the requirements
10 for graduation from high school, is of good moral character
11 and, after January 1, 1976, except for any student currently
12 enrolled in a college of chiropractic, has completed two years
13 of college-level study in an accredited institution of higher
14 learning and is a graduate of a college of chiropractic that
15 meets the standards of professional education prescribed in
16 Section 61-4-5 NMSA 1978; and

17 (3) pay in advance to the board fees:

18 (a) for examination; and

19 (b) for issuance of a license.

20 B. In evaluating an application, the board may use
21 the services of a professional background information service
22 that compiles background information regarding applicants from
23 multiple sources.

24 C. Each applicant for inclusion in the advanced
25 practice chiropractic certification registry shall furnish

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1 materials and proof of education and training as established by
2 rule of the board."

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

5 "61-4-6. EXAMINATION--SUBJECTS--METHOD OF TREATMENT--
6 RECORDING LICENSE.--

7 A. The board shall recognize successful completion
8 of all parts of the examination conducted by the national board
9 of chiropractic examiners.

10 B. The board shall examine each applicant in the
11 [~~act~~] practice of chiropractic medicine, including adjusting,
12 procedures and methods, as shall reveal the applicant's
13 qualifications; provided that the board may waive the
14 requirement for the board-administered examination upon proof
15 of satisfactory completion of the examination conducted by the
16 national board of chiropractic examiners.

17 C. The board shall issue a license to all
18 applicants whose applications have been filed with and approved
19 by the board and who have paid the required fees and passed
20 either the board-administered examination with a general
21 average of not less than seventy-five percent with no subject
22 below sixty-five percent or the examination conducted by the
23 national board of chiropractic examiners with a general average
24 of not less than seventy-five percent with no subject below
25 sixty-five percent. A license shall be refused to an applicant

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1 who fails to make application as provided in this section,
2 fails the examination or fails to pay the required fees.

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

23 E. Failure to display the license shall be grounds
24 for the suspension of the license to practice chiropractic
25 medicine until so displayed and shall subject the licensee to

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1 the penalties for practicing without a license.

2 F. The board shall certify a chiropractic physician
3 as a "certified advanced practice chiropractic physician" when
4 the chiropractic physician has demonstrated completion of
5 advanced coursework and met other requirements established in
6 the Chiropractic Physician Practice Act and by rule of the
7 board."

8 SECTION 5. Section 61-4-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
9 Chapter 3, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

10 "61-4-9. PRIVILEGES AND OBLIGATIONS.--

11 A. Licensed chiropractic physicians shall observe
12 all health and hygiene laws and regulations of the state and
13 its political subdivisions and shall report births and deaths
14 to the proper authorities. Reports rendered by [~~chiropractors~~]
15 chiropractic physicians shall be accepted by officers of
16 departments or agencies to which they are made.

17 B. It is the purpose of the Chiropractic Physician
18 Practice Act to grant to [~~chiropractors~~] chiropractic
19 physicians the right to practice chiropractic medicine as
20 taught and practiced in standard colleges of chiropractic and
21 to entitle the holder of a license the right to diagnose,
22 palpate and treat injuries, deformities and other physical or
23 mental conditions relating to the basic concepts of
24 chiropractic medicine by use of any methods provided in the
25 Chiropractic Physician Practice Act, as provided in rules [~~and~~

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1 ~~regulations]~~ established and monitored by the board [~~but~~
2 ~~excluding operative surgery and prescription or use of~~
3 ~~controlled or dangerous drugs as provided in rules and~~
4 ~~regulations established and monitored by the board]."~~

5 SECTION 6. Section 61-4-9.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2008,
6 Chapter 44, Section 1) is amended to read:

7 "61-4-9.1. ADVANCED PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC CERTIFICATION
8 REGISTRY ESTABLISHED.--The board shall establish by rule the
9 advanced practice chiropractic certification registry. A
10 chiropractic physician authorized by the board to use the title
11 "certified advanced practice chiropractic physician" shall have
12 prescriptive authority for therapeutic and diagnostic purposes
13 as authorized by statute and rule of the board. Only a
14 chiropractic physician included in the advanced practice
15 chiropractic certification registry may use the title certified
16 advanced practice chiropractic physician, and it is unlawful
17 for a person to use the certified advanced practice
18 chiropractic physician title unless the person is included in
19 the advanced practice chiropractic certification registry. The
20 advanced practice chiropractic certification registry shall
21 include a chiropractic physician who applies for the
22 designation and:

- 23 A. holds a chiropractic license in good standing;
24 B. has completed three years of postgraduate
25 clinical chiropractic practice or equivalent clinical

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1 experience as established by the board;

2 C. has ~~[an advanced practice chiropractic~~
3 ~~certification by a nationally recognized credentialing agency~~
4 ~~providing credentialing and demonstrated competency by~~
5 ~~examination and additionally, after December 31, 2012,~~
6 ~~successful completion of a graduate degree in a chiropractic~~
7 ~~clinical practice specialty] a certification in advanced~~
8 ~~clinical chiropractic practice or its equivalent by a~~
9 ~~nationally recognized credentialing agency and has demonstrated~~
10 ~~competency by examination;~~

11 D. has completed, prior to December 31, 2012, a
12 minimum of ninety clinical and didactic contact course hours in
13 pharmacology, pharmacognosy, medication administration and
14 toxicology certified by an examination from an institution of
15 higher education approved by the board and the New Mexico
16 medical board or has successfully completed after December 31,
17 2012, a postgraduate degree in a clinical specialty; and

18 E. has completed annual continuing education for
19 advanced practice chiropractic physicians as set by the board."

20 SECTION 7. Section 61-4-9.2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2008,
21 Chapter 44, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

22 "61-4-9.2. CERTIFIED ADVANCED PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC
23 PHYSICIAN AUTHORITY DEFINED.--

24 ~~[A. A certified advanced practice chiropractic~~
25 ~~physician may prescribe, administer and dispense herbal~~

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1 ~~medicines, homeopathic medicines, over-the-counter drugs,~~
2 ~~vitamins, minerals, enzymes, glandular products,~~
3 ~~protomorphogens, live cell products, gerovital, amino acids,~~
4 ~~dietary supplements, foods for special dietary use,~~
5 ~~bioidentical hormones, sterile water, sterile saline, sarapin~~
6 ~~or its generic, caffeine, procaine, oxygen, epinephrine and~~
7 ~~vapocoolants.~~

8 ~~B. A formulary that includes all substances listed~~
9 ~~in Subsection A of this section, including compounded~~
10 ~~preparations for topical and oral administration, shall be~~
11 ~~developed and approved by the board. A formulary for injection~~
12 ~~that includes the substances in Subsection A of this section~~
13 ~~that are within the scope of practice of the certified advanced~~
14 ~~practice chiropractic physician shall be developed and approved~~
15 ~~by the board. Dangerous drugs or controlled substances, drugs~~
16 ~~for administration by injection and substances not listed in~~
17 ~~Subsection A of this section shall be submitted to the board of~~
18 ~~pharmacy and the New Mexico medical board for approval.]~~

19 Subject to the approval of the board, a certified advanced
20 practice chiropractic physician may prescribe and administer
21 any dangerous drug or controlled substance and perform any
22 procedure that is accepted for use within the certified
23 advanced practice chiropractic physician's clinical specialty
24 and for which the certified advanced practice chiropractic
25 physician can demonstrate appropriate clinical education and

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1 hands-on training that has been approved by a nationally
2 recognized credentialing agency or nationally recognized
3 institution of higher learning. The board shall establish by
4 rule the formulary for a certified advanced practice
5 chiropractic physician."

6 SECTION 8. Section 61-4-9.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2008,
7 Chapter 44, Section 3) is amended to read:

8 "61-4-9.3. USE OF CHIROPRACTIC NAME LIMITED.--The terms
9 "chiropractor", "chiropractic physician", [ø] "chiropractic"
10 or "chiropractic medicine" may be used only by persons licensed
11 pursuant to the Chiropractic Physician Practice Act."

12 SECTION 9. Section 61-4-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
13 Chapter 3, Section 10, as amended) is amended to read:

14 "61-4-10. REFUSAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE.--

15 A. The board may refuse to issue or may suspend or
16 revoke any license or may censure, reprimand, fine or place on
17 probation and stipulation any licensee in accordance with the
18 procedures as contained in the Uniform Licensing Act upon the
19 grounds that the licensee or applicant:

20 (1) is convicted of a felony. A copy of the
21 record of conviction, certified to by the clerk of the court
22 entering the conviction, shall be conclusive evidence of such
23 conviction;

24 (2) is guilty of fraud or deceit in procuring
25 or attempting to procure a license in the chiropractic

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1 profession or in connection with applying for or procuring
2 license renewal;

3 (3) is guilty of incompetence;

4 (4) is habitually intemperate or is addicted
5 to the use of habit-forming drugs or is addicted to any vice to
6 such a degree as to render the licensee or applicant unfit to
7 practice chiropractic medicine;

8 (5) is guilty of practicing or attempting to
9 practice under an assumed name or fails to use the title
10 "doctor of chiropractic", chiropractic physician or the
11 initials "D.C." in connection with the licensee's or
12 applicant's practice or advertisements;

13 (6) is guilty of failing to comply with any of
14 the provisions of the Chiropractic Physician Practice Act or
15 rules [~~and regulations~~] promulgated by the board and filed in
16 accordance with the State Rules Act;

17 (7) is guilty of willfully or negligently
18 practicing beyond the scope of chiropractic [~~practice~~] medicine
19 as defined in the Chiropractic Physician Practice Act;

20 (8) is guilty of advertising by means of
21 knowingly false statements;

22 (9) has been declared mentally incompetent by
23 regularly constituted authorities or is manifestly
24 incapacitated to practice chiropractic medicine;

25 (10) advertises or attempts to attract

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1 patronage in any unethical manner prohibited by the rules [~~and~~
2 ~~regulations~~] of the board;

3 (11) is guilty of obtaining any fee by fraud
4 or misrepresentation;

5 (12) is guilty of making false or misleading
6 statements regarding the licensee's or applicant's skill or the
7 efficacy or value of treatment or remedy prescribed or
8 administered by the licensee or applicant or at the licensee's
9 or applicant's direction;

10 (13) is guilty of aiding or abetting the
11 practice of chiropractic medicine by a person not licensed by
12 the board;

13 (14) has incurred a prior suspension or
14 revocation in another state where the suspension or revocation
15 of a license to practice chiropractic medicine was based upon
16 acts by the licensee similar to acts described in this section
17 and by board rules promulgated pursuant to Paragraph (6) of
18 this subsection. A certified copy of the record of suspension
19 or revocation of the state making such suspension or revocation
20 is conclusive evidence thereof;

21 (15) is guilty of making a false, misleading
22 or fraudulent claim; or

23 (16) is guilty of unprofessional conduct that
24 includes but is not limited to the following:

25 (a) procuring, aiding or abetting a

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1 criminal abortion;

2 (b) representing to a patient that a
3 manifestly incurable condition of sickness, disease or injury
4 can be cured;

5 (c) willfully or negligently divulging a
6 professional confidence;

7 (d) conviction of any offense punishable
8 by incarceration in a state penitentiary or federal prison. A
9 copy of the record of conviction, certified by the clerk of the
10 court entering the conviction, is conclusive evidence;

11 (e) impersonating another person
12 licensed in the practice of chiropractic medicine or permitting
13 or allowing any person to use the licensee's or applicant's
14 license;

15 (f) gross negligence in the practice of
16 chiropractic medicine;

17 (g) fee splitting;

18 (h) conduct likely to deceive, defraud
19 or harm the public;

20 (i) repeated similar negligent acts;

21 (j) employing abusive billing practices;

22 (k) failure to report to the board any
23 adverse action taken against the licensee or applicant by: 1)
24 another licensing jurisdiction; 2) any peer review body; 3) any
25 health care entity; 4) any governmental agency; or 5) any court

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1 for acts or conduct similar to acts or conduct that would
2 constitute grounds for action as provided in this section;

3 (l) failure to report to the board
4 surrender of a license or other authorization to practice
5 chiropractic medicine in another state or jurisdiction or
6 surrender of membership on any chiropractic staff or in any
7 chiropractic medicine or professional association or society
8 following, in lieu of, and while under disciplinary
9 investigation by any of those authorities or bodies for acts or
10 conduct similar to acts or conduct that would constitute
11 grounds for action as provided in this section;

12 (m) failure to furnish the board, its
13 investigators or representatives with information requested by
14 the board;

15 (n) abandonment of patients;

16 (o) failure to adequately supervise, as
17 provided by board [~~regulation~~] rule, a chiropractic medicine
18 assistant or technician or professional licensee who renders
19 care;

20 (p) intentionally engaging in sexual
21 contact with a patient other than the licensee's or applicant's
22 spouse during the doctor-patient relationship; and

23 (q) conduct unbecoming a person licensed
24 to practice chiropractic medicine or detrimental to the best
25 interests of the public.

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1 B. The board may at its discretion hire
2 investigators or issue investigative subpoenas for the purpose
3 of investigating complaints made to the board regarding
4 chiropractic physicians.

5 C. All written and oral communication made by any
6 person to the board or an agent of the board relating to actual
7 or potential disciplinary action, including complaints made to
8 the board, are confidential communications and are not public
9 records for the purposes of the Inspection of Public Records
10 Act; provided that all information contained in a complaint
11 file is public information and subject to disclosure when the
12 board acts on a complaint.

13 D. Licensees shall bear all costs of disciplinary
14 proceedings unless exonerated."

15 **SECTION 10.** Section 61-4-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
16 Chapter 3, Section 11, as amended) is amended to read:

17 "61-4-12. PENALTIES.--

18 A. Each of the following acts constitutes a
19 misdemeanor punishable upon conviction by a fine of not less
20 than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more than one thousand dollars
21 (\$1,000) or by imprisonment not to exceed one year, or both:

22 (1) practice of chiropractic medicine or an
23 attempt to practice chiropractic medicine without a license;

24 (2) obtaining or attempting to obtain a
25 license or practice in the profession for money or any other

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1 thing of value by fraudulent misrepresentation;

2 (3) willfully falsifying any oath or
3 affirmation required by the Chiropractic Physician Practice
4 Act;

5 (4) practicing or attempting to practice under
6 an assumed name; or

7 (5) advertising or attempting to attract
8 patronage in any unethical manner prohibited by the rules [~~and~~
9 ~~regulations~~] of the board.

10 B. Any second violation of the act constitutes a
11 fourth degree felony."

12 SECTION 11. Section 61-4-13 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
13 Chapter 3, Section 12, as amended) is amended to read:

14 "61-4-13. ANNUAL RENEWAL OF LICENSE--FEE--NOTICE.--

15 A. [~~Any~~] A person licensed to practice chiropractic
16 medicine in this state shall, on or before July 1 of each year,
17 pay to the board an annual fee set by [~~regulation~~] rule and
18 shall submit proof of completion of continuing education
19 requirements as required by the board. The board shall send
20 written notice to every person holding a license prior to June
21 1 of each year, directed to the last known address of the
22 licensee, notifying [~~him~~] the licensee that it is necessary
23 [~~for him~~] to pay the renewal fee as provided in the
24 Chiropractic Physician Practice Act. Proper forms shall
25 accompany the notice, upon which forms the licensee shall make

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1 application for the renewal of [~~his~~] the license. The licensee
2 is responsible for renewal of the license even if the licensee
3 does not receive the renewal notice.

4 B. The board shall establish a schedule of
5 reasonable fees for applications, licenses, renewals, placement
6 or inactive status and administrative fees."

7 SECTION 12. Section 61-4-14 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
8 Chapter 3, Section 13) is amended to read:

9 "61-4-14. FAILURE TO RENEW--CANCELLATION--REINSTATEMENT--
10 PERMISSIVE TEMPORARY CANCELLATION.--[~~Any~~] A licensee who fails
11 to comply with the requirements for renewal as set forth in
12 Section [~~12~~] 61-4-13 NMSA 1978 shall, upon order of the board,
13 forfeit [~~his~~] the right to practice chiropractic medicine in
14 this state, and [~~his~~] the licensee's license and any
15 certificates of renewal shall be [~~cancelled~~] canceled. The
16 board may reinstate [~~him~~] the licensee upon payment of all fees
17 or penalties due and upon the presentation of evidence of
18 attendance at educational programs as may be provided by [~~rules~~
19 ~~and regulations~~] rule of the board. [~~Any~~] A person licensed to
20 practice chiropractic medicine in this state who desires to
21 withdraw from active practice in this state may apply to the
22 board for a temporary suspension of [~~his~~] the person's license
23 with the right to renew and reinstate [~~his~~] the license upon a
24 showing that [~~he~~] the person has paid [~~his~~] the annual license
25 renewal fee on or before [~~the first day of~~] July 1 of each

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1 year; provided that no suspension shall be granted for a period
2 of less than one year."

3 SECTION 13. Section 61-4-15 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
4 Chapter 3, Section 14, as amended) is amended to read:

5 "61-4-15. EXEMPTIONS.--The Chiropractic Physician
6 Practice Act does not apply to:

7 A. any commissioned officer of the armed forces of
8 the United States in the discharge of [~~his~~] official duties;

9 B. a [~~chiropractor~~] chiropractic physician who is
10 legally qualified to practice in the state or territory in
11 which [~~he~~] the chiropractic physician resides, when in actual
12 consultation with a licensed [~~chiropractor~~] chiropractic
13 physician of this state; or

14 C. any bona fide student of any standard
15 chiropractic college chiropractically analyzing and adjusting
16 the human body under supervision of a licensed [~~chiropractor~~]
17 chiropractic physician."