

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
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An Act To Allow Chiropractic Internships

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §451, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Chiropractic intern. "Chiropractic intern" means a chiropractic student who has been issued a temporary license to provide chiropractic services under the provisions of subchapter 5.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA c. 9, sub-c. 5 is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 5

CHIROPRACTIC INTERNS

§561. License

An individual may not provide chiropractic services as a chiropractic intern except as described under this subchapter.

1. Application for licensure. An applicant for a temporary license to practice chiropractic as a chiropractic intern pursuant to this subchapter shall complete an application on a form in accordance with section 558 and pay a fee established by the board. An applicant for a temporary license shall:

A. Identify the college or institution at which the applicant is a student sponsoring the applicant through a preceptorship arrangement;

B. Identify the licensed chiropractic doctor who will provide supervision to the applicant, who must possess a valid, unrestricted license to practice chiropractic in the State and be approved by the sponsoring college or institution under paragraph A;

C. Provide documentation that professional liability insurance in an amount satisfactory to the board provided by the sponsoring college or institution under paragraph A that covers the internship relationship is in effect; and

D. Attest to having fully read and understood the requirements of this chapter and all rules established by the board pertaining to the legal practice of chiropractic in the State and agree to practice within the confines of state law.

The board may issue a nonrenewable temporary license, not to exceed 6 months, to practice chiropractic to an applicant meeting all of the conditions of this subsection. The temporary license must describe the place or setting where chiropractic services are provided. An applicant failing to provide documentation of the requirements of this subsection may not be granted a temporary license by the board. The board may by rule establish other requirements for temporary licensure of chiropractic interns.

§562. Supervision requirements

1. **Supervision.** A chiropractic intern may not provide chiropractic services except under the supervision of the chiropractic doctor identified in section 561, subsection 1, paragraph B and with the written informed consent of the individual receiving chiropractic services. The chiropractic doctor shall be on the premises at all times and be readily available to instruct a chiropractic intern throughout the performance of the services the chiropractic intern is providing.

2. **Changes to supervision.** In the event the supervising chiropractic doctor under subsection 1 is unable to continue providing supervision to a chiropractic intern, the intern shall immediately cease to practice and provide notice to the board within 10 days and may not continue to practice chiropractic medicine until the board has approved the chiropractic intern to practice under the supervision of another licensed chiropractic doctor.

§563. Title

A chiropractic intern may not use any title or initials other than the term "chiropractic intern" with respect to the provision of chiropractic services.

§564. Rulemaking

The board may establish rules to implement this subchapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.