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Bill Analysis
Legislative Service Commission

S.B. 95

124th General Assembly
(As Passed by the Senate)

Sens. Jordan, Hagan, Wachtmann, Austria, Randy Gardner, Oelslager, Armbruster, Harris, Spada

BILL SUMMARY

- Extends to January 1, 2002, the effective date of the requirement that an applicant for licensure as a chiropractor have passed part IV of the examination of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
- Declares an emergency.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Background

Am. Sub. H.B. 506 of the 123rd General Assembly, which took effect April 10, 2001, revised the examination requirements for licensure of chiropractors. Prior to that act, an applicant was required to pass an examination consisting of subjects specified in the Revised Code. The act requires instead that the applicant pass, or have passed, the physiotherapy section of the examination of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners and additional parts of that examination. Which parts an applicant must pass depends on the year the applicant graduated from a school or college of chiropractic approved by the State Chiropractic Board. An applicant who graduated during the period from 1970 through 1988, must have passed parts I and II of the National Board's examination. An applicant who graduated on or after January 1, 1989, but before January 1, 2000, must have passed part III, as well as parts I and II, of the examination. An applicant graduating on or after January 1, 2000, must pass parts I through IV of the examination to be eligible for a license.

The bill

Requirements for a license

(sec. 4734.20)

The bill extends the period during which an applicant can be granted a chiropractic license without having passed part IV of the examination of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Under the bill an applicant who graduated from an approved school or college of chiropractic after December 31, 1988, but before January 1, 2002 and meets other requirements will be eligible for a license if the applicant has passed parts I, II, and III and the physiotherapy section of the examination. An applicant who graduates on or after January 1, 2002, must also pass part IV of the examination.

Reconsideration of applications

(Section 3)

Under the bill, if the State Chiropractic Board has refused to issue a chiropractic license to an applicant solely because the applicant has not passed part IV of the examination of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners the state board must reconsider the application. The state board's determination of whether to issue the license must be based on the examination requirements specified in the bill.

HISTORY

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