

ARTICLE 11. CHIROPODISTS

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§ 2950. [1] **Chiropody; License Required.**—It shall be unlawful for any person to practice or offer to practice in this State the branch of medicine known as chiropody, as hereinafter defined, unless duly licensed so to do by the medical licensing board of this State, after examination conducted by such board or a committee thereof, under rules and regulations prepared and promulgated by it, except as hereinafter provided: Provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any person legally entitled to practice chiropody in this State at the time of the adoption of this act.

§ 2951. [2] **Definition of Chiropody; Use of Title "Doctor."**—For the purpose of this article "chiropody" shall mean the medical, mechanical and surgical treatment of the ailments of the human hand or foot, except the amputation of the foot, hand, toes or fingers, without the use of anaesthetics other than local. It shall also include the fitting or recommending of appliances, devices or shoes for the correction or relief of minor foot ailments.

Licenseses under this article shall not use the title "doctor," except in connection with the word chiropody or chiropodists.

§ 2952. [3] **Qualifications of Applicant for License.**—An applicant for license shall furnish to the medical licensing board satisfactory proof that he is: (a) Twenty-one years of age or over; (b) of good moral character; (c) a graduate of a school of chiropody registered by the state department of education as being of proper standard, or that he has been in the practice of chiropody in some other state for at least five years, and of good standing in such state, in which said state an examination is required by law equal to the requirements of this state, and that said applicant has taken the examination in said state and received a license therein; (d) possessed of a minimum education of graduation from a high school recognized by the state department of education as being a proper standard and at least two years of academic work of collegiate grade in a standard college of arts and sciences, so recognized as being a proper standard by the state department of education; (e) a bona fide resident of the state of West Virginia at the time of application.

§ 2953. [4] **Examination for License; Issuance of License.**—The medical licensing board shall conduct examinations for license to practice chiropody at the times and places designated by it for conducting examinations for licenses to practice medicine. Examinations shall be in English, and in writing, and shall be of a scientific and practical character. They shall cover the subjects of general and special anatomy, physiology, hygiene and sanitation, physics, chemistry, biology, embryology, histology, pathology, physical therapy, bacteriology, minor surgery, materia medica and therapeutics, foot orthopedics and surgery, dermatology, and syphilology, roentgenology, physical diagnosis, didactic and clinical chiropody. The medical licensing board shall issue

licenses to practice chiropody to successful applicants therefor after proper certificate has been presented certifying that the applicant after graduation has completed an internship of one year in a recognized school of chiropody.

§ 2954. [5] **Offenses; Penalties.**—Whoever, not being lawfully authorized to practice chiropody within the State of West Virginia, holds himself out as a practitioner of chiropody, or advertises himself as such, or whoever practices chiropody under a false or assumed name, or under a name other than that under which he has license to practice chiropody as aforesaid, or whoever impersonates another practitioner of a like or different name, or whoever lends his name or his professional connection with anyone who has been convicted of any offense, as herein provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars, or confined in the county jail not less than one nor more than four months, or both, for each and every offense. and in addition, the medical licensing board may suspend or revoke his license for an indefinite period, but for not less than six months.

A person so convicted shall not be entitled to any fee for services rendered, and, if a fee has been paid, the patient or guardian or heir may recover the same as debts of like amount are now recovered by law.

§ 2955. [6] **Limitations of Article.**—Nothing contained in this article shall be construed to prevent a registered practitioner of medicine in the state of West Virginia from practicing chiropody as a branch of his medical and surgical practice, physicians and surgeons of the United States of army, navy or marine hospital service in actual discharge of their duties as such; nor to chiropodists living in other states and duly qualified to practice chiropody therein who shall be called in consultation into this state by a chiropodist already entitled to practice chiropody in this state.

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Honorable Robert D. Bailey
Secretary of State
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Mr. Bailey:

Enclosed are two copies of a Reference Page and two copies of Index Pages for The Public Health Laws of West Virginia and a Manual of Regulations of the West Virginia Board of Health. These Laws and Regulations are filed in the Odd Size File as item number 3.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "N. H. Dyer".

N. H. Dyer, M. D., M. P. H.
State Director of Health

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