

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

This act modifies provisions that govern chiropractors and the board of chiropractic examiners. Some of the changes include: modifying licensing requirements and grounds for disciplinary action, specifying instances in which persons not licensed in Minnesota may engage in chiropractic in Minnesota, and removing peer review requirements.

### Section

- 1 **License required; qualifications.** Amends § 148.06, subd. 1. Requires chiropractic colleges or programs to be "accredited" rather than "fully accredited" and specifies that an applicant may have graduated from a chiropractic program. Allows the board to accept a certificate of examination from the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners to fulfill all the board's examination requirements (not only the written examination requirements).
- 2 **Grounds.** Amends § 148.10, subd. 1. Makes it a ground for disciplinary action to practice under a license which has not been renewed, and eliminates the ground of failing to pay the annual license renewal fee.
- 3 **Reprimand; penalties; probation.** Amends § 148.10, subd. 3. Lists the costs, incurred by the board in the disciplinary process, for which the board may require the licensee being disciplined to reimburse the board.
- 4 **Cooperation during investigations.** Amends § 148.104. Requires a doctor of chiropractic who is the subject of an investigation to appear at conferences, meetings, and hearings related to the investigation that are scheduled by the board when the board provides proper notice of the meetings. Allows a doctor of chiropractic to redact patient identifying data in patient health records before providing them to the board when the board does not have written consent from a patient allowing the board to access the patient's health records.
- 5 **Exceptions.** Amends § 148.105, subd. 2. Allows a student attending a chiropractic program and

practicing under direct supervision to engage in chiropractic. Allows persons not licensed in Minnesota to engage in chiropractic in Minnesota if they are: in consultation in this state; providing services at a competitive athletic event; engaged in research or teaching and employed by certain entities; providing services to patients from the person's home state while engaging in outdoor recreation; or employed by a federal agency or the armed forces.

- 6 **Confidentiality of peer review records.** Amends § 148.106, subd. 10. Amends the data practices subdivision of the peer review section, to ensure that data collected for peer review activities before August 1, 2001 (the effective date of this act) will continue to be protected even after the rest of the peer review provisions are repealed. Strikes language relating to peer review, except that the language on data practices is retained.
- 7 **Repealer.** Repeals all subdivisions of the section on peer review, except the subdivision on data practices which is instead amended in section 6 of the bill.