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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHIROPRACTIC.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Section 442-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§442-2 License to practice. (a) It shall be unlawful  
4 for any person to practice chiropractic without a license. Any  
5 person applying for a license to practice chiropractic shall  
6 submit an application to the Hawaii board of chiropractic  
7 accompanied by the application fee, and all documents and  
8 affidavits that may be prescribed by law. The application shall  
9 be submitted in accordance with the rules of the board, shall be  
10 on a form prescribed by the board, and shall be signed by the  
11 applicant. In addition thereto, each applicant shall furnish to  
12 the board:

13 (1) Satisfactory proof that the applicant has met the  
14 educational requirements prescribed in the rules of  
15 the board; provided that these educational  
16 requirements shall not apply to applicants having



1 entered an approved chiropractic college on or before  
2 October 31, 1955; and

3 (2) Satisfactory proof that the applicant graduated from a  
4 chiropractic college accredited by, or recognized as a  
5 candidate for accreditation by, any chiropractic  
6 college accrediting agency recognized by the United  
7 States Department of Education; provided that the  
8 requirements shall not apply to applicants who  
9 matriculated in any chiropractic college prior to  
10 October 15, 1984.

11 (b) Except in the cases otherwise prescribed in this  
12 section, each applicant shall be a graduate of a chiropractic  
13 school or college accredited as provided by this section.

14 (c) Each applicant who successfully passes the examination  
15 shall pay a license fee.

16 (d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, nothing  
17 in this section shall be construed to prohibit a student  
18 enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college from engaging in  
19 clinical practice under the direct supervision of a qualified  
20 licensed chiropractor as part of the student's educational  
21 program."



1 SECTION 2. The Hawaii board of chiropractic shall adopt  
2 rules defining "clinical practice" and establishing the criteria  
3 to qualify as a chiropractic college or direct supervising  
4 licensed chiropractor pursuant to this Act.

5 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050;  
7 provided that section 1 shall take effect on July 1, 2027.



**Report Title:**

Hawaii Board of Chiropractic; Licensure; Exception; Students;  
Clinical Practice; Rules

**Description:**

Beginning 7/1/2027, allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their college instruction if directly supervised by a qualified licensed chiropractor. Requires the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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