

House Bill 1199

By: Representatives Henson of the 65th, Hudson of the 120th and Crawford of the 129th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 9 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 chiropractors, so as to define the term diagnosis; to require students for licensure to meet
3 standards established by the Council on Chiropractic Education including certain education
4 and training requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 9 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to chiropractors,
9 is amended by adding at the end of Code Section 43-9-1, relating to definitions, a new
10 paragraph to read as follows:

11 "(3) 'Diagnosis' means a process which attempts to identify the nature and cause of a
12 patient's complaint or abnormal finding, or both, and is essential to the ongoing process
13 of reasoning used by the doctor of chiropractic to direct patient management."

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 Said chapter is further amended by striking subsection (f) of Code Section 43-9-7, relating
16 to qualifications of applicants for license to practice chiropractic, and inserting in its place
17 the following:

18 "(f) All students for licensure must meet applicable requirements and standards as
19 established by the Council on Chiropractic Education for chiropractic programs and
20 institutions, including the education and training that will prepare graduates to:

21 (1) Assess the patient's general health status, complaints, and problems leading to a
22 diagnosis;

23 (2) Become primary care chiropractors serving as a point of entry for patients to access
24 illness and wellness related care;

1 (3) Develop the attitudes, knowledge, and skills required to collect appropriate patient
2 assessment data, determine a diagnosis, and establish a plan of appropriate chiropractic
3 management, comanagement, or referral commensurate with the needs of the individual
4 patient; and

5 (4) Select and organize pertinent information leading to the development of the problem
6 and differential diagnosis list.

7 (g) A student enrolled in the last academic year of a chiropractic school or college meeting
8 the requirements of this chapter as set forth in subsection (d) of this Code section may, at
9 the discretion of the board, take the examination as required in Code Section 43-9-8;
10 provided, however, that such student has successfully completed all other requirements for
11 application for licensure as established either by this chapter or by board rule. Such a
12 student who successfully passes the examination shall not be eligible for licensure until all
13 of the requirements of application for licensure established by this chapter or board rule are
14 met."

15 SECTION 3.

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.