

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1996

Introduced by Assembly Member Hill

February 17, 2010

An act to amend an initiative act entitled “An act prescribing the terms upon which licenses may be issued to practitioners of chiropractic, creating the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners and declaring its powers and duties, prescribing penalties for violation thereof, and repealing all acts and parts of acts inconsistent therewith” approved by electors November 7, 1922, by amending Section 12 thereof, relating to chiropractors, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 1996, as introduced, Hill. Chiropractors: license renewal fee.

Existing law, the Chiropractic Act, enacted by initiative, provides for the licensure and regulation of chiropractors by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Under the act, each person practicing chiropractic, after a license has been issued, is annually required to pay the board a renewal fee not exceeding \$150, as determined by the board. Existing law authorizes the Legislature to fix these fees. Existing law directs the deposit of these funds into the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners’ Fund, a continuously appropriated fund.

This bill would require a licensee to pay at least a \$200 renewal fee and no more than \$350, as determined by the board. By increasing that amount in the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners’ Fund, the bill would make an appropriation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 12 of the act cited in this title is amended
2 to read:

3 Sec. 12. Licenses issued under the provisions of this section
4 expire at 12 midnight on the last day of the month of birth of
5 licentiates of the board.

6 On or before July 1, 1991, the board shall establish regulations
7 for the administration of a birth month renewal program. Each
8 person practicing chiropractic within this state shall, on or before
9 the last day of their month of birth of each year, after a license is
10 issued to them as herein provided, pay to the Board of Chiropractic
11 Examiners a renewal fee of *at least two hundred dollars (\$200)*
12 *and not more than ~~one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)~~ three hundred*
13 *fifty dollars (\$350)* as determined by the board. The secretary shall
14 mail to all licensed chiropractors in this state, on or before 60 days
15 prior to the last day of the month of their birth each year, a notice
16 that the renewal fee will be due on or before the last day of the
17 month of their birth next following. Nothing in this act shall be
18 construed to require the receipts to be recorded in like manner as
19 original licenses. The failure, neglect or refusal of any person
20 holding a license or certificate to practice under this act in the State
21 of California to pay the annual fee during the time their license
22 remains in force shall, after a period of 60 days from the last day
23 of the month of their birth automatically work a forfeiture of his
24 or her license or certificate, and it shall not be restored except upon
25 the written application therefor and the payment to the board of a
26 fee of twice the annual amount of the renewal fee in effect at the
27 time the restoration application is filed except that a licentiate who
28 fails, refuses or neglects to pay the annual tax within a period of
29 60 days after the last day of the month of his or her birth of each
30 year shall not be required to submit to an examination for the
31 reissuance of the certificate.

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