

Bill No. 86 of 1949.

A BILL TO AMEND THE CHIROPRACTIC ACT, 1945.

NOTE.

This Bill amends *The Chiropractic Act, 1945*, being chapter 16 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1945.

Section 10 is amended. The 1945 Act increased the qualifications required of chiropractors and the new qualifications were made applicable to all future applicants with certain exceptions. One of the exceptions was set out in subsection (5) which provides that a person who was prevented from changing his occupation by a regulation made under the provisions of the *War Measures Act (Canada)*, who applied for admission to a school of chiropractic within six months after the coming into force of the new qualifications, and who commenced to attend the school within two years from the date of his release from the occupation which he was prevented from changing could qualify under the former standards. The subsection requires such a person to apply to the school within six months and to commence attendance within two years. Cases have arisen where such persons in good faith commenced to attend the school within the required two years and have completed the necessary training but because their application was not in within the six month period they are now barred from admission. Subsection (5) is amended by changing the six month period to two years which brings these persons within the provisions of the Act and enables their admission to the Association.

Subsection (6) of section 10 is also amended by providing that the special privilege under subsections (4) and (5) will not be available later than the thirty-first day of December, 1949.

A new section 12*a* is added immediately after section 12. This new section enables the Board in its discretion to grant a non-participating life membership in the Association to any member who has attained the age of sixty years and who has practised in Alberta as a member of the Association in good standing for at least five years, and who in the opinion of the Board is a fit and proper person. Any member who has attained the age of sixty years and who has practised in Alberta for at least ten years may make application to the Board for a non-participating life membership. Any member who has been granted a non-participating life membership shall be deemed to be registered as a non-participating member of the Association without filing any renewals of registration or paying the regular fees. The Board in its discretion may cancel any non-participating life membership for any act of misconduct or for any other proper cause.

A new section 26*a* is added immediately after section 26. It enables the Board, with the approval of the Association,

to make reciprocal agreements with other jurisdictions governing the admission to Alberta of persons qualified to practise in those other jurisdictions. Such an agreement may only be made if the qualifications in the other jurisdictions are equivalent to the qualifications in Alberta. The agreement itself may make provision for the admission to Alberta of persons who were qualified to practise in the other jurisdiction when qualifications were lower than they are at present. In such case the agreement may provide for additional terms and conditions governing their admission such as requiring a certain number of years of practice, etc.

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(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)

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An Act to amend The Chiropractic Act, 1945.

(Assented to _____, 1949.)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. *The Chiropractic Act, 1945*, being chapter 16 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1945, is hereby amended as to section 10,—

- (a) by striking out the words “or within six months after the date on which this Act comes into force” where they occur in subsection (5), and by substituting the words “or within two years after the date upon which he was released from the said occupation which he was prevented from changing”;
- (b) by adding immediately at the end of subsection (6) the words “and not in any event later than the thirty-first day of December, 1949”.

2. The said Act is further amended by adding immediately after section 12 the following new section:

“**12a.**—(1) The Board, in its discretion, may grant a non-participating life membership in the Association to any member who has attained the age of sixty years and who has practised in Alberta as a member of the Association in good standing for at least five years, and who in the opinion of the Board is a fit and proper person to be granted a non-participating life membership.

“(2) Any member who has attained the age of sixty years and who has practised in Alberta as a member of the Association in good standing for at least ten years may apply to the Board for a non-participating life membership in the Association.

“(3) Any member who has been granted a non-participating life membership shall be deemed to be registered under this Act as a non-participating member of the Association without filing any renewal of registration or making payment of the regular fee.

“(4) The Board, in its discretion, may cancel any non-participating life membership at any time for any act of misconduct committed by the member or for any other cause which is proper and expedient in the opinion of the Board.”.

3. The said Act is further amended by adding immediately after section 26 the following new section:

“26a.—(1) Subject to the approval of the Association, the Board may make reciprocal agreements with other bodies, councils or boards governing the practice of chiropractic in jurisdictions outside of Alberta whereby the qualifications to practise in such jurisdictions may be recognized as qualifications to practise in Alberta and qualifications to practise in Alberta may be recognized as qualifications to practise in such other jurisdictions.

“(2) No such agreement shall be made with any other body, council or board unless, in the opinion of the Board, the qualifications to practise in the jurisdiction governed by the other body, council or board are of a standard equivalent to the qualifications required in Alberta.

“(3) Any such agreement may make provision for the recognition of the qualifications of all chiropractors entitled to practise in the jurisdiction governed by the other body, council or board, notwithstanding that the qualifications of such chiropractors at the time they became entitled to practise in such other jurisdiction were not equivalent to the qualifications required at the time of the making of the reciprocal agreement, on such terms and conditions as to years of practice or otherwise as the agreement may provide.”.

4. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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