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No.                of 1920.

An Act Respecting the Practice of Chiropractic.

( Assented to                                . 1920)

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

1.    This Act may be cited as "The Chiropractic Act".

2.    In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

    (a)    The practice of chiropractic shall be deemed to be the adjustment by hands only of the articulations of the spine; but it shall not include osteopathy, operative surgery nor the administering or prescribing of any drug or medicine now or hereafter included in materia medica.

    (b)    "Chiropractor" means one who practises chiropractic as herein defined.

    (c)    "Council" means the council of the School of Chiropractic as herein established.

3.    The subjects of examination for application for registration as herein provided for, shall include anatomy, physiology, symptomatology, diagnosis, chiropractic orthopedy, principles of chiropractic and adjusting, nerve-tracing, chiropractic philosophy, sanitation and hygiene, palpation, and such other subjects as shall from time to time be added thereto by amendment to this Act.

4. All graduates of any school or college of chiropractic having a course of at least three years or six months or more in each year, or its equivalent, and who have been in actual attendance at such school or college during such course, who have for at least six months prior to the passing of this Act, practised chiropractic in the province, are hereby constituted the School of Chiropractic of the Province of Alberta, and such graduates and all other persons hereafter registered under the provisions of this Act shall be a body corporate and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal with power to acquire, hold, and dispose of real and chattel property for the purposes of the corporation and to sue and be sued.

5. The first council shall be composed of three persons to be named by the Lieutenant Governor in Council from among such of the practitioners described in Section 4 hereof as shall within the period of thirty days after the passing of this Act send written notification to the Department of Education of their names, addresses, qualifications, and evidence of their having graduated from such school or college as is set out in paragraph 4 hereof and of their having practised chiropractic in the province for at least six months immediately prior to the passing of this Act.

(a) A majority of the council shall be a quorum, and any resolution passed by a majority of those present at any meeting shall be effective.

6. Forthwith upon their appointment the council shall cause to be opened and kept a register in which shall be inscribed the names and addresses of all persons eligible to membership under the terms hereof in the said school who shall apply to be so registered.

7. The council shall give public notice by advertisement in one newspaper in Edmonton, and one newspaper in Calgary of the opening of such register and the purpose thereof.

8. The council shall decide upon the eligibility of all persons applying to be registered, and shall issue to all persons so registered a certificate of registration upon payment of such registration fee as shall be fixed by the council; but such fee shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars.

9. The council shall provide by regulation for the holding within one year of their appointment, of an election of the members of the council by the persons who shall so register, and for the number and term of office of such members so to be elected, and such council when elected (and the first council until such council shall be elected) shall have the following powers and be charged with the following duties, namely:

(a) The designation of the officers of the corporation, the fixing of their remuneration and the defining of their several duties.

(b) The regulation of the meetings of the council, including the number, time and place of such meetings.

(c) The regulation of and provision for elections of the council including the power to provide for the holding of office on the council for any period up to three years by certain of the members thereof, provided, however, that one or more members of the council shall be elected each year.

(d) The keeping of the register of practitioners of chiropractic in the province; the issue of certificates of registration, which certificates may be under the seal of the corporation, and the fixing of the fee for registration subject to the limitation thereof hereinbefore provided.

(e) The investigation of all matters concerning the corporation, or affecting its interest, or concerning the practice of chiropractic by the members thereof or others with power to compel the attendance of, and to examine, witnesses under oath for the purpose of any such investigation.

(f) Provide for the examination of applicants for registration and the form and manner of applications.

(g) Provide for courses of study and instruction for students of chiropractic, their registration as students and the fees payable by them, and for the examinations of such students and their registration as fully qualified practitioners after they have passed the examination tests and served the necessary time according to the regulations of the council, provided that the fees payable by a student shall not exceed in any one year the sum of twenty-five dollars.

(h) Provide for the revocation of any registration made under this Act.

(i) Provide for the holding of meetings of the members of the corporation and prescribe regulations governing such meetings.

(j) Provide for the filling of any vacancy or vacancies occurring in the membership of the council by election by the registered members of the corporation; provided that in the event of a vacancy or vacancies occurring previously to the first meeting of the registered members of the corporation the said vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Lieutenant Governor in Council; and no Act or Acts of the remainder of the Council shall be invalid by reason only of the nonfilling of such vacancy or vacancies by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(k) Provide for the registration without examination of licensed practitioners of chiropractic from other provinces of Canada, or from other countries or states having educational requirements at least equal to those provided for by this Act.

(l) Generally to do all such acts and have all such powers as shall be necessary for the proper performance of their duties and for the enforcement of the provisions of this Act.

10. Every person registered under the provisions of this Act shall be entitled to practise chiropractic in the province and to demand and recover in the courts thereof reasonable charges

for his or her services.

11. No person unless registered pursuant to the provisions hereof, and whose registration has not been revoked, shall practise chiropractic in the province; and any person who shall so practise chiropractic without being so registered shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.

12. Any person who pretends to be a chiropractor without being registered under the provisions of this Act shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars, provided that the offence is not of such nature as to make the defendant liable to the penalty provided for by Section Eleven (11) hereof.

13. Every prosecution under this Act shall be commenced within three months from the date of the alleged offence.

14. No civil action shall be commenced against any duly registered chiropractor under this Act after one year from the date on which the cause of action arose for any act done as chiropractor.

15. One moiety of the amount of any penalty recovered under this Act shall be paid over to the School of Chiropractic, and the other moiety shall belong to the crown.

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