

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners (board) must administer the required examination of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners in writing. As proposed, S.B. 651 allows the board to administer the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners examination by computer and codifies current board rule that allows the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners to administer the practical portion of the exam for the board.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 201.304(a), Occupations Code, to redefine the items an applicant must complete in order to receive a license. Deletes wording relating to the types of examinations an applicant must pass in order to receive a license.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 201.305, Occupations Code, to require an examination given under Section 201.304(b) to be conducted on practical and theoretical chiropractic and in certain subject areas. Deletes wording relating to the requirement that each examination for a license to practice chiropractic be conducted in writing and that each applicant examined at the same time be given identical questions. Deletes wording relating to where an examination may be obtained and the validation of an examination.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 201.306, Occupations Code, to delete wording relating to the grading or reviewing of an examination by a national testing service. Requires the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners (board) to review with, rather than provide to, a person who fails an examination the circumstances surrounding the adverse score. Sets forth the conditions for an applicant to pass the examination under Section 201.304(a)(2) and deletes wording relating to the requirement to grant a license to practice chiropractic if the person scores a certain grade.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 201.307, Occupations Code, to delete wording relating to the authorization of an applicant who fails to pass a required examination to take another examination. Deletes wording relating to the board determining the grade to be given an applicant. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 5. Effective date: September 1, 2001.
Makes application of this Act prospective.