

## CHAPTER 154.

## CHIROPODY.

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**154.01 Practice.** (1) The practice of chiropody is the diagnosis or mechanical or surgical treatment, or treatment by the local application of drugs, of abnormal nails, or superficial excrescences on the hands and feet, such as corns, warts and callouses, or fissures and bunions, or the diagnosis or mechanical but not surgical treatment of congenital or acquired deformities of the feet, but does not include surgical operations upon the hands or feet for congenital or acquired deformities or conditions requiring the use of an anaesthetic other than local, nor incisions involving structures below the skin, nor of any portion or organ of the body above the feet, except that the diagnosis and mechanical treatment shall include the tendons and muscles of the lower leg in so far only as they shall be involved in the enumerated conditions of the feet.

(2) No person shall practice chiropody, for compensation, direct or indirect, or in the expectation thereof, or attempt to do so, or designate himself a registered chiropodist, or use the title "R. C." or other title or letter indicating that he is a chiropodist, or otherwise directly or indirectly represent or hold himself out as such, unless registered by the state board of medical examiners and the certificate recorded. This does not prohibit a physician treating the feet, nor a lawfully qualified nonresident chiropodist meeting registered chiropodists in this state in consultation. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the sale of corrective shoes, arch supports or similar mechanical appliances.

**Note:** Corporation cannot practice chiropody. 24 Atty. Gen. 136.  
Chiropodist who goes from place to place at regular or irregular intervals less frequently than once a week must obtain itinerant's practitioner's license under 147.18. 31 Atty. Gen. 389.

**154.02 Application.** The applicant shall file written application on forms provided by the board, and satisfactory proof that he is more than twenty-one years of age, of good moral and professional character, has preliminary education equivalent to the completion of an approved three-year course in an accredited high school, and after July 1, 1926, equivalent to graduation from an accredited high school and after July 1, 1940, in addition one year in a recognized college of liberal arts or science, and has completed in a reputable school of chiropody a course, at least equivalent to three years of thirty-seven weeks of thirty class hours each, in anatomy and physiology of the feet, and diagnosis of the foot ailments and deformities which the chiropodist is authorized to treat, materia medica, chiropodial orthopedics, bacteriology, pathology, histology, therapeutic chemistry, and minor surgery and bandaging pertaining to ailments of the feet, and the mechanical treatment of congenital or acquired deformities of the feet, pay twenty dollars, and present himself for examination at the first meeting thereafter at which examinations are to be held. The fee shall not be refunded unless from sickness, or other good cause to the satisfaction of the board, the applicant was prevented from completing the examination; subsequent examinations under the application may be given in the discretion of the board without payment of additional fee. [1935 c. 42]

**154.03 Examination.** Examination shall be both scientific and practical, and written in English, in anatomy and physiology of the feet, and diagnosis of the foot ailments and deformities which the chiropodist is authorized to treat, materia medica, chiropodial orthopedics, bacteriology, pathology, histology, therapeutic chemistry, and minor surgery and bandaging pertaining to ailments of the feet, not including any amputation, and the mechanical treatment of congenital or acquired deformities of the feet, and may be supplemented by oral and clinical examination. The board shall select three registered chiropodists to conduct the examination under its supervision and shall appoint one as president and another as secretary of the chiropody examiners, all three to receive the same compensation as members of the board. [1935 c. 42]

**154.04 Certificate.** If the board find the applicant qualified, it shall issue a certificate of registration, which the recipient shall record with the county clerk of any county in which he shall practice, as provided in section 147.14. The certificate shall expire on February 1 of each year, and shall be renewed only upon application and the sending of a two-dollar annual renewal fee to the secretary of the chiropody examiners on or before

January thirty-first. Upon receipt of such application, the chiropody examiners shall send the said application and fee to the medical board for renewal. A renewal fee of seven dollars shall be levied against any chiropodist who fails to renew his application on or before January thirty-first of any year. If the applicant for re-registration has been guilty of conduct that would afford a ground for revocation under section 154.05, the board may so find, and refuse to re-register such applicant. [1935 c. 42]

**154.05 Revocation.** The certificate may be revoked as provided in section 147.20, and for any of the causes enumerated in that section, or for failure to renew a certificate of registration before July first of any year, or for unprofessional conduct which term shall include employing solicitors to obtain business, obtaining fees by fraud or deceit, wilfully betraying professional secrets, employing, directly or indirectly, students or unlicensed chiropodists to diagnose or treat human feet, advertising or holding out to successfully treat or cure all ailments of the feet or any ailment manifestly incurable, advertising of chiropody business or treatment by appliances in which untruthful statements are made, advertising statements of a character tending to mislead the public, advertising professional superiority or the performance of chiropody services in a superior manner, advertising definite fixed prices when the nature of the professional service rendered must be variable, or chronic and persistent inebriety, or presenting to the board any diploma, license or certificate illegally obtained, or signed or issued unlawfully or under fraudulent representations. [1935 c. 42]

**154.06 Penalties.** (1) Any person practicing or holding himself out as practicing chiropody, not being registered, and certificate recorded, shall be punished, for a first offense by fine of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars, and for a subsequent offense by fine of not less than one hundred nor more than two hundred fifty dollars, or imprisonment not less than six months, or both.

(2) Any person shall be fined not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned not less than thirty days nor more than six months, or both who shall:

(a) Sell or barter or offer to sell or barter a diploma or document conferring or purporting to confer a chiropodist degree, or a certificate or transcript, made or purporting to be made, pursuant to the laws regulating the registration of chiropodists.

(b) Purchase or procure by barter such a diploma, certificate or transcript, with intent that the same shall be used as evidence of the holder's qualification to practice chiropody, or in fraud of the laws regulating such practice.

(c) With fraudulent intent, alter in a material regard such a diploma, certificate or transcript.

(d) Use or attempt to use such a diploma, certificate or transcript which has been purchased, fraudulently issued, counterfeited or materially altered, either as a license or color of license to practice chiropody, or in order to procure registration as a chiropodist.

(e) Practice chiropody under a false or assumed name.

(f) Assume any title or append any letters to his name with intent to represent falsely that he has received a chiropodist degree or certificate of registration.