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S.B. No. 1062

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the registration of chiropractic facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 201.312, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 201.312. REGISTRATION [~~ACCREDITATION~~] OF FACILITIES.

(a) The board by rule shall adopt requirements for registering [~~licensing and regulating~~] chiropractic facilities as necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

(b) The rules adopted under this section must:

(1) specify the registration [~~licensing~~] requirements for a chiropractic facility;

(2) prescribe the standards for the chiropractic [~~structure of the~~] facility registration [~~licensing~~] program; [~~and~~]

(3) provide for the issuance of a separate certificate of registration [~~one facility license~~] to an owner of a chiropractic facility for each chiropractic facility owned by the owner; and

(4) provide for the board to send notice to an owner of a chiropractic facility and to each chiropractor practicing in the facility of the impending expiration of the facility's certificate of registration before the expiration of the certificate.

(c) The standards adopted under Subsection (b)(2) must be

1 consistent with industry standards for the practice of
2 chiropractic.

3 (d) To register a chiropractic facility, the owner of the
4 facility must:

5 (1) file with the board a written application for
6 registration; and

7 (2) pay, with the application, a registration fee in
8 an amount set by the board not to exceed \$75.

9 (e) The board may issue a certificate of registration only
10 to a chiropractic facility that complies with the requirements of
11 this section.

12 (f) A certificate of registration under this section must be
13 renewed annually. To renew the certificate, the certificate holder
14 shall apply to the board and pay an annual fee equal to the amount of
15 the registration fee under Subsection (d)(2).

16 (g) A person licensed to practice chiropractic in this state
17 is subject to disciplinary action under this chapter if the person
18 practices chiropractic in a chiropractic facility that the person
19 knows is not registered under this section.

20 (h) An owner of a chiropractic facility who violates this
21 section or a rule adopted under this section is subject to
22 disciplinary action by the board in the same manner as a license
23 holder who violates this chapter or a rule adopted under this
24 chapter.

25 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2004, the Texas Board
26 of Chiropractic Examiners shall adopt rules under Section 201.503,
27 Occupations Code, specifying the maximum amount of sanctions that

1 may be assessed against a chiropractor for violating Subsection
2 (g), Section 201.312, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.