

Every act or omission designated as a misdemeanor in this subtitle unless otherwise provided, shall be punishable by [any trial magistrate] THE DISTRICT COURT FOR CARROLL COUNTY or the Circuit Court for Carroll County, and the offender upon conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or to confinement in the county jail for not more than thirty (30) days, or both in the discretion of the [magistrate] DISTRICT or Circuit Court. If the act or omission is of a continuing nature and is persisted in, in violation of the provisions of this subtitle or of any rule or regulation formulated thereunder, a conviction for one offense shall not be a bar to the conviction for a continuation of such offense subsequent to the first or any succeeding conviction.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved April 26, 1973.

CHAPTER 105

(Senate Bill 812)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 504(c), 506(a), 506(b), 508, and 512 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Chiropractic," to modify the definition of "chiropractic" and "practice of chiropractic," to clarify certain language, to grant to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners the right to suspend a license under certain circumstances, to provide for continuing educational requirements as a condition for holding a license, to place the renewal license fee within the discretion of the said Board, and to provide for an increase in the reciprocity license fee.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 504(c), 506(a), 506(b), 508, and 512 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Chiropractic," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

504.

(c) Chiropractic is hereby defined to be a drugless health system, the basic principle of which teaches that disease [is] MAY BE caused by interference with the transmission of nerve impulses. The practice of chiropractic is defined as diagnosis, the location of disaligned or displaced vertebrae of the human spinal column, the procedure preparatory to and the adjustment by hand of such misaligned or displaced vertebrae of the spinal column and [its] SKELETAL articulations, by any method not including the use of drugs, surgery, obstetrics or osteopathy, nor any branch of medicine; providing that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit the use by any licensed chiropractor of the selection of food materials necessary for the nourishment of the body and measures of cleanliness incident to the care of the human body.

506.

(a) The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners may refuse to grant OR MAY SUSPEND or [may] revoke a license to practice chiropractic in this State, or may cause a [licentiate's] LICENSEE'S name to be removed from the records in the