

Very truly yours,
/s/ Francis B. Burch
Attorney General

Senate Bill No. 863 - Qualifications of Chiropractors
AN ACT concerning

Board of Chiropractic Examiners - Applications

FOR the purpose of changing the qualifications for persons applying for chiropractic licenses[[, repealing certain provisions concerning the Board of Chiropractic Examiners' power to investigate and recognize certain schools, and clarifying the language therein]].

May 31, 1974.

Honorable William S. James
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 863.

This bill requires the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to admit to the qualifying examination for practice of chiropractic any graduate of a chiropractic school or college approved by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and either by the Association of Chiropractic Colleges or the Council on Chiropractic Education.

Under the present law, it is the Board of Chiropractic Examiners which approves the chiropractic colleges for purposes of admission to the examination. I have no particular objection to utilizing the two listed accrediting agencies - i.e., the Association of Chiropractic Colleges and the Council of Chiropractic Education; however, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene is not staffed to perform this function. He does not accredit colleges for any other profession within his jurisdiction, and has neither the staff, the funds, nor the expertise to perform this function.

For these reasons, I have decided to veto Senate