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**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on Friday, June 6, 2025, and filed with the agency secretary on Monday, June 9, 2025.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

RULE NO.: 190-X-2-.11
(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended) **190-X-2-.11**

RULE TITLE: Renewal Of License

ACTION TAKEN: State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:

Adopted without changes. No comments received

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(NOTE: In accordance with §41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.)

(1) Annual Renewal Required. Each license shall be subject to renewal on September 30 of the year for which it is issued and every person having a valid license may on or before September 30th renew the license for the ensuing year by completing the renewal application, submitting documentation as set forth below and with the payment to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners of the fees set forth below.

(2) Continuing Professional Education Required. A minimum of 18 hours of continuing education as approved by the Alabama State Board of Chiropractic Examiners is required annually for license renewal.

(a) As a condition of licensure renewal, a chiropractor must obtain every year a minimum of two (2) hours of continuing education in Board approved courses on chiropractic regulation and compliance with the Alabama Chiropractic Practice Act and Board rules. The two (2) hours are included in the minimum of 18 hours.

(b) Any individual who is initially licensed as a chiropractor in this state after October 1, 2011 shall complete as part of the continuing education requirement four (4) hours of continuing education in Board approved courses on chiropractic regulation and compliance with the Alabama Chiropractic Practice Act and Board Rules as a condition of renewal for the year following their initial licensure.

(c) Any individual who is initially licensed as a chiropractor in this state after October 1, 2025 shall attend one Board meeting during the first calendar year in which the individual practices in Alabama as a condition of renewal. Attendance may satisfy two (2) hours of required courses on chiropractic regulation and compliance with the Alabama Chiropractic Practice Act and Board Rules.

(d) The requirement set forth in (a) and (b) above may be satisfied by distance-based continuing education in addition to the distance-based education allowed in paragraph(3).

(3) No more than one third (1/3) of the required hours may be completed in a distance based continuing education format which complies with the provisions of this rule. Annually shall mean October 1 - September 30 of each year. The Board may, in the Event of a National or State Declaration of Emergency, by majority vote suspend the requirement that only 1/3 of the

required hours be obtained by distance-based formats, for the length of the declared emergency.

(a) All providers of distance based continuing education courses must be an entity approved by the Board as set forth by Board Rule 190-X-1-.19.

(4) The continuing educational requirement for the purpose of license renewal for any person who has graduated from a recognized CCE chiropractic college within the licensure year immediately preceding the licensure year indicated on the license renewal form except hours required in (2) (b) above may be met through attendance at a recognized CCE chiropractic college (a minimum of 18 hours). This applies only to the first license renewal period after initial licensing.

During the grace period (October 1 to December 31) for renewal, a licensee may complete any continuing education requirements for renewal that the licensee failed to complete during the prior fiscal year. Hours obtained during the grace period do not qualify or apply to the deferral procedure outlined below. Hours must be received in the board office before January 1 to avoid reinstatement.

(5) Educational Requirement May Be Waived Or Deferred.

(a) A licensee who cannot complete the continuing educational requirements because of personal physical illness or disability, military service or other circumstances beyond the licensee's control which the board deems to be sufficient to impose a hardship may apply for a waiver or deferral of time to complete the continuing education requirements. Any waiver or deferral of time to complete the education requirements will be granted solely in the discretion of the board.

(b) A licensee seeking a waiver or deferral must make application on the form provided by the Executive Director of the Board, prior to the December 31 license expiration for completion of the education requirement. For waivers or deferrals due to illness, the application form must be accompanied by a written statement from a physician stating the diagnosis, prognosis and length of time the licensee will be unable to practice or attend an educational program. Waivers or 3Supp. 3/31/21 2-8 deferrals due to personal physical illness or disability may be granted only to a licensee who has suffered a personal illness or personal disability of a nature that prevented or will prevent him/her from engaging in the active practice of chiropractic for a significant portion of the continuing education period.

(c) All licensees seeking wavier or deferral shall provide full and complete written documentation of the grounds supporting the reasons for which a deferral is sought. A licensee who request a wavier or deferral of time to complete the required hours of continuing education shall not engage in the active practice of chiropractic beyond December 31 of any year and until the board grants the licensee's request for wavier or deferral.

(6) Renewal Fee Required.

(a) A licensee shall pay the fee as established in Rule 190-X-.1-.18. The renewal fee may be paid by cashier check, certified check, money order, or credit card.

(b) A licensee who is prevented from practicing chiropractic by reason of physical disability, temporary active duty with any of the armed forces of the United States, or while any licensee is completely retired from the practice of chiropractic may request a waiver or reduction of the fee for annual renewal. The waiver or reduction shall be effective so long as the disability, temporary active duty or complete retirement continues. Licensee must notify the Board within fifteen (15) days from the onset of any claimed physical disability, temporary active duty or complete retirement as set forth above. Licensee shall notify the Board within fifteen (15) days when any such condition no longer is applicable. Forms for waiver or reduction of fees must be obtained from the Office of the Executive Director.

(7) Late Penalty. A penalty shall be charged any person who fails to complete the renewal by September 30 as established in Rule 190-X-.1-.18.

(8) A chiropractor may continue to practice until December 31 of the year for which a license is issued subject to Code of Ala. 1975, Section 34-24-165(b).

(9) The license of any chiropractor who fails to renew on or before January 1st shall be automatically suspended. Any chiropractor whose license is automatically suspended shall be allowed reinstatement if on or before January 31st the chiropractor submits documentation of compliance for conditions of renewal and submits payment of the applicable reinstatement fee. Any chiropractor who seeks reinstatement due to nonrenewal after January 31st shall comply with the requirements of Code of Ala. 1975, Section 34-24-176.

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