

# Chapter 684

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## OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS

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**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**684.010 Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

(1) "Board" means the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

(2) "Chiropractic" is defined as:

(a) That system of adjusting with the hands the articulations of the bony framework of the human body, and the employment and practice of physiotherapy, electrotherapy, hydrotherapy and minor surgery.

(b) The chiropractic diagnosis, treatment and prevention of body dysfunction; correction, maintenance of the structural and functional integrity of the neuro-musculo-skeletal system and the effects thereof or interferences therewith by the utilization of all recognized and accepted chiropractic diagnostic procedures and the employment of all rational therapeutic measures as taught in approved chiropractic colleges.

(3) "Chiropractic physician" means a person licensed by ORS 677.060, 684.025, 684.100, 684.155, 688.010, 688.030, 688.125 and this section as an attending physician.

(4) "Drugs" means all medicines and preparations and all substances, except food, water and nutritional supplements taken orally, used or intended to be used for the diagnosis, cure, treatment, mitigation or prevention of diseases or abnormalities of humans, which are recognized in the latest editions of the official United States Pharmacopoeia, official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia, official National Formulary, or any supplement to any of them, or otherwise established as drugs.

(5) "Minor surgery" means the use of electrical or other methods for the surgical repair and care incident thereto of superficial lacerations and abrasions, benign superficial lesions, and the removal of foreign bodies located in the superficial structures; and the use of antiseptics and local anesthetics in connection therewith. [Amended by 1953 c.541 §2; 1975 c.492 §1; 1987 c.726 §1]

**684.015 Prohibited practices.** (1) Without first complying with the provisions of this chapter, no person shall:

(a) Practice or attempt to practice chiropractic.

(b) Buy, sell or fraudulently obtain a diploma or license to practice chiropractic, whether recorded or not.

(c) Use the title "Chiropractic," "D.C.," "Chiropractor," "Chiropractic D.C.," or "Ph.C.," or any word or title to induce belief that the person is engaged in the practice of chiropractic.

(d) Place upon any door a sign for the purpose of displaying any of the titles mentioned in paragraph (c) of this subsection.

(2) The display of such titles or any of them fraudulently obtained is prima facie evidence that such person is fraudulently engaged in the practice of chiropractic and subject to this chapter.

(3) No person practicing under this chapter shall administer or write prescriptions for, or dispense drugs, practice optometry or naturopathic medicine or do major surgery. [Formerly 684.110]

**684.020 License required to practice chiropractic.** It is unlawful for any person to practice chiropractic in this state unless the person first obtains and maintains an active license, as provided in this chapter. [Amended by 1991 c.892 §1]

**684.023** [1975 c.492 §11; 1985 c.354 §3; repealed by 1987 c.726 §2]

**684.025 Application of chapter.** (1) Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to prevent one licensed under this chapter from the administration of the anesthetics or antiseptics authorized in ORS 684.010 or the use of radiopaque substances administered by mouth or rectum necessary for Roentgen diagnostic purposes.

(2) Nothing in this section or ORS 684.010 shall be interpreted as authorizing the administration of any substance by the penetration of the skin or mucous membrane of the human body for a therapeutic purpose. [Formerly 684.115; 1987 c.726 §4]

**684.030 Application of public health laws.** Chiropractic physicians shall observe and be subject to all state and municipal regulations relating to the control of contagious and infectious diseases, sign birth and death certificates, and report all matters pertaining to public health to the proper health officers the same as other practitioners.

**684.035 Chapter not applicable to other methods of healing.** Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to interfere with any other method or science of healing in this state. [Formerly 684.120]

**LICENSING**

**684.040 Application for license; qualifications; fees.** (1) Any person applying for a license to practice chiropractic in this state shall make application to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, upon such form and in such manner as may be provided by the board. The application must be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$150.

(2) Each applicant shall furnish to the board:

(a) Evidence satisfactory to the board of the applicant's good moral character.

(b) A certificate of proficiency in the fundamental sciences (Part I, taken subsequent to January 1, 1971) issued to the applicant by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

(c) Evidence of successful completion of at least two years of liberal arts and sciences study, in a college or university accredited by either the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges or a like regional association or in a college or university in Oregon approved for granting degrees by the Oregon Office of Educational Policy and Planning prior to matriculation into a chiropractic school or college.

(d) A diploma and transcript, certified by the registrar, or other documents satisfactory to the board evidencing graduation from a chiropractic school or college approved by the board under the board's academic standards, or from a school accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education or its successor agency, under standards that are accepted and adopted biennially by the board in the version applied to that school by the accrediting agency.

(e) A statement of any other health care provider license in this state held by the applicant, with identifying information required by the board.

(3) The board may waive the requirements of paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of this section for any applicant for a license to practice chiropractic if the applicant is licensed in another state and practiced chiropractic in that state prior to March 1, 1958, but the applicant must pass the examination authorized by ORS 684.050 or by ORS 684.052. [Amended by 1953 c.432 §2; 1969 c.191 §1; 1973 c.31 §4; 1975 c.492 §2; 1985 c.354 §4; 1987 c.376 §1; 1989 c.805 §1; 1991 c.300 §1; 1991 c.892 §2]

**684.050 Examination; reexamination fee; issuing license.** (1) Examinations for license to practice chiropractic shall be made by the board according to the method deemed to be the most practicable to test the applicant's qualifications.

(2) Each applicant shall be designated by a number instead of the name so that the identity of the applicant will not be disclosed to the examiners until the papers are graded.

(3) All examinations shall be in writing, the subjects of which shall be in accordance with subsection (4) of this section. A license shall be granted to all applicants who correctly answer 75 percent of all questions asked under each subject, and if any applicant fails to answer correctly 75 percent of the questions on any branch of the examinations the applicant is not entitled to a li-

cence. The applicant shall, however, be given credit for all branches passed. The board may authorize an applicant to retake an examination or part thereof, upon payment of a fee not to exceed \$100.

(4) The schedule of minimum educational requirements to enable any person to practice chiropractic in this state includes the basic science subjects of anatomy, physiology, chemistry, pathology and public health and hygiene; also the clinical subjects of physical diagnosis, differential diagnosis, laboratory diagnosis, theory and practice of chiropractic, nutrition and dietetics, physiotherapy, electrotherapy, hydrotherapy, chiropractic orthopedics, written and practical roentgenology, eye-ear-nose-throat, proctology, obstetrics and gynecology, minor surgery, jurisprudence, psychology, office procedure and such other subjects as the board may, from time to time, require, except internal medicine and major surgery. The minimum number of academic hours in an approved chiropractic college shall not be less than 4,200 or the equivalent requirement in semester or quarter credits. The board may recognize a national chiropractic testing agency for grades received in both basic science and clinical subjects. [Amended by 1975 c.492 §3; 1987 c.376 §2; 1991 c.300 §2]

**684.052 Use of nationally administered test.** In lieu of an examination in any or all required subjects, the board may accept a passing grade on a test administered by a national testing agency approved by the board if the test is no less strict than a test administered under ORS 684.050. [1969 c.191 §7]

**684.054 Qualifications for license; ancillary personnel; fees; notification of address change required.** (1) Upon complying with ORS 684.040, and earning a passing grade on the examination authorized by ORS 684.050 or 684.052, an applicant shall be licensed as a chiropractic physician upon payment of a fee of \$100 unless the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners refuses to grant the license on grounds specified in ORS 684.100.

(2) Every chiropractic physician shall promptly notify the board of any change in the professional address of the chiropractic physician.

(3) After meeting the standards of the board established under ORS 684.155 for ancillary personnel, an applicant shall be certified as ancillary personnel upon payment of a fee of \$50. The annual renewal fee for the certificate is \$50. In addition, the board may charge an application fee of \$25 and an examination fee of \$35. [1969 c.191 §3; 1989 c.805 §2; 1991 c.300 §3]

**684.060 Reciprocity; fee.** A person licensed to practice chiropractic under the laws of any other state who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board that the person possesses qualifications at least equal to those required of persons eligible for licensing under this chapter and who meets the requirements of ORS 684.040 may be issued a license to practice in this state without examination upon payment of a fee of \$100. In addition, the board may fix the minimum number of years of practice required to qualify for a license under this section. [Amended by 1969 c.191 §4; 1991 c.300 §4; 1991 c.892 §5]

**684.070** [Repealed by 1975 c.492 §12]

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**684.090 Annual registration; fees; failure to renew license.** (1) In addition to meeting the requirements of ORS 684.092, each person practicing chiropractic within this state shall, on or before August 1 of each year after a license is issued to the person, pay to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners an annual registration fee not to exceed \$250, as determined by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners and approved by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services. The maximum annual registration fee for one not engaged in active practice shall not exceed \$150, as determined by the board and approved by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services. The board, on or before June 1 of each year, shall cause to be mailed to the last-known professional address of all licensed chiropractors in this state a notice of the requirements of ORS 684.092 and that the registration fee will be due on or before August 1 next following. The annual registration fee shall be payable only by certified check or money order.

(2) The failure, neglect or refusal of any person holding a license or certificate to practice under this chapter to pay the annual fee and to show compliance with or exemption from the requirement of ORS 684.092 during the time the license remains in force shall cause the license to expire after a period of 30 days from August 1 of the year for which the failure occurs.

(3) The licenses not renewed on time shall not be renewed except upon the written application therefor and a payment to the board of the fee for the license category plus one-half thereof, and upon compliance with or exemption from the requirements of ORS 684.092. A licentiate who pays the annual renewal fee and shows compliance or exemption within 12 months of the expiration date of the license shall not be required to submit to an examination for the reissuance of a license.

(4) The license of any licentiate who fails to renew the license within one year from August 1 preceding shall be renewed only upon written application, the payment to the board of the annual registration fee plus one-half thereof and successful completion of the examination authorized under ORS 684.050.

(5) Any person whose license application was denied or whose license has been revoked or suspended and whose license privileges are granted or restored may receive the license for the year in which the privilege is granted or restored upon payment of the annual registration fee for the license category plus one-half thereof. [Amended by 1957 c.40 §1; 1969 c.191 §8; 1971 c.14 §2; 1974 s.s. c.48 §1; 1975 c.492 §4; 1989 c.805 §3; 1991 c.300 §5; 1991 c.892 §6]

**Note:** Section 5, chapter 805, Oregon Laws 1989, provides:

**Sec. 5. Issuance of license for period of less than one year; proration of license fee.** (1) Notwithstanding ORS 684.090, the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall adopt rules to implement ORS 684.090, as amended by section 3 of this Act, in an orderly manner. The board may cause licenses renewed on or after the effective date of this Act [July 24, 1989] to be issued for periods not longer than 12 months and may issue licenses for periods less than 12 months.

(2) The fee for a license issued for any period shorter than 12 months shall be the basic fee prorated on a monthly basis. [1989 c.805 §5]

**684.092 Completion of continuing education course required; exemptions.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, each chiropractic physician at the time the chiropractic physician submits any fee required under ORS 684.090, shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board of the successful completion of an approved program of continuing chiropractic education; if any, in that 12-month period preceding the date on which the evidence is submitted.

(2) The board may exempt a chiropractic physician from the requirements of subsection (1) of this section upon an application by the chiropractic physician showing by evidence satisfactory to the board that the chiropractic physician is unable to comply with the requirements because of unusual or extenuating circumstances or because no program has been approved by the board. [1969 c.191 §5]

**684.094 Procedure for approving continuing education courses.** (1) Any person seeking approval of a program of continuing chiropractic education, to be offered to assist persons licensed under this chapter to comply with the requirements of ORS 684.092 (1), shall submit to the board, at such time as the board may require, copies of courses of study to be offered and proof of such other qualifications as the board may require.

(2) The board may approve for purposes of continuing chiropractic education any

program of not less than 15 hours duration annually covering new, review, experimental, research or specialty subjects in the field of chiropractic to be presented by persons reasonably qualified to do so. In addition, the board may approve any program covering, on a biennial basis, five hours on ethics and jurisprudence, two hours on charting and record keeping, three hours on current medical codes and diagnoses, and five hours on board practices and utilization guidelines for neuro-musculoskeletal conditions.

(3) Approval granted any course of study under subsection (2) of this section shall be reviewed periodically and approval shall be withdrawn from any course of study which fails to meet the requirements of the board. [1969 c.191 §6; 1991 c.892 §15]

**684.100 Grounds and procedure for discipline of licensee or refusal to license.**

(1) The board may refuse to grant a license to any applicant or may discipline a person upon any of the following grounds:

- (a) Fraud or misrepresentation.
- (b) The practice of chiropractic under a false or assumed name.
- (c) The impersonation of another practitioner of like or different name.
- (d) A conviction of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. A copy of the record of conviction, certified to by the clerk of the court entering the conviction, is conclusive evidence of the conviction.
- (e) Commitment to a mental institution. A copy of the record of commitment, certified to by the clerk of the court entering the commitment, is conclusive evidence of the commitment.
- (f) Habitual intemperance in the use of intoxicants or controlled substances to such an extent as to incapacitate the person from the performance of professional duties.
- (g) Unprofessional or dishonorable conduct which includes but is not limited to:
  - (A) Any conduct or practice contrary to recognized standard of ethics of the chiropractic profession or any conduct or practice which does or might constitute a danger to the health or safety of a patient or the public or any conduct, practice, or condition which does or might impair a physician's ability safely and skillfully to practice chiropractic.
  - (B) Willful ordering or performance of unnecessary laboratory tests or studies; administration of unnecessary treatment; failure to obtain consultations or perform referrals when failing to do so is not consistent with the standard of care; or otherwise ordering or performing any chiropractic service, X-ray, or treatment which is con-

trary to recognized standards of practice of the chiropractic profession.

(C) Gross malpractice or repeated malpractice.

(h) Failing to notify the board of a change in location of practice as provided in ORS 684.054.

(i) Representing to a patient that a manifestly incurable condition of sickness, disease or injury can be permanently cured.

(j) The use of any advertising in which untruthful, improper, misleading or deceptive statements are made.

(k) The advertising of techniques or modalities to infer or imply superiority of treatment or diagnosis by the use thereof that cannot be conclusively proven to the satisfaction of the board.

(L) Knowingly permitting or allowing any person to use the license of the person in the practice of any system or mode of treating the sick.

(m) Advertising either in the name of the person or under the name of another person, or clinic, or concern, actual or pretended, in any newspaper, pamphlet, circular or other written or printed paper or document, professing superiority to or a greater skill than that possessed by other chiropractic physicians that cannot be conclusively proven to the satisfaction of the board.

(n) Aiding or abetting the practice of any of the healing arts by an unlicensed person.

(o) The use of the name of the person under the designation, "Doctor," "Dr.," "D.C.," "Chiropractor," "Chiropractic D.C.," "Chiropractic Physician," or "Ph.C.," or any similar designation with reference to the commercial exploitation of any goods, wares or merchandise.

(p) The advertising or holding oneself out to treat diseases or other abnormal conditions of the human body by any secret formula, method, treatment or procedure.

(q) Violation of any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted thereunder.

(r) Gross incompetency or gross negligence.

(s) The suspension or revocation by another state of a license to practice chiropractic, based upon acts by the licensee similar to acts described in this section. A certified copy of the record of suspension or revocation of the state making such suspension or revocation is conclusive evidence thereof.

(t) Failing to give prior notice to patients of the permanent or temporary closure of the physician's practice, or failing to give rea-

sonable access to the records and files of the physician's patients at any time.

(u) The suspension or revocation by another licensing board in the state of a license to practice as another type of health care provider.

(2) The board may at any time after two years of the refusal or revocation or cancellation of registration under this section, by a majority vote, issue a new license or grant a license, to the person affected, restoring to, or conferring on the person, all the rights and privileges of and pertaining to the practice of chiropractic as defined and regulated by this chapter. Any person to whom such rights have been restored shall pay to the board the annual registration fee for the license category plus one-half thereof.

(3) If the board determines that a chiropractic physician's continuation in practice would constitute a serious danger to the public, the board may suspend the license of the chiropractic physician without a hearing. Simultaneously with the order of suspension, the board must institute proceedings for a hearing provided under this section and the suspension may continue unless injunctive relief is obtained from a court of competent jurisdiction showing just cause or undue burden under the circumstances existing.

(4) If a physician refuses a written request for an informal interview with the board, the board shall have grounds to suspend or revoke the license of a physician pursuant to this section.

(5) Prior to or following an informal interview as described in this section, the board may request any Oregon licensed chiropractic physician in good standing to assist the board in preparing for or conducting any professional competency examination as the board may deem appropriate.

(6) Notwithstanding any other provisions of ORS 684.010, 684.040, 684.050, 684.090, 684.100, 684.112, 684.130, 684.150 and 684.155, the board may at any time direct and order a professional competency examination limited to the area of practice out of which a specific complaint has arisen, and make such investigation, including the taking of depositions or otherwise in order to fully inform itself with respect to the performance or conduct of a physician licensed under ORS 684.010, 684.040, 684.050, 684.090, 684.100, 684.112, 684.130, 684.150 and 684.155.

(7) If the board has reasonable cause to believe that any chiropractic physician is or may be unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients, the board may cause a competency examination of such physician for purposes of determining the

physician's fitness to practice chiropractic with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

(8) Refusal by any person to take or appear for a competency examination scheduled by the board shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action.

(9) In disciplining a person as authorized by subsection (1) of this section, the board may use any or all of the following methods:

(a) Suspend judgment.

(b) Place the person on probation.

(c) Suspend the license of the person to practice chiropractic in this state.

(d) Revoke the license of the person to practice chiropractic in this state.

(e) Place limitations on the license of the person to practice chiropractic in this state.

(f) Impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000.

(g) Take such other disciplinary action as the board in its discretion finds proper, including assessment of the costs of the disciplinary proceedings.

(10)(a) Any information provided to the board pursuant to ORS 684.100, 684.112 and 684.155 (8) is confidential and shall not be subject to public disclosure or admissible as evidence in any judicial proceeding except as considered necessary by the board in the enforcement of this chapter. The board shall notify the licensing board under the jurisdictions of which the chiropractor holds another type of health care provider license of any disciplinary action taken against the chiropractor licensed by the other board.

(b) Any person who reports or provides information to the board under ORS 684.090, 684.100, 684.112, 684.150 and 684.155 and who provides information in good faith shall not be subject to an action for civil damages as a result thereof. [Amended by 1953 c.556 §2; 1971 c.734 §129; 1973 c.265 §1; 1975 c.492 §5; 1979 c.744 §56; 1985 c.354 §5; 1987 c.376 §3; 1987 c.726 §3; 1989 c.224 §135; 1989 c.565 §1; 1991 c.892 §7]

**684.105 Discipline procedure; review of board orders.** (1) Where the board proposes to refuse to issue a license, or proposes to revoke or suspend a license, opportunity for hearing shall be accorded as provided in ORS 183.310 to 183.550.

(2) Judicial review of orders under subsection (1) of this section shall be in accordance with ORS 183.310 to 183.550. [1971 c.734 §131]

**684.110** [Amended by 1953 c.541 §2; renumbered 684.015]

**684.112 Records of chiropractor also licensed to practice other healing art; submission to board.** A person licensed under this chapter, who is also licensed to

practice any other healing art, shall maintain in-office and patient records and files, the services provided to the patient, diagnostic and therapeutic procedures employed, the nature of such procedures and services and whether such procedures and services were rendered as a chiropractor. Such records pertaining to a specific complaint shall be submitted to the board for inspection at its request. [1975 c.492 §8]

684.115 [1953 c.541 §2; renumbered 684.025]

684.120 [Renumbered 684.035]

### STATE BOARD

**684.130 State Board of Chiropractic Examiners; appointment, qualifications, terms and removal of members; confirmation.** (1) There is established the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The board shall be composed of four chiropractors and one public member who are residents of this state. The chiropractor members must have practiced chiropractic in this state for one year prior to appointment. Annually, upon the expiration of the term of any members of the board, the Governor shall appoint one or more qualified persons to the board to serve for a period of three years.

(2) The Governor shall fill vacancies on the board, occasioned by death or otherwise. Upon sufficient proof to the Governor of the inability or misconduct of a member of the board, the member shall be dismissed and the Governor shall appoint as successor a person qualified to fill the vacancy.

(3) All appointments of members of the board by the Governor are subject to confirmation by the Senate in the manner provided in ORS 171.562 and 171.565. [Amended by 1971 c.650 §33; 1973 c.792 §39; 1975 c.492 §10; 1991 c.892 §8]

**684.140 Officers of board.** The board shall annually elect a president, a vice president and a secretary-treasurer from its membership. The board shall keep a record of the proceedings of the board which shall be open to public inspection at all times during business hours. [Amended by 1991 c.892 §9]

**684.150 Powers and duties of board.** (1) The board shall adopt a seal which shall be affixed to all licenses issued by it. The board shall from time to time adopt such rules as it deems proper and necessary for the administration of this chapter and the performance of its work. The board has authority to make investigations, administer oaths, take affidavits, summon witnesses, require the production of evidence, documents and records pertaining to a specific complaint, and take testimony as to matters pertaining to its duties and for the administration of this

chapter. A majority of the board constitutes a quorum.

(2) The board shall meet as a board of examiners during the months of January and July each year on such days and at such times and places as may be found necessary for the performance of its duties.

(3) The board shall adopt a schedule of minimum educational requirements, which shall be without prejudice or discrimination as to the different colleges teaching chiropractic. [Amended by 1975 c.492 §6; 1987 c.376 §4]

**684.155 Additional powers of board.** In addition to any other powers granted by this chapter, the board may:

(1) Adopt necessary and proper rules:

(a) Establishing standards and tests to determine the moral, intellectual, educational, scientific, technical and professional qualifications of applicants for licenses to practice in this state.

(b) To enforce the provisions of this chapter and to exercise general supervision over the practice of chiropractic within this state.

(c)(A) To establish standards and procedures to certify ancillary personnel as qualified to provide physiotherapy, electrotherapy or hydrotherapy under the direction of a chiropractic physician, and to establish continuing education requirements as a condition of maintaining such certification.

(B) As used in this paragraph, "ancillary personnel" means a chiropractic physician's staff personnel who are directed or designated, by spoken or written words or other means, to follow and carry out the chiropractic physician's orders or directions.

(2) Issue, deny, suspend and revoke licenses and limited licenses, assess costs of proceedings and place persons on probation as provided in this chapter.

(3) Without the necessity of prior administrative proceedings or hearing and entry of an order or at any time during such proceedings if they have been commenced, institute proceedings to enjoin the practice of any person operating in violation of this chapter.

(4) Make its personnel and facilities available to other regulatory agencies of this state, or other bodies interested in the development and improvement of the practice of chiropractic in this state, upon such terms and conditions for reimbursement as are agreed to by the board and the other agency or body.

(5) Determine the schools, colleges, institutions and training acceptable in connection with licensing under this chapter. All resi-

gency, internship and other training programs carried on in this state by any chiropractic institution or chiropractic facility shall be subject to approval by the board.

(6) Prescribe the time, place, method, manner, scope and subjects of examinations under this chapter.

(7) Prescribe all forms that it considers appropriate for the purposes of this chapter, and require the submission of photographs, fingerprints and relevant personal history data by applicants for licenses to practice chiropractic in this state.

(8) Administer oaths, issue notices and subpoenas in the name of the board, enforce subpoenas in the manner authorized by ORS 183.440, hold hearings and perform such other acts as are reasonably necessary to carry out its duties under this chapter. [1975 c.492 §9; 1987 c.726 §11; 1989 c.805 §4; 1991 c.892 §10]

**684.160 Compensation and expenses of board members.** (1) A member is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495.

(2) Such per diem and mileage, and other incidental expenses necessarily connected with the board shall be paid out of the account of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners and not otherwise. [Amended by 1967 c.10 §2; 1969 c.314 §85]

**684.170** [Amended by 1967 c.637 §31; repealed by 1973 c.427 §25 (684.171 enacted in lieu of 684.170)]

**684.171 State Board of Chiropractic Examiners Account.** All moneys received by the board under this chapter shall be paid into the General Fund in the State Treasury and placed to the credit of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners Account which is hereby established and such moneys are appropriated continuously and shall be used only for the administration and enforcement of this chapter. [1973 c.427 §26 (enacted in lieu of 684.710); 1991 c.892 §11]

**684.180** [Repealed by 1969 c.191 §10]

**684.185 Peer review committees; duties; appointment; confidentiality of information.** (1) The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall appoint and form peer review committees. The peer review committee shall evaluate complaints against chiropractic physicians which are referred to it by the board, and make recommendations to the board regarding those complaints.

(2) The members of a peer review committee shall be appointed from among those in the profession who are in active practice with five or more years of practice representing various geographic areas in this state. Members shall be representative of affiliated and nonaffiliated chiropractic physicians and representative of various aspects of the

practice of chiropractic. To be appointed a member must receive at least four votes from members of the state board. Members shall each serve two-year terms. No member may serve more than two consecutive terms.

(3) The peer review process shall be governed by rules of the state board adopted pursuant to ORS 183.310 to 183.550. The state board shall provide appropriate training for members of peer review committees.

(4) Members of a peer review committee acting pursuant to this section are agents of the state board and are subject to provisions of ORS 30.260 to 30.300.

(5) Peer review shall not be used to replace independent medical examinations.

(6) Any information provided to a peer review committee in the performance of its duties is confidential and shall not be subject to public disclosure or admissible as evidence in any judicial proceeding, except that as a part of a peer review report, this information may be disclosed to the state board and the person being reviewed who may then use the information in any disciplinary or court proceeding brought by the board.

(7) Any person who reports or provides information to a peer review committee in the performance of its duties and who provides information in good faith shall not be subject to an action for civil damages as a result thereof. [1987 c.376 §5; 1991 c.892 §12]

**Note:** ORS 684.185 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 684 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

## ENFORCEMENT

**684.190 Enforcement of chapter.** (1) The district attorneys shall prosecute all persons charged with violation of any of the provisions of this chapter. The executive director of the board, under the direction of the board, shall aid the district attorneys in the enforcement of this chapter.

(2) The district court of Marion County and the justice courts of the several counties have concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit courts in the enforcement of this chapter. [Amended by 1991 c.892 §13]

**684.200 Report of suspected violation; confidentiality of information; liability of supplier.** (1) Any licensee licensed by the board shall, and any other person may, report to the board any suspected violations of this chapter.

(2) Information pertaining to the report required by subsection (1) of this section shall remain confidential and not be subject to public disclosure except as considered

necessary by the board in the enforcement of this chapter.

(3) Any person who reports or provides information to the board under this section in good faith shall not be subject to an action for civil damages as a result thereof. [1985 c.354 §7; 1991 c.892 §14]

#### PENALTIES

**684.990 Penalties.** Violation of any of the provisions of ORS 684.015 (1) is punishable, upon conviction, by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 30 days nor more than one year, or by both. All subsequent offenses shall be punished in like manner.

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