

SENATE No. 1340

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brendan P. Crighton

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to preceptorship programs for students of chiropractic.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Brendan P. Crighton

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Third Essex

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By Mr. Crighton, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1340) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation relative to preceptorship programs for students of chiropractic. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1395 OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to preceptorship programs for students of chiropractic.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, after section 91, the
2 following new section:-

3 Section 91A: Chiropractic Student Externs; limited practice of Chiropractic under
4 supervision

5 A student extern of chiropractic must be currently enrolled in the final academic year at
6 an approved chiropractic school, having (1) completed all academic and clinical class
7 requirements for the degree of Doctor of Chiropractic from that legally chartered chiropractic
8 school, and (2) passed at least three of the four levels of National Chiropractic Board
9 Examinations, may then practice chiropractic under the direct supervision of a duly licensed
10 chiropractor, defined as an instructor for this purpose by the legally chartered chiropractic

11 school. The supervising preceptor chiropractor shall be a registered chiropractor in the
12 Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the duly appointed chiropractor of record in the duly
13 licensed chiropractic office or facility, to which the student extern may be assigned. The student
14 extern shall always practice under the direct supervision and license of the preceptor chiropractor
15 and shall not be eligible to sign legal documents generally signed by the practicing licensed
16 supervisory clinician. The board, at its discretion from time to time, may designate other
17 facilities or locations in which said student extern may practice chiropractic under the conditions
18 described above. Such privileges shall be granted for a minimum of four weeks, and not exceed
19 16 weeks of the final academic year.