

**OPINION  
53-87**

August 4, 1953           (OPINION)

OCCUPATIONS & PROFESSIONS

RE: Narcotic License - Chiropodist

This office is in receipt of your inquiry of July 28, 1953, as to whether or not under Chapter 267 of the 1953 Session Laws of the State of North Dakota, dealing with chiropodists and doctors of surgical chiropody, it is legal and proper for such profession to obtain a narcotic license from the United States Internal Revenue Department.

It will be noted in section 1 of chapter 267 of the 1953 Session Laws that there was added to the former definition of chiropodists what is now designated as a doctor of surgical chiropody, wherein such doctor is permitted to practice minor foot surgery and to administer local anesthetics.

It is the opinion of this office that it is not necessary to have a narcotic license in order to obtain and use the drugs necessary for local anesthesia.

It is therefore the opinion of this office that even under the amendments of Chapter 43-05 of N.D.R.C. 1943, as provided by Chapter 267 of the 1953 Session Laws, a doctor of surgical chiropody is not permitted thereunder to prescribe or use narcotics as defined and limited by chapter 19-03 N.D.R.C. 1943, as amended.

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