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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to chiropractic medicine; amending s.  
3       460.403, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
4       "practice of chiropractic medicine" to authorize  
5       chiropractic physicians to prescribe, order, store,  
6       and administer medical oxygen and articles of natural  
7       origin if they complete specified training; amending  
8       s. 460.408, F.S.; deleting a requirement that  
9       continuing chiropractic education be completed in a  
10      classroom setting; authorizing licensees to complete  
11      all required continuing education in an online format;  
12      providing requirements for online continuing education  
13      courses; creating s. 465.036, F.S.; authorizing  
14      pharmacists to dispense articles of natural origin  
15      pursuant to an order from a licensed chiropractic  
16      physician; defining the term "articles of natural  
17      origin"; providing an effective date.

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19   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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21       Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (9) of section  
22       460.403, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

23       460.403 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:  
24       (9)

25       (c)1. Chiropractic physicians may adjust, manipulate, or  
26       treat the human body by manual, mechanical, electrical, or  
27       natural methods; by the use of physical means or physiotherapy,  
28       including light, heat, water, or exercise; by the use of  
29       acupuncture; or by the administration of foods, food

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30 concentrates, food extracts, and items for which a prescription  
31 is not required and may apply first aid and hygiene, but  
32 chiropractic physicians are expressly prohibited from  
33 prescribing or administering to any person any legend drug  
34 except as authorized under subparagraphs 2. and 3. ~~subparagraph~~  
35 ~~2.~~, from performing any surgery except as stated herein, or from  
36 practicing obstetrics.

37 2. Notwithstanding the prohibition against prescribing and  
38 administering legend drugs under subparagraph 1. or s.  
39 499.83(2)(c), pursuant to board rule, chiropractic physicians  
40 who have completed a board-approved, 36-hour training course on  
41 articles of natural origin and administration of medical oxygen  
42 may prescribe, order, store, and administer, ~~for emergency~~  
43 ~~purposes only at the chiropractic physician's office or place of~~  
44 ~~business,~~ prescription medical oxygen and articles of natural  
45 origin, including vitamins, minerals, amino acids, fatty acids,  
46 hyaluronic acid, enzymes, saline, antioxidants, dextrose,  
47 glandular-based products, cellular components, extracts, water,  
48 botanicals, phytonutrients, and homeopathic products.

49 3. Notwithstanding the prohibition against prescribing and  
50 administering legend drugs under subparagraph 1. or s.  
51 499.83(2)(c), chiropractic physicians ~~and~~ ~~may also~~ order, store,  
52 and administer the following topical anesthetics in aerosol  
53 form:

54 a. Any solution consisting of 25 percent ethylchloride and  
55 75 percent dichlorodifluoromethane.

56 b. Any solution consisting of 15 percent  
57 dichlorodifluoromethane and 85 percent  
58 trichloromonofluoromethane.

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~~However, this paragraph does not authorize a chiropractic physician to prescribe medical oxygen as defined in chapter 499.~~

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 460.408, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

460.408 Continuing chiropractic education.—

(1) The board shall require licensees to periodically demonstrate their professional competence as a condition of renewal of a license by completing up to 40 ~~contact classroom~~ hours of continuing education.

(a) Continuing education courses sponsored by chiropractic colleges whose graduates are eligible for examination under any provision of this chapter may be approved upon review by the board if all other requirements of board rules setting forth criteria for course approval are met.

(b) The board shall approve those courses that build upon the basic courses required for the practice of chiropractic medicine, and the board may also approve courses in adjunctive modalities. Courses that consist of instruction in the use, application, prescription, recommendation, or administration of a specific company's brand of products or services are not eligible for approval.

(c) All 40 hours of continuing education may be completed in an online format. Continuing education courses offered online must be competency-based and incorporate the Shareable Content Object Reference Model standards for web-based electronic educational learning established by the federal Advanced Distributed Learning Initiative or more stringent standards as determined by the board.

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88 Section 3. Section 465.036, Florida Statutes, is created to  
89 read:

90 465.036 Dispensing orders for articles of natural origin.-  
91 Notwithstanding any other law, a pharmacist may dispense  
92 articles of natural origin pursuant to an order from a  
93 chiropractic physician licensed under chapter 460. For purposes  
94 of this section, the term "articles of natural origin" includes  
95 vitamins, minerals, amino acids, fatty acids, hyaluronic acid,  
96 enzymes, saline, antioxidants, dextrose, glandular-based  
97 products, cellular components, extracts, water, botanicals,  
98 phytonutrients, and homeopathic products.

99 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.