

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the practice of chiropractic  
 3           medicine; amending s. 460.403, F.S.; authorizing  
 4           chiropractic physicians to use dry needling treatments  
 5           for specified purposes; amending s. 460.406, F.S.;  
 6           requiring the Board of Chiropractic Medicine to  
 7           certify certain applicants who provide a specified  
 8           credential evaluation report; providing an effective  
 9           date.

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

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13           Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (9) of section  
 14           460.403, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15           460.403 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:  
 16           (9)

17           (c)1. Chiropractic physicians may adjust, manipulate, or  
 18           treat the human body by manual, mechanical, electrical, or  
 19           natural methods; by the use of physical means or physiotherapy,  
 20           including light, heat, water, or exercise; by the use of  
 21           acupuncture; by the use of monofilament intramuscular  
 22           stimulation, also known as dry needling, treatment for trigger  
 23           points or myofascial pain; or by the administration of foods,  
 24           food concentrates, food extracts, and items for which a  
 25           prescription is not required and may apply first aid and

26 | hygiene, but chiropractic physicians are expressly prohibited  
 27 | from prescribing or administering to any person any legend drug  
 28 | except as authorized under subparagraph 2., from performing any  
 29 | surgery except as stated herein, or from practicing obstetrics.

30 |         2. Notwithstanding the prohibition against prescribing and  
 31 | administering legend drugs under subparagraph 1. or s.

32 | 499.83(2)(c), pursuant to board rule chiropractic physicians may  
 33 | order, store, and administer, for emergency purposes only at the  
 34 | chiropractic physician's office or place of business,  
 35 | prescription medical oxygen and may also order, store, and  
 36 | administer the following topical anesthetics in aerosol form:

37 |             a. Any solution consisting of 25 percent ethylchloride and  
 38 | 75 percent dichlorodifluoromethane.

39 |             b. Any solution consisting of 15 percent  
 40 | dichlorodifluoromethane and 85 percent  
 41 | trichloromonofluoromethane.

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

45 |         Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section  
 46 | 460.406, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

47 |             460.406 Licensure by examination.—

48 |             (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a chiropractic  
 49 | physician must apply to the department to take the licensure  
 50 | examination. There shall be an application fee set by the board

51 not to exceed \$100 which shall be nonrefundable. There shall  
52 also be an examination fee not to exceed \$500 plus the actual  
53 per applicant cost to the department for purchase of portions of  
54 the examination from the National Board of Chiropractic  
55 Examiners or a similar national organization, which may be  
56 refundable if the applicant is found ineligible to take the  
57 examination. The department shall examine each applicant whom  
58 the board certifies has met all of the following criteria:

59 (d)1. For an applicant who has matriculated in a  
60 chiropractic college before July 2, 1990, completed at least 2  
61 years of residence college work, consisting of a minimum of one-  
62 half the work acceptable for a bachelor's degree granted on the  
63 basis of a 4-year period of study, in a college or university  
64 accredited by an institutional accrediting agency recognized and  
65 approved by the United States Department of Education or  
66 provides a credential evaluation report from a board-approved  
67 corporation that is equivalent to a bachelor's degree. However,  
68 before being certified by the board to sit for the examination,  
69 each applicant who has matriculated in a chiropractic college  
70 after July 1, 1990, must have been granted a bachelor's degree,  
71 based upon 4 academic years of study, by a college or university  
72 accredited by an institutional accrediting agency that is a  
73 member of the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary  
74 Accreditation or provides a credential evaluation report from a  
75 board-approved corporation that is equivalent to a bachelor's

76 degree.

77       2. Effective July 1, 2000, completed, before matriculation  
78 in a chiropractic college, at least 3 years of residence college  
79 work, consisting of a minimum of 90 semester hours leading to a  
80 bachelor's degree in a liberal arts college or university  
81 accredited by an institutional accrediting agency recognized and  
82 approved by the United States Department of Education or  
83 provides a credential evaluation report from a board-approved  
84 corporation that is equivalent to a bachelor's degree. However,  
85 before being certified by the board to sit for the examination,  
86 each applicant who has matriculated in a chiropractic college  
87 after July 1, 2000, must have been granted a bachelor's degree  
88 from an institution holding accreditation for that degree from  
89 an institutional accrediting agency that is recognized by the  
90 United States Department of Education. The applicant's  
91 chiropractic degree must consist of credits earned in the  
92 chiropractic program and may not include academic credit for  
93 courses from the bachelor's degree.

94       (e) Successfully completed the National Board of  
95 Chiropractic Examiners certification examination in parts I, II,  
96 III, and IV, and the physiotherapy examination of the National  
97 Board of Chiropractic Examiners, with a score approved by the  
98 board.

99       (f) Submitted to the department a set of fingerprints on a  
100 form and under procedures specified by the department, along

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101 with payment in an amount equal to the costs incurred by the  
102 Department of Health for the criminal background check of the  
103 applicant.

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105 The board may require an applicant who graduated from an  
106 institution accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education  
107 more than 10 years before the date of application to the board  
108 to take the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners Special  
109 Purposes Examination for Chiropractic, or its equivalent, as  
110 determined by the board. The board shall establish by rule a  
111 passing score.

112 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.