

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Trumbull

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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 include a  
5       specified treatment that a chiropractic physician may  
6       use after demonstrating to the Board of Chiropractic  
7       Medicine's satisfaction completion of certain  
8       training; amending s. 460.406, F.S.; revising  
9       education requirements for licensure as a chiropractic  
10      physician; providing an effective date.

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

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14       Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 460.403, Florida  
15       Statutes, is amended to read:

16       460.403 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

17       (9) (a) "Practice of chiropractic medicine" means a  
18       noncombative principle and practice consisting of the science,  
19       philosophy, and art of the adjustment, manipulation, and  
20       treatment of the human body in which vertebral subluxations and  
21       other malpositioned articulations and structures that are  
22       interfering with the normal generation, transmission, and  
23       expression of nerve impulse between the brain, organs, and  
24       tissue cells of the body, thereby causing disease, are adjusted,  
25       manipulated, or treated, thus restoring the normal flow of nerve  
26       impulse which produces normal function and consequent health by  
27       chiropractic physicians using specific chiropractic adjustment  
28       or manipulation techniques taught in chiropractic colleges  
29       accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education. No person

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30 other than a licensed chiropractic physician may render  
31 chiropractic services, chiropractic adjustments, or chiropractic  
32 manipulations.

33 (b) Any chiropractic physician who has complied with the  
34 provisions of this chapter may examine, analyze, and diagnose  
35 the human living body and its diseases by the use of any  
36 physical, chemical, electrical, or thermal method; use the X ray  
37 for diagnosing; phlebotomize; and use any other general method  
38 of examination for diagnosis and analysis taught in any school  
39 of chiropractic.

40 (c)1. Chiropractic physicians may adjust, manipulate, or  
41 treat the human body by manual, mechanical, electrical, or  
42 natural methods; by the use of physical means or physiotherapy,  
43 including light, heat, water, or exercise; by the use of  
44 acupuncture; by the use of monofilament intramuscular  
45 stimulation treatment for trigger points or myofascial pain,  
46 after demonstrating to the board's satisfaction the completion  
47 of training in such modality which includes a board-approved  
48 number of credit hours in a board-approved education program; or  
49 by the administration of foods, food concentrates, food  
50 extracts, and items for which a prescription is not required and  
51 may apply first aid and hygiene, but chiropractic physicians are  
52 expressly prohibited from prescribing or administering to any  
53 person any legend drug except as authorized under subparagraph  
54 2., from performing any surgery except as stated herein, or from  
55 practicing obstetrics.

56 2. Notwithstanding the prohibition against prescribing and  
57 administering legend drugs under subparagraph 1. or s.  
58 499.83(2)(c), pursuant to board rule chiropractic physicians may

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59 order, store, and administer, for emergency purposes only at the  
60 chiropractic physician's office or place of business,  
61 prescription medical oxygen and may also order, store, and  
62 administer the following topical anesthetics in aerosol form:

63 a. Any solution consisting of 25 percent ethylchloride and  
64 75 percent dichlorodifluoromethane.

65 b. Any solution consisting of 15 percent  
66 dichlorodifluoromethane and 85 percent  
67 trichloromonofluoromethane.

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69 However, this paragraph does not authorize a chiropractic  
70 physician to prescribe medical oxygen as defined in s.  
71 499.82(10) ~~chapter 499~~.

72 (d) Chiropractic physicians shall have the privileges of  
73 services from the department's laboratories.

74 (e) The term "chiropractic medicine," "chiropractic,"  
75 "doctor of chiropractic," or "chiropractor" shall be synonymous  
76 with "chiropractic physician," and each term shall be construed  
77 to mean a practitioner of chiropractic medicine as the same has  
78 been defined herein. Chiropractic physicians may analyze and  
79 diagnose the physical conditions of the human body to determine  
80 the abnormal functions of the human organism and to determine  
81 such functions as are abnormally expressed and the cause of such  
82 abnormal expression.

83 (f) Any chiropractic physician who has complied with the  
84 provisions of this chapter is authorized to analyze and diagnose  
85 abnormal bodily functions and to adjust the physical  
86 representative of the primary cause of disease as is herein  
87 defined and provided. As an incident to the care of the sick,

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88 chiropractic physicians may advise and instruct patients in all  
89 matters pertaining to hygiene and sanitary measures as taught  
90 and approved by recognized chiropractic schools and colleges. A  
91 chiropractic physician may not use acupuncture until certified  
92 by the board. Certification shall be granted to chiropractic  
93 physicians who have satisfactorily completed the required  
94 coursework in acupuncture and after successful passage of an  
95 appropriate examination as administered by the department. The  
96 required coursework shall have been provided by a college or  
97 university which is recognized by an accrediting agency approved  
98 by the United States Department of Education.

99 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section  
100 460.406, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101 460.406 Licensure by examination.—

102 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a chiropractic  
103 physician must apply to the department to take the licensure  
104 examination. There shall be an application fee set by the board  
105 not to exceed \$100 which shall be nonrefundable. There shall  
106 also be an examination fee not to exceed \$500 plus the actual  
107 per applicant cost to the department for purchase of portions of  
108 the examination from the National Board of Chiropractic  
109 Examiners or a similar national organization, which may be  
110 refundable if the applicant is found ineligible to take the  
111 examination. The department shall examine each applicant whom  
112 the board certifies has met all of the following criteria:

113 (d)1. For an applicant who has matriculated in a  
114 chiropractic college before July 2, 1990, completed at least 2  
115 years of residence college work, consisting of a minimum of one-  
116 half the work acceptable for a bachelor's degree granted on the

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117 basis of a 4-year period of study, in a college or university  
118 accredited by an institutional accrediting agency recognized and  
119 approved by the United States Department of Education. However,  
120 before being certified by the board to sit for the examination,  
121 each applicant who has matriculated in a chiropractic college  
122 after July 1, 1990, must have been granted a bachelor's degree,  
123 based upon 4 academic years of study, by a college or university  
124 accredited by an institutional accrediting agency that is a  
125 member of the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary  
126 Accreditation or have produced a credentials evaluation report  
127 from a board-approved organization that deems the applicant's  
128 education equivalent to a bachelor's degree.

129 2. Effective July 1, 2000, completed, before matriculation  
130 in a chiropractic college, at least 3 years of residence college  
131 work, consisting of a minimum of 90 semester hours leading to a  
132 bachelor's degree in a liberal arts college or university  
133 accredited by an institutional accrediting agency recognized and  
134 approved by the United States Department of Education or  
135 produced a credentials evaluation report from a board-approved  
136 organization that deems the applicant's education equivalent to  
137 a bachelor's degree. However, before being certified by the  
138 board to sit for the examination, each applicant who has  
139 matriculated in a chiropractic college after July 1, 2000, must  
140 have been granted a bachelor's degree from an institution  
141 holding accreditation for that degree from an institutional  
142 accrediting agency that is recognized by the United States  
143 Department of Education. The applicant's chiropractic degree  
144 must consist of credits earned in the chiropractic program and  
145 may not include academic credit for courses from the bachelor's

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146 degree.

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148 The board may require an applicant who graduated from an  
149 institution accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education  
150 more than 10 years before the date of application to the board  
151 to take the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners Special  
152 Purposes Examination for Chiropractic, or its equivalent, as  
153 determined by the board. The board shall establish by rule a  
154 passing score.

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