
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 442-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:
3 "~~§442-1 Chiropractic defined. [Chiropractic is defined to~~
4 ~~be the science of palpating and adjusting the articulations of~~
5 ~~the human spinal column by hand; provided that the practice of~~
6 ~~chiropractic as contemplated and set forth in this chapter may~~
7 ~~include the use of necessary patient evaluation and management~~
8 ~~procedures of the human spinal column, hot or cold packs,~~
9 ~~whirlpool, therapeutic and rehabilitative exercise, traction,~~
10 ~~electrical and electromechanical stimulation, therapeutic~~
11 ~~ultrasound, myofascial release, diathermy, infrared, and~~
12 ~~chiropractic spinal manipulative treatment and extraspinal~~
13 ~~evaluations for the diagnosis and treatment of~~
14 ~~neuromusculoskeletal conditions related to the human spinal~~
15 ~~column, subject to the restrictions contained in this chapter;~~
16 ~~and provided further that the practice of chiropractic as~~
17 ~~contemplated and set forth in this chapter shall not include the~~
18 ~~practice of lomilomi or massage. For the purposes of this~~



1 ~~section, spinal refers to the five spinal regions: cervical~~
2 ~~region (includes atlanto-occipital joint); thoracic region~~
3 ~~(includes costovertebral and costotransverse joint); lumbar~~
4 ~~region; sacral region; and pelvic (sacroiliac joint) region.]~~

5 (a) Chiropractic is the system of specific adjustment or
6 manipulation of the joints and tissues of the body and the
7 treatment of the human body by the application of manipulative,
8 manual, mechanical, physiotherapeutic, or clinical nutritional
9 methods for which those persons licensed under this chapter are
10 trained. A person licensed to practice under this chapter may
11 examine, diagnose, and treat patients; provided that the
12 licensee shall not perform surgery or direct the use of legend
13 drugs.

14 (b) Chiropractic is a portal of entry for consumers to
15 obtain services from licensees whose practice includes all
16 hygienic, sanitary, and therapeutic measures incident to humans.
17 The scope of practice of chiropractic shall be limited to those
18 diagnostic and treatment services and procedures that have been
19 taught by a chiropractic college accredited by an accrediting
20 organization recognized by the United States Department of
21 Education and approved by the board in accordance with this
22 chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.



1 (c) Licensees may examine, analyze, and diagnose the human
2 body to:

3 (1) Correct, relieve, or prevent diseases and
4 abnormalities by any physical, chemical, electrical,
5 or thermal method;

6 (2) Use or order diagnostic imaging;

7 (3) Use or order laboratory testing; and

8 (4) Use the methods of examination for diagnosis and
9 analysis taught by a chiropractic college accredited

10 by an accrediting organization recognized by the

11 United States Department of Education and approved by

12 the board in accordance with this chapter and rules

13 adopted pursuant to this chapter."

14 SECTION 2. Section 442-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

16 "(b) The board may require additional post-licensure
17 examinations administered by the National Board of Chiropractic
18 Examiners [~~Special Purposes Examination~~] in circumstances where
19 the board needs to assess a person's fitness to practice
20 chiropractic, including [~~but not limited to~~]:

21 (1) State-to-state reciprocity or endorsement;

22 (2) Disciplinary action; or



1 (3) Licensure lapse, suspension, or revocation."
2 SECTION 3. Section 442-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
3 amended to read as follows:
4 "§442-19 Violations, penalty. Any person who practices or
5 attempts to practice chiropractic, or any person who buys,
6 sells, or fraudulently obtains a license to practice
7 chiropractic, whether recorded or not, or who uses the title
8 "chiropractor", "chiropractic physician", or "D.C.", or any word
9 or title to induce, or tending to induce belief that the person
10 is engaged in the practice of chiropractic, without first
11 complying with this chapter; or any licensee under this chapter
12 who uses the word "doctor" or the prefix "Dr." without the word
13 "chiropractor" or "D.C." immediately following the licensee's
14 name, or uses the letters "M.D." or the words "doctor of
15 medicine", or the term "surgeon", [~~or the term "physician",~~] or
16 the word "osteopath", or the letters "D.O.", or any other
17 letters, prefixes, or suffixes, the use of which would indicate
18 that the licensee is practicing a profession for which the
19 licensee holds no license from the State, or any person who
20 violates any of the provisions of this chapter, shall be fined
21 not more than \$1,000, [~~e~~] imprisoned not more than ninety days,
22 or both."



1 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
3 begun before its effective date.

4 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Chiropractic; Scope of Practice

Description:

Updates the scope of practice for chiropractic to reflect standards, practices, and terminology accepted by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

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