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**A BILL**

To amend section 4734.15 of the Revised Code to  
authorize chiropractors to engage in certain  
activities involving nutrition-related items and  
therapies, nonprescription drugs, and medical  
goods and devices.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 4734.15 of the Revised Code be  
amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 4734.15.** (A) The license provided for in this chapter  
shall entitle the holder thereof to practice chiropractic in  
this state. All of the following apply to the practice of  
chiropractic in this state:

(1) A chiropractor is authorized to examine, diagnose, and  
assume responsibility for the care of patients, any or all of  
which is included in the practice of chiropractic.

(2) A chiropractor may administer, sell, distribute,  
recommend, or provide advice regarding any of the following to  
restore or maintain the health of the chiropractor's patients:

vitamins, minerals, phytonutrients, antioxidants, enzymes, 18  
glandular extracts, botanical substances, herbal therapies, 19  
homeopathic remedies, drugs that are available without a 20  
prescription, or durable and nondurable medical goods and 21  
devices. The authority of a chiropractor to engage in these 22  
activities does not affect the authority of any other health 23  
care professional, including a dietitian licensed under Chapter 24  
4759. of the Revised Code, to engage in any of the same 25  
activities. 26

(3) The practice of chiropractic does not permit a 27  
chiropractor to ~~treat~~ do any of the following: 28

(a) Treat infectious, contagious, or venereal disease, ~~to~~ 29  
~~perform;~~ 30

(b) Perform surgery, ~~or to prescribe or administer;~~ 31

(c) Prescribe drugs for treatment, as defined in section 32  
4729.01 of the Revised Code; 33

(d) Administer dangerous drugs, as defined in section 34  
4729.01 of the Revised Code. 35

~~(3)~~(4) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, 36  
the practice of chiropractic does not permit a chiropractor to 37  
perform acupuncture. 38

~~(4)~~(5) A chiropractor may use roentgen rays only for 39  
diagnostic purposes. 40

~~(5)~~(6) The practice of chiropractic does not include the 41  
performance of abortions. 42

(B) A chiropractor who holds a valid certificate to 43  
practice acupuncture issued under section 4734.283 of the 44  
Revised Code is authorized to perform acupuncture. 45

(C) An individual holding a valid, current license to practice chiropractic is entitled to use the title "doctor," "doctor of chiropractic," "chiropractic physician," or "~~chiropractic~~chiropractor" and is a "physician" for the purposes of Chapter 4123. of the Revised Code.

**Section 2.** That existing section 4734.15 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.