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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) Subject to division (A) (2) (b) of this section, a

chiropractor may administer, sell, distribute, recommend, or 16  
provide advice regarding any of the following to restore or 17  
maintain the health of the chiropractor's patients: vitamins, 18  
minerals, phytonutrients, antioxidants, enzymes, glandular 19  
extracts, botanical substances, herbal therapies, homeopathic 20  
remedies, drugs that are available without a prescription, or 21  
durable and nondurable medical goods and devices other than home 22  
medical equipment, as defined in section 4752.01 of the Revised 23  
Code. 24

(b) A chiropractor may engage in the activities described 25  
in division (A) (2) (a) of this section only if the product is 26  
prepackaged for use by consumers and labeled in accordance with 27  
state and federal law. 28

(c) A chiropractor shall not delegate any of the 29  
activities described in division (A) (2) (a) of this section to an 30  
individual who is not licensed or otherwise specifically 31  
authorized by the Revised Code to engage in the activity. 32

(d) The authority of a chiropractor to engage in the 33  
activities described in division (A) (2) (a) of this section does 34  
not affect the authority of any other health care professional, 35  
including a dietitian licensed under Chapter 4759. of the 36  
Revised Code, to engage in any of the same activities. 37

(3) The practice of chiropractic does not permit a 38  
chiropractor to ~~treat~~ do any of the following: 39

(a) ~~Treat~~ infectious, contagious, or venereal disease, ~~to~~ 40  
~~perform~~; 41

(b) ~~Perform~~ surgery, ~~or to prescribe or administer~~; 42

(c) ~~Prescribe~~ drugs ~~for treatment~~, as defined in section 43  
4729.01 of the Revised Code; 44

(d) Administer any drug not described in division (A) (2) 45  
(a) of this section, including a dangerous drug, as defined in 46  
section 4729.01 of the Revised Code. 47

~~(3)~~(4) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, 48  
the practice of chiropractic does not permit a chiropractor to 49  
perform acupuncture. 50

~~(4)~~(5) A chiropractor may use roentgen rays only for 51  
diagnostic purposes. 52

~~(5)~~(6) The practice of chiropractic does not include the 53  
performance of abortions. 54

(B) A chiropractor who holds a valid certificate to 55  
practice acupuncture issued under section 4734.283 of the 56  
Revised Code is authorized to perform acupuncture. 57

(C) An individual holding a valid, current license to 58  
practice chiropractic is entitled to use the title "doctor," 59  
"doctor of chiropractic," "chiropractic physician," or 60  
"~~chiropractic~~chiropractor" and is a "physician" for the purposes 61  
of Chapter 4123. of the Revised Code. 62

**Section 2.** That existing section 4734.15 of the Revised 63  
Code is hereby repealed. 64