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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHIROPRACTIC.

**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 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 nutrition methods for  
9 which those persons licensed under this chapter are trained. A  
10 person licensed to practice under this chapter may examine,  
11 diagnose, and treat patients; provided that the licensee shall  
12 not perform surgery or direct the use of legend drugs.

13 Chiropractic is a portal of entry for consumers to obtain  
14 neuromuscular and skeletal health care services from licensees  
15 whose practice includes hygienic, sanitary, and therapeutic  
16 measures incident to humans. The scope of practice of  
17 chiropractic shall include those diagnostic and treatment  
18 services and procedures that are taught by accredited  
19 chiropractic colleges and are approved by the board in  
20 accordance with this chapter.

21 Licensees may examine, analyze, and diagnose the human body  
22 to:



- 1        (1) Correct, relieve, or prevent diseases and  
2        abnormalities by any physical, chemical, electrical,  
3        light, or thermal method;
- 4        (2) Use or order diagnostic imaging;
- 5        (3) Use or order laboratory testing; and
- 6        (4) Use other methods of examination for diagnosis and  
7        analysis taught by an accredited chiropractic college  
8        and approved by the board in accordance with this  
9        chapter and with the rules adopted pursuant to this  
10       chapter."

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

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

- 18       (1) State-to-state reciprocity or endorsement;  
19       (2) Disciplinary action; or  
20       (3) Licensure lapse, suspension, or revocation."



1 SECTION 3. 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 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 5. 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. (SD1)

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