
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 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 the body. 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 body 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 neuroskeletal 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. (a) The board of chiropractic examiners shall
2 work with the American Chiropractic Association to define the
3 scope of practice for chiropractic.

4 (b) The board shall submit a report to the legislature,
5 including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days
6 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2012.

7 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
8 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
9 begun before its effective date.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

12 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



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. Requires Board of Chiropractic Examiners to work with the American Chiropractic Association to define the scope of practice of chiropractic. Effective July 1, 2050. (SB657 HD1)

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