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1 AN ACT Relating to chiropractic; amending RCW 18.25.005, 18.25.040,
2 and 18.25.090; and adding a new section to chapter 18.25 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.25.005 and 1974 ex.s. c 97 s 7 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 For the purpose of chapters 18.25 and 18.26 RCW, the term
7 "chiropractic" shall mean and include that alternative practice of
8 health care which deals with the detection of subluxations, which shall
9 be defined as any alteration of the biomechanical and physiological
10 dynamics of contiguous spinal structures which can cause neuronal
11 disturbances, the chiropractic procedure, including the manipulation or
12 mobilization of extremities, preparatory to, and complementary to the
13 correction thereof, by adjustment or manipulation of the articulations
14 of the vertebral column and its immediate articulations for the
15 restoration and maintenance of health; it includes the normal regimen

1 and rehabilitation of the patient, physical examination to determine
2 the necessity for chiropractic care, the use of x-ray and other
3 analytical instruments generally used in the practice of chiropractic:
4 PROVIDED, That no chiropractor shall prescribe or dispense any medicine
5 or drug nor practice obstetrics or surgery nor use x-rays for
6 therapeutic purposes: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the term "chiropractic"
7 as defined in this act shall not prohibit a practitioner licensed under
8 chapter 18.71 RCW from performing accepted medical procedures, except
9 such procedures shall not include the adjustment by hand of any
10 articulation of the spine: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That nothing herein
11 shall be construed to prohibit the rendering of dietary advice.

12 Nothing in this chapter prohibits or restricts any practitioner of
13 a health profession defined in RCW 18.120.020(4) from performing a
14 function or procedure the practitioner is licensed or permitted to
15 perform under this title, and the term chiropractic as defined in this
16 section shall not prohibit a practitioner licensed under chapter 18.71
17 RCW from performing accepted medical procedures, except such procedures
18 shall not include the adjustment by hand of any articulation of the
19 spine.

20 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.25.040 and 1985 c 7 s 15 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 Persons licensed to practice chiropractic under the laws of any
23 other state, territory of the United States, the District of Columbia,
24 Puerto Rico, or province of Canada, having ((equal requirements of))
25 qualifications substantially equivalent to those required by this
26 chapter, may, in the discretion of the board of chiropractic examiners,
27 and after such examination ((by the board in principles of
28 chiropractic, x ray, and adjusting, as taught by chiropractic schools
29 and colleges)) as may be required by rule of the board, be issued a

1 license to practice in this state without further examination, upon
2 payment of a fee determined by the director as provided in RCW
3 43.24.086.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.25.090 and 1989 c 258 s 6 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 On all cards, books, papers, signs or other written or printed
7 means of giving information to the public, used by those licensed by
8 this chapter to practice chiropractic, the practitioner shall use after
9 or below his or her name the term chiropractor, chiropractic physician,
10 D.C., or D.C.Ph.C., designating his or her line of drugless practice,
11 and shall not use the letters M.D. or D.O.: PROVIDED, That the word
12 doctor or "Dr." or physician may be used only in conjunction with the
13 word "chiropractic" or "chiropractor". Nothing in this chapter shall
14 be held to apply to or to regulate any kind of treatment by prayer.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 18.25 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit:

18 (1) The temporary practice in this state of chiropractic by any
19 chiropractor licensed by another state, territory, or country in which
20 he or she resides. However, the chiropractor shall not establish a
21 practice open to the general public and shall not engage in temporary
22 practice under this section for a period longer than thirty days. The
23 chiropractor shall register his or her intention to engage in the
24 temporary practice of chiropractic in this state with the board of
25 chiropractic examiners before engaging in the practice of chiropractic,
26 and shall agree to be bound by such conditions as may be prescribed by
27 rule by the board;

1 (2) The practice of chiropractic, except the administration of a
2 chiropractic adjustment, by a person who is a regular senior student in
3 an accredited school of chiropractic approved by the board if the
4 practice is part of a regular course of instruction offered by the
5 school and the student is under the direct supervision and control of
6 a chiropractor duly licensed pursuant to this chapter and approved by
7 the board;

8 (3) The practice of chiropractic by a person serving a period of
9 postgraduate chiropractic training in a program of clinical
10 chiropractic training sponsored by a school of chiropractic accredited
11 in this state if the practice is part of his or her duties as a
12 clinical postgraduate trainee and the trainee is under the direct
13 supervision and control of a chiropractor duly licensed pursuant to
14 this chapter and approved by the board;

15 (4) The practice of chiropractic by a person who is eligible and
16 has applied to take the next available examination for licensing
17 offered by the board of chiropractic examiners, except that the
18 unlicensed chiropractor must provide all services under the direct
19 control and supervision of a licensed chiropractor approved by the
20 board. The unlicensed chiropractor may continue to practice as
21 provided by this subsection until the results of the next available
22 examination are published, but in no case for a period longer than six
23 months. The board shall adopt rules necessary to effectuate the intent
24 of this subsection.

25 Any provision of chiropractic services by any individual under
26 subsection (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section shall be subject to
27 the jurisdiction of the chiropractic disciplinary board as provided in
28 chapters 18.26 and 18.130 RCW.