

2 **SB 6054** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

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

9 (~~For the purpose of chapters 18.25 and 18.26 RCW, the term~~  
10 ~~"chiropractic" shall mean and include that practice of health care~~  
11 ~~which deals with the detection of subluxations, which shall be defined~~  
12 ~~as any alteration of the biomechanical and physiological dynamics of~~  
13 ~~contiguous spinal structures which can cause neuronal disturbances, the~~  
14 ~~chiropractic procedure preparatory to, and complementary to the~~  
15 ~~correction thereof, by adjustment or manipulation of the articulations~~  
16 ~~of the vertebral column and its immediate articulations for the~~  
17 ~~restoration and maintenance of health; it includes the normal regimen~~  
18 ~~and rehabilitation of the patient, physical examination to determine~~  
19 ~~the necessity for chiropractic care, the use of x ray and other~~  
20 ~~analytical instruments generally used in the practice of chiropractic:~~  
21 ~~PROVIDED, That no chiropractor shall prescribe or dispense any medicine~~  
22 ~~or drug nor practice obstetrics or surgery nor use x rays for~~  
23 ~~therapeutic purposes: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the term "chiropractic"~~  
24 ~~as defined in this act shall not prohibit a practitioner licensed under~~  
25 ~~chapter 18.71 RCW from performing accepted medical procedures, except~~  
26 ~~such procedures shall not include the adjustment by hand of any~~  
27 ~~articulation of the spine: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That nothing herein~~  
28 ~~shall be construed to prohibit the rendering of dietary advice.))~~

1       (1) Chiropractic is the practice of health care that deals with the  
2 diagnosis or analysis and care or treatment of the vertebral  
3 subluxation complex and its effects, articular dysfunction, and  
4 musculoskeletal disorders, all for the restoration and maintenance of  
5 health and recognizing the recuperative powers of the body.

6       (2) Chiropractic treatment or care includes the use of procedures  
7 involving spinal adjustments, and extremity manipulation insofar as any  
8 such procedure is complementary or preparatory to a chiropractic spinal  
9 adjustment. Complementary and preparatory procedures shall not be used  
10 to treat disorders originating from the extremities. Chiropractic  
11 treatment also includes the use of heat, cold, water, exercise,  
12 massage, trigger point therapy, dietary advice and recommendation of  
13 nutritional supplementation except for medicines of herbal, animal, or  
14 botanical origin, the normal regimen and rehabilitation of the patient,  
15 first aid, and counseling on hygiene, sanitation, and preventive  
16 measures if complementary and preparatory to a spinal adjustment.  
17 Chiropractic care also includes such physiological therapeutic  
18 procedures as traction and light if complementary and preparatory to a  
19 spinal adjustment, but does not include procedures involving the  
20 application of sound, diathermy, or electricity.

21       (3) As part of a chiropractic differential diagnosis, a  
22 chiropractor shall perform a physical examination, which may include  
23 diagnostic x-rays, to determine the appropriateness of chiropractic  
24 care or the need for referral to other health care providers. The  
25 chiropractic disciplinary board shall provide by rule for the type and  
26 use of diagnostic and analytical devices and procedures consistent with  
27 this chapter.

28       (4) Chiropractic care shall not include the prescription or  
29 dispensing of any medicine or drug, the practice of obstetrics or  
30 surgery, the use of x-rays or any other form of radiation for

1 therapeutic purposes, colonic irrigation, or any form of venipuncture.  
2 In addition, chiropractic care shall not include the diagnosis or  
3 treatment of any infectious or communicable disease, malignant or  
4 benign neoplasm, any cardiovascular, pulmonary, hematologic, lymphatic,  
5 metabolic, endocrine, immunologic, hepatic, renal, or other medical  
6 disease. Chiropractic care also does not include the treatment of  
7 fractures.

8 (5) Nothing in this chapter prohibits or restricts any other  
9 practitioner of a "health profession" defined in RCW 18.120.020(4) from  
10 performing any functions or procedures the practitioner is licensed or  
11 permitted to perform, and the term "chiropractic" as defined in this  
12 chapter shall not prohibit a practitioner licensed under chapter 18.71  
13 RCW from performing medical procedures, except such procedures shall  
14 not include the adjustment by hand of any articulation of the spine.

15 (6) A person licensed under this chapter shall not engage in the  
16 practice of medicine as defined in RCW 18.71.011."

17 **"Sec. 2.** RCW 18.25.006 and 1991 c 3 s 36 are each amended to read  
18 as follows:

19 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
20 this section apply throughout this chapter.

21 (1) "Department" means the department of health.

22 (2) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of health or  
23 the secretary's designee.

24 (3) "Chiropractor" means an individual licensed under this chapter.

25 (4) "Board" means the Washington state board of chiropractic  
26 examiners.

27 (5) "Vertebral subluxation complex" means a functional defect or  
28 alteration of the biomechanical and physiological dynamics in a joint  
29 that may cause neuronal disturbances, with or without displacement

1 detectable by x-ray. The effects of the vertebral subluxation complex  
2 may include, but are not limited to, any of the following: Fixation,  
3 hypomobility, hypermobility, periarticular muscle spasm, edema, or  
4 inflammation.

5 (6) "Articular dysfunction" means an alteration of the  
6 biomechanical and physiological dynamics of a joint of the axial or  
7 appendicular skeleton.

8 (7) "Musculoskeletal disorders" means abnormalities of the muscles,  
9 bones, and connective tissue.

10 (8) "Chiropractic differential diagnosis" means a diagnosis to  
11 determine the existence of a vertebral subluxation complex, articular  
12 dysfunction, or musculoskeletal disorder, and the appropriateness of  
13 chiropractic care or the need for referral to other health care  
14 providers.

15 (9) "Chiropractic adjustment" means chiropractic care of a  
16 vertebral subluxation complex, articular dysfunction, or  
17 musculoskeletal disorder. Such care includes manual or mechanical  
18 adjustment of any vertebral articulation and contiguous articulations  
19 beyond the normal passive physiological range of motion.

20 (10) "Extremity manipulation" means a corrective thrust or maneuver  
21 applied to a joint of the appendicular skeleton. The use of extremity  
22 manipulation shall be complementary and preparatory to a chiropractic  
23 spinal adjustment to support correction of a vertebral subluxation  
24 complex and is considered a part of a spinal adjustment and shall not  
25 be billed separately from or in addition to a spinal adjustment."

26 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 18.25 RCW  
27 to read as follows:

28 All state health care purchasers shall have the authority to set  
29 service and fee limitations on chiropractic costs. The health care

1 authority shall establish pilot projects in defined geographic regions  
2 of the state to contract with organizations of chiropractors for a  
3 prepaid capitated amount."

4 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate  
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
6 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
7 effect immediately."

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11 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "chiropractic;" strike the  
12 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 18.25.025 and  
13 18.25.006; adding a new section to chapter 18.25 RCW; and declaring an  
14 emergency."