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1 AN ACT Relating to the practice of medicine; and amending RCW
2 18.71.011 and 18.57.001.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.71.011 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 171 s 15 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 A person is practicing medicine if he or she does one or more of
7 the following:

8 (1) Offers or undertakes to diagnose, cure, advise or prescribe for
9 any human disease, ailment, injury, infirmity, deformity, pain or other
10 condition, physical or mental, real or imaginary, by any means or
11 instrumentality;

12 (2) Administers or prescribes drugs or medicinal preparations to be
13 used by any other person;

14 (3) (~~Severs or penetrates the tissues of human beings~~) Performs
15 surgery, which includes but is not limited to, severing, penetrating,
16 or otherwise altering the skin or tissue of human beings by the use of
17 mechanical means, laser, or ionizing radiation. No other profession
18 may perform surgery, as defined in this section, unless expressly
19 permitted to do so by statute;

1 (4) Uses on cards, books, papers, signs or other written or printed
2 means of giving information to the public, in the conduct of any
3 occupation or profession pertaining to the diagnosis or treatment of
4 human disease or conditions the designation "doctor of medicine",
5 "physician", "surgeon", "m.d." or any combination thereof unless such
6 designation additionally contains the description of another branch of
7 the healing arts for which a person has a license: PROVIDED HOWEVER,
8 That a person licensed under this chapter shall not engage in the
9 practice of chiropractic as defined in RCW 18.25.005.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.57.001 and 1991 c 160 s 1 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 As used in this chapter:

13 (1) "Board" means the Washington state board of osteopathic
14 medicine and surgery;

15 (2) "Department" means the department of health;

16 (3) "Secretary" means the secretary of health; and

17 (4) "Osteopathic medicine and surgery" means the use of any and all
18 methods in the treatment of disease, injuries, deformities, and all
19 other physical and mental conditions in and of human beings, including
20 the use of osteopathic manipulative therapy. The term means the same
21 as "osteopathy and surgery".

22 (5) Surgery, for the purposes of this chapter, includes but is not
23 limited to, severing, penetrating, or otherwise altering the skin or
24 tissue of human beings by the use of mechanical means, laser, or
25 ionizing radiation. No other profession may perform surgery, as
26 defined in this section, unless expressly permitted to do so by
27 statute.

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