

1 SB441
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3 By Senator Blackwell
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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing law provides for the licensing of
9 chiropractors by the State Board of Chiropractic
10 Examiners.

11 This bill would further provide that schools
12 or colleges teaching chiropractic be accredited by
13 the Council on Chiropractic Education, or its
14 successor.

15 This bill would authorize chiropractors who
16 meet certain educational requirements to prescribe
17 and administer legend drugs that are considered
18 natural compounds and over-the-counter medicines.

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20 A BILL
21 TO BE ENTITLED
22 AN ACT
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24 To amend Section 34-24-120 of the Code of Alabama
25 1975, relating to chiropractors; to further provide that
26 schools or colleges teaching chiropractic be accredited by the
27 Council on Chiropractic Education or its successor; to

1 authorize chiropractors who meet certain educational
2 requirements to prescribe and administer legend drugs that are
3 considered natural compounds; to authorize chiropractors to
4 prescribe over-the-counter medicines compounds; and to provide
5 for registration with the State Board of Chiropractic
6 Examiners.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

8 Section 1. Section 34-24-120 of the Code of Alabama
9 1975, is amended to read as follows:

10 "§34-24-120.

11 "(a) The term "chiropractic," when used in this
12 article, is hereby defined as the science and art of locating
13 and removing without the use of controlled drugs or surgery
14 any interference with the transmission and expression of nerve
15 energy in the human body by any means or methods as taught ~~in~~
16 by schools or colleges of chiropractic accredited by the
17 Council on Chiropractic Education or its successor which are
18 recognized by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

19 "(b) Any chiropractor who has been certified and
20 licensed by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners may
21 examine, analyze, and diagnose the human body and its diseases
22 by the use of any physical, clinical, thermal, or radonic
23 method, and the use of X-ray diagnosing, and may use any other
24 general method of examination for diagnosis and analysis
25 taught in any school of chiropractic recognized by the State
26 Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

1 "(c) Chiropractors certified and licensed by the
2 State Board of Chiropractic Examiners may practice
3 chiropractic as set forth in subsections (a), ~~and~~ (b), ~~and~~ (d)
4 of this section and may also recommend the use of foods and
5 concentrates, food extracts, ~~and~~ may apply first aid and
6 hygiene, and may recommend, prescribe, and administer the use
7 of foods and concentrates, food extracts, and natural
8 compounds which are not classified as legend drugs, including
9 nutrients, vitamins, minerals, homeopathic remedies, and
10 bio-identical compound, but chiropractors are expressly
11 prohibited from prescribing or administering to any person any
12 drugs included in materia medica, except as herein provided,
13 from performing any surgery, from practicing obstetrics, ~~or~~
14 from giving X-ray treatments or treatments involving the use
15 of radioactive materials of any description.

16 "(d) A chiropractor who demonstrates to the State
17 Board of Chiropractic Examiners proficiency in the
18 administration and use of any legend drugs that are considered
19 natural compounds, including nutrients, vitamins, minerals,
20 homeopathic remedies, and bio-identical compounds, may
21 prescribe and administer or cause to be used by injection or
22 any other means these drugs, as well as any over-the-counter
23 medicines. Proficiency shall be demonstrated by successful
24 completion of 90 hours of instruction through an accredited
25 university or college including schools or colleges accredited
26 by the Council on Chiropractic Education or its successor.
27 This educational requirement shall include all of the

1 following: Clinical nutrition and pharmacotherapy,
2 indications, reactions, interactions and emergency protocols,
3 dosages, toxicity, injectable nutrient protocols, review of
4 sterile technique and instrumentation, a practical lab, and
5 examination. A chiropractor shall submit to the board
6 documentary evidence of satisfactory completion of the stated
7 education requirements. The board shall maintain a registry of
8 chiropractors who satisfy the proficiency required in this
9 subsection."

10 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
11 first day of the third month following its passage and
12 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.