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3 By Senators Ward, Dial and Irons
4 RFD: Health
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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing law provides for the licensing of
9 chiropractors.

10 This bill would further define the term
11 chiropractic and would further provide that
12 chiropractic would include the means and methods
13 taught by schools or colleges of chiropractic
14 accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education
15 or its successors and recognized by the State Board
16 of Chiropractic Examiners.

17 This bill would allow additionally certified
18 chiropractors to prescribe and administer legend
19 drugs that are considered natural compounds, would
20 allow additionally certified chiropractors to
21 prescribe and administer natural compounds which
22 are not classified as legend drugs, and would allow
23 chiropractors to prescribe over-the-counter
24 medicines and over-the-counter natural compounds.

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26 A BILL
27 TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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3 To amend Section 34-24-120 of the Code of Alabama
4 1975, relating to chiropractors; to further define the term
5 chiropractic; to further provide that schools or colleges
6 teaching chiropractic be accredited by the Council on
7 Chiropractic Education or its successors; to allow
8 additionally certified chiropractors to prescribe and
9 administer legend drugs that are considered natural compounds;
10 to allow additionally certified chiropractors to prescribe and
11 administer natural compounds which are not classified as
12 legend drugs; and to allow chiropractors to prescribe
13 over-the-counter medicines and over-the-counter natural
14 compounds.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

16 Section 1. Section 34-24-120 of the Code of Alabama
17 1975, is amended to read as follows:

18 "§34-24-120.

19 "(a) The term "chiropractic," when used in this
20 article, is hereby defined as the science and art of locating
21 and removing without the use of controlled drugs or surgery
22 any interference with the transmission and expression of nerve
23 energy in the human body by any means or methods as taught ~~in~~
24 by schools or colleges of chiropractic accredited by the
25 Council on Chiropractic Education or its successors which are
26 recognized by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

1 "(b) Any chiropractor who has been certified and
2 licensed by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners may
3 examine, analyze, and diagnose the human body and its diseases
4 by the use of any physical, clinical, thermal, or radonic
5 method, and the use of X-ray diagnosing, and may use any other
6 general method of examination for diagnosis and analysis
7 taught in any school of chiropractic recognized by the State
8 Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

9 "(c) If certified by the State Board of Chiropractic
10 Examiners with an additional chiropractic certification
11 pursuant to a duly promulgated rule, additionally certified
12 chiropractors may prescribe and administer legend drugs that
13 are considered natural compounds, including nutrients,
14 vitamins, minerals, homeopathic remedies, and bioidentical
15 compounds. Additionally certified chiropractors may also
16 prescribe and administer natural compounds which are not
17 classified as legend drugs, including nutrients, vitamins,
18 minerals, homeopathic remedies, and bioidentical compounds.

19 "~~(c)~~(d) Chiropractors certified and licensed by the
20 State Board of Chiropractic Examiners may practice
21 chiropractic as set forth in subsections (a), ~~and~~ (b), ~~and~~ (c)
22 of this section and may also recommend the use of foods and
23 concentrates, food extracts, ~~and~~ may apply first aid and
24 hygiene, and may prescribe any over-the-counter products for
25 use within the allowable scope of practice of chiropractic,
26 but chiropractors are expressly prohibited from prescribing or
27 administering to any person any drugs included in materia

1 medica, except as herein provided in this section, from
2 performing any surgery, from practicing obstetrics or from
3 giving X-ray treatments or treatments involving the use of
4 radioactive materials of any description."

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