

AN ACT

To amend section 4734.15 of the Revised Code to authorize chiropractors to engage in certain activities involving nutrition-related items and therapies, nonprescription drugs, and medical goods and devices.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That section 4734.15 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4734.15. (A) The license provided for in this chapter shall entitle the holder thereof to practice chiropractic in this state. All of the following apply to the practice of chiropractic in this state:

(1) A chiropractor is authorized to examine, diagnose, and assume responsibility for the care of patients, any or all of which is included in the practice of chiropractic.

(2)(a) Subject to division (A)(2)(b) of this section, a chiropractor may administer, sell, distribute, recommend, or provide advice regarding any of the following to restore or maintain the health of the chiropractor's patients: vitamins, minerals, phytonutrients, antioxidants, enzymes, glandular extracts, botanical substances, herbal therapies, homeopathic remedies, drugs that are available without a prescription, or durable and nondurable medical goods and devices other than home medical equipment, as defined in section 4752.01 of the Revised Code.

(b) A chiropractor may engage in the activities described in division (A)(2)(a) of this section only if the product is prepackaged for use by consumers and labeled in accordance with state and federal law.

(c) A chiropractor shall not delegate any of the activities described in division (A)(2)(a) of this section to an individual who is not licensed or otherwise specifically authorized by the Revised Code to engage in the activity.

(d) The authority of a chiropractor to engage in the activities described in division (A)(2)(a) of this section does not affect the authority of any other health care professional, including a dietitian licensed under Chapter 4759. of the Revised Code, to engage in any of the same activities.

(3) The practice of chiropractic does not permit a chiropractor to ~~treat~~ do any of the following:

(a) Treat infectious, contagious, or venereal disease; ~~to perform~~;

(b) Perform surgery; ~~or to prescribe or administer~~;

(c) Prescribe drugs for treatment, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code;

(d) Administer any drug not described in division (A)(2)(a) of this section, including a dangerous drug, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.

(3)(4) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, the practice of chiropractic does not permit a chiropractor to perform acupuncture.

~~(4)~~(5) A chiropractor may use roentgen rays only for diagnostic purposes.

~~(5)~~(6) The practice of chiropractic does not include the performance of abortions.

(B) A chiropractor who holds a valid certificate to practice acupuncture issued under section 4734.283 of the Revised Code is authorized to perform acupuncture.

(C) An individual holding a valid, current license to practice chiropractic is entitled to use the title "doctor," "doctor of chiropractic," "chiropractic physician," or "~~chiropractic~~chiropractor" and is a "physician" for the purposes of Chapter 4123. of the Revised Code.

SECTION 2. That existing section 4734.15 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

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Secretary of State.

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