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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; changing the definition of chiropractic; amending Minnesota
1.3 Statutes 2006, section 148.01, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; repealing
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 148.01, subdivisions 2, 3.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 148.01, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** ~~For the purposes of sections 148.01 to 148.10,~~
1.8 ~~"chiropractic" is defined as the science of adjusting any abnormal articulations of the~~
1.9 ~~human body, especially those of the spinal column, for the purpose of giving freedom of~~
1.10 ~~action to impinged nerves that may cause pain or deranged function. (a) "Chiropractic" is~~
1.11 a health care science based upon the body of knowledge taught in chiropractic educational
1.12 institutions accredited by the United States Department of Education. The practice of
1.13 chiropractic includes:

1.14 (1) clinical, physical, laboratory, and other diagnostic measures, including all types
1.15 of diagnostic imaging, which may be necessary to make a determination of the presence or
1.16 absence of a condition or disease as a basis for treatment, further examination, or referral;

1.17 (2) for the purpose of preparing a patient for a procedure, or as a complement thereto,
1.18 or to prevent or reduce the need for treatment, chiropractic includes the utilization of
1.19 therapeutic and preventive sciences and procedures for which the licensee was subject to
1.20 examination, pursuant to the requirements of section 148.06, including clinical counseling
1.21 regarding healthy lifestyles and nutrition; and

1.22 (3) the adjustment, manipulation, or mobilization of the vertebral column or other
1.23 articulations of the body, including the care of related soft tissues, and the performance of
1.24 manual or mechanical therapy for the purpose of:

- 2.1 (i) attaining relief from pain;
2.2 (ii) improvement of impaired function;
2.3 (iii) normalization of the nervous system;
2.4 (iv) restoration of structural integrity, including the correction of a subluxation; or
2.5 (v) the prevention or elimination of disease or impairment.
2.6 (b) A person licensed pursuant to section 148.06 is authorized to practice chiropractic
2.7 and to perform any other health care related activity for which chiropractors are otherwise
2.8 authorized to undertake as a matter of law.

2.9 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 148.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.10 to read:

2.11 Subd. 2a. **Healing arts.** A person licensed pursuant to section 148.06 and any
2.12 person exempted under section 146.23, subdivision 7, is authorized to practice the healing
2.13 arts and supporting activities in section 146.23. Any other person who performs manual
2.14 therapy or mechanical therapy, as defined in section 146.23, subdivision 1, who has not
2.15 met the requirements of section 146.23, subdivisions 2 and 3, and is not exempt under
2.16 section 146.23, subdivision 7, is in violation of section 148.105.

2.17 Sec. 3. **REPEALER.**

2.18 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 148.01, subdivisions 2 and 3, are repealed.