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HOUSE BILL NO. 1378

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 331.010, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the practice of chiropractic.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 331.010, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 331.010, to read as follows:

331.010. 1. The "practice of chiropractic" is defined as the science and art of examination, diagnosis, [adjustment, manipulation and] treatment [of malpositioned articulations and structures of the body], **and prevention of disease**, both in inpatient and outpatient settings. [The adjustment, manipulation, or treatment shall be directed toward restoring and maintaining the normal neuromuscular and musculoskeletal function and health.] **The practice of chiropractic focuses on the relationship between the structures of the body, primarily the spine and associated structures and the function of the body, and how that relationship affects the preservation and restoration of health.** It shall not include the use of operative surgery, obstetrics, osteopathy, podiatry, nor the administration or prescribing of any [drug or medicine nor the practice of medicine] **controlled substances, legend drugs, or other restricted drugs behind the counter that must be requested from a pharmacist.** **Chiropractic physicians focus particular attention on the subluxation. A subluxation is a complex of functional, structural, or pathological articular changes that compromise neural integrity and may influence organ system function and general health. Chiropractic physicians as primary care providers may instruct patients on matters of health, hygiene, and other appropriate nutritional and clinical care.** The practice of chiropractic is declared

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

17 not to be the practice of medicine and operative surgery or osteopathy within the meaning of
18 chapter 334, RSMo, and not subject to the provisions of the chapter.

19 2. A licensed chiropractor may practice chiropractic as defined in subsection 1 of this
20 section by those methods commonly taught in any chiropractic college recognized and approved
21 by the board.

22 [3. Chiropractors may advise and instruct patients in all matters pertaining to hygiene,
23 nutrition, and sanitary measures as taught in any chiropractic college recognized and approved
24 by the board.]