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To: Public Health and
Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2462

1 AN ACT TO CODIFY SECTION 73-6-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROHIBIT PERSONS FROM PERFORMING CERTAIN SPINAL MANIPULATION OR
3 ADJUSTMENT WITHOUT QUALIFICATIONS AND TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR
4 VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 SECTION 1. The following provision shall be codified as

7 Section 73-6-35, Mississippi Code of 1972:

8 73-6-35. (1) No person may perform a spinal manipulation or
9 adjustment without first having the legal authority to
10 differentially diagnose and have received a minimum of four
11 hundred (400) hours of classroom instruction. In spinal
12 manipulation or spinal adjustment and a minimum of eight hundred
13 (800) hours of supervised clinical training at a facility where
14 spinal manipulation or spinal adjustment is a primary method of
15 treatment. For purpose of this section "manipulation or
16 adjustment" refers to a variety of specific manual and/or
17 mechanical interventions which may be of high or low velocity;
18 high or low amplitude, with or without recoil. These passive
19 movements, at times move the joint into the paraphysiologic range
20 which is accompanied by a cavitation or gapping of a joint which
21 results in an intrasynovial vacuum phenoenom thought to involve
22 gas separation from fluid. Usually accompanied by an audible
23 sound. This increase in motion has a refractory period during
24 which an additional cavitation of the same joint will not occur.
25 These various manipulative/adjustive procedures have been shown to
26 result in increased joint motion, compared to mobilization alone.
27 The common denominator for the various manipulative/adjustive

28 interventions is the reduction or correction of the vertebral
29 subluxation, joint dysfunction, joint restriction or other
30 biomechanical or manipulative lesion.

31 (2) Violation of this section is an unlawful practice of
32 chiropractic and is grounds for the offending healthcare
33 provider's licensing board to suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew
34 such providers license or take other disciplinary action allowed
35 by law. Any unlicensed individual found to be in violation of
36 this act shall be subject to fines assessed by the Mississippi
37 State Board of Chiropractic examiners for practicing chiropractic
38 without a license.

39 (3) Nothing in this section shall in anyway apply to the
40 scope of practice of:

41 (a) Any osteopathic physician licensed under
42 Mississippi Code of 1972.

43 (b) Any person who practices medicine of surgery who is
44 licensed under Mississippi Code of 1972.

45 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
46 and after July 1, 2000.