

By: Senator(s) Hill

To: Agriculture

SENATE BILL NO. 2017

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-6-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A CHIROPRACTOR MUST BE UNDER THE
3 DIRECT AND IMMEDIATE SUPERVISION OF A VETERINARIAN TO PERFORM
4 CHIROPRACTIC UPON ANIMALS; TO PROVIDE THAT A LICENSED CHIROPRACTOR
5 MAY PERFORM CHIROPRACTIC UPON ANIMALS IF THE CHIROPRACTOR HAS BEEN
6 CERTIFIED BY THE AMERICAN VETERINARY CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION
7 (AVCA) OR THE EQUIVALENT THEREOF, OR IF THE CHIROPRACTOR HAS
8 COMPLETED A MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE APPROVED
9 ANIMAL CHIROPRACTIC COURSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-6-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
12 amended as follows:

13 73-6-1. (1) The practice of chiropractic involves the
14 analysis of any interference with normal nerve transmission and
15 expression, and the procedure preparatory to and complementary to
16 the correction thereof, by adjustment and/or manipulation of the
17 articulations of the vertebral column and for the restoration and
18 maintenance of health without the use of drugs or surgery.

19 (2) The chiropractic adjustment and/or manipulation of the
20 articulations of the human body may include manual adjustments
21 and/or manipulations and adjustments and/or manipulations by means



of electrical and/or mechanical manual devices. Chiropractors licensed under this chapter may also use in conjunction with adjustments and/or manipulations of the spinal structures electrical therapeutic modalities which induce heat or electrical current beneath the skin, including therapeutic ultrasound, galvanism, diathermy and electromuscular stimulation and other procedures taught by a chiropractic college approved by the Council on Chiropractic Education, its successor or an equivalent accrediting agency.

(3) Chiropractors licensed under this chapter may utilize those electric therapeutic modalities described in subsection (2) of this section only after the chiropractor has completed a course of study containing a minimum of one hundred twenty (120) hours of instruction in the proper utilization of those procedures in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Council on Chiropractic Education, its successor or an equivalent accrediting agency, and is qualified and so certified in that proper utilization.

(4) Chiropractors shall not prescribe or administer medicine to patients, perform surgery, practice obstetrics or osteopathy. Chiropractors shall be authorized to recommend, dispense or sell vitamins or food supplements.

(5) Chiropractors shall not use venipuncture, capillary puncture, acupuncture or any other technique which is invasive of



the human body either by penetrating the skin or through any of the orifices of the body or through the use of colonics.

(6) A person professing to practice chiropractic for compensation must bring to the exercise of that person's profession a reasonable degree of care and skill. Any injury resulting from a want of such care and skill shall be a tort for which a recovery may be had. If a chiropractor performs upon a patient any act authorized to be performed under this chapter but which act also constitutes a standard procedure of the practice of medicine including, but not limited to, the use of modalities such as those described in subsection (2) of this section and x-rays, under similar circumstances, the chiropractor shall be held to the same standard of care as would licensed doctors of medicine who are qualified to and who actually perform those acts under similar conditions and like circumstances.

(7) Chiropractors licensed under this chapter are authorized to refer patients to licensed physical therapists for treatment.

(8) * * * A chiropractor licensed under this chapter may perform chiropractic upon animals if the chiropractor has been certified by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA) or the equivalent thereof, or if the chiropractor has completed a Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medicine approved animal chiropractic course.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2025.

