

AN ACT

To amend chapter 331, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the practice of chiropractic, with penalty provisions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section A. Chapter 331, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 331.015, to read as follows:

331.015. 1. For purposes of this section, "chiropractic spinal manipulation" means a method of treatment whereby a health care provider uses a brief and sudden impulse or dynamic thrust to move a joint of a patient's spine beyond its normal passive range of motion, but without exceeding the limits of anatomical integrity. Spinal manipulation does not include the orthopedic reduction of fractures and dislocations.

2. No health care provider licensed in this state shall hold themselves out to the public as performing chiropractic spinal manipulation unless such health care provider:

(1) Has received a minimum of four hundred hours of classroom instruction in spinal manipulation;

(2) Has received a minimum of eight hundred hours of supervised clinical training at a facility where spinal manipulation is a primary method of treatment; and

(3) Has the statutory authority to differentially diagnose.

3. Any person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of the unlawful practice of chiropractic and is subject to the penalties provided for in section 331.080. A violation of this section shall be grounds for the offending health care provider's licensing board to suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew such provider's license or take other disciplinary action as provided by law.

4. The provisions of this section shall not restrict the activities of a licensed health care provider within the scope of practice of such provider.