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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the scope of practice for chiropractors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  Section 201.002(a), Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (3-a) to read as follows:

(3-a) "Neuromusculoskeletal system" means the musculoskeletal and nervous systems in relation to disorders that manifest in both systems, including disorders of a biomechanical or functional nature.

SECTION 2.  Section 201.002(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  A person practices chiropractic under this chapter if the person:

(1)  uses objective or subjective means to diagnose, analyze, examine, or evaluate the biomechanical condition of the spine and neuromusculoskeletal [~~musculoskeletal~~] system of the human body;

(2)  performs nonsurgical, nonincisive procedures, including adjustment and manipulation, to improve the subluxation complex or the biomechanics of the neuromusculoskeletal [~~musculoskeletal~~] system;

(3)  represents to the public that the person is a chiropractor; or

(4)  uses the term "chiropractor," "chiropractic," "doctor of chiropractic," "D.C.," or any derivative of those terms or initials in connection with the person's name.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.