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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of veterinary chiropractic.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 801.151(c), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  The board shall adopt rules to:

(1)  protect the public;

(2)  ensure that alternate therapies, including ultrasound diagnosis and therapy, magnetic field therapy, holistic medicine, homeopathy, [~~chiropractic treatment,~~] acupuncture, and laser therapy, are performed only by a veterinarian or under the supervision of a veterinarian;

(3)  ensure that equine dentistry is performed only by a veterinarian who is active and in good standing or by a licensed equine dental provider who is active and in good standing under the appropriate level of supervision of a veterinarian who is active and in good standing and who has established a veterinarian-client-patient relationship with the owner or other caretaker of an animal in accordance with Section 801.351; [~~and~~]

(4)  ensure that chiropractic treatment and musculoskeletal manipulation are performed only by:

(A)  a veterinarian who is active and in good standing; or

(B)  a chiropractor licensed in good standing under Chapter 201 and who is:

(i)  certified in good standing by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association; or

(ii)  acting under the supervision of a veterinarian; and

(5)  provide for the licensing and regulation of licensed veterinary technicians.

SECTION 2.  Not later than June 1, 2024, the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners shall adopt rules necessary to implement Section 801.151(c), Occupations Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.