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H.B. No. 3397

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

1 under Chapter 201 and who is:

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

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

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

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

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