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Submitted to the Committee on Agriculture & Livestock
For HB 3439

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Hearing Date: March 29, 2023 8:00 AM

Natalie Hair

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"I am contacting you in support of changes to Texas's laws regarding animal chiropractic (please reference bill HB 3397). Currently, Texas law requires a veterinary referral / supervision for a non-veterinarian to provide animal chiropractic services.

This law inadvertently causes 3 different kinds of harm:

- 1) It causes undue animal suffering, as an animal may have to wait on a vet appointment or a veterinary triage process.
- 2) It infringes on an animal owner's property rights / could cause undue financial stress.
- 3) It causes undue liability concerns for a referring veterinarian (as many vets currently withhold or refuse to write a referral since they could be held responsible for animal chiropractic services that they themselves do not understand and/or did not provide.)

I support that any person performing animal chiropractic must first be a licensed chiropractor or veterinarian in good standing in their profession.

I further support that a licensed chiropractor with additional and advanced training (such as the certification from the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association or the International Veterinary Chiropractic Association) should NOT require a veterinary referral prior to treating an animal patient as these individuals have already been screened by the board and have been qualified to work on animals safely and effectively.

(I still believe the veterinary referral process is warranted and is a reasonable practice to maintain should a licensed chiropractor not have this training.)

I also substantiate and support that this would make animal chiropractic UNLAWFUL to anyone without an active chiropractic or veterinary license. Our animals deserve the same standard of care as any other chiropractic patient and I believe it is in everyone's better interest to modernize this animal chiropractic law in Texas."

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Allowing chiropractic services to be performed on an animal by a trained ,licensed chiropractor, without being referred by a veterinarian, is a winning situation for all concerned. The animal is certainly the biggest beneficiary. The relief of pain as fast as possible for an animal is certainly the most humane kind of treatment.

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Thank you for proposing this bill. I support it. Please vote in favor of its passage.