



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Schuring, Dever, Sprague, Schaffer, Hackett, Duffey, Perales, T. Johnson, Stinziano, Antani, DeVitis, Blessing, K. Smith

BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes a chiropractor to administer, sell, distribute, recommend, or provide advice regarding nutrition-related items and therapies, nonprescription drugs, and medical goods and devices.
- Authorizes a chiropractor to use the title "chiropractor," instead of "chiropractic."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Expanded scope of practice

The bill authorizes a chiropractor to administer, sell, distribute, recommend, or provide advice regarding the following to restore or maintain the health of the chiropractor's patients: vitamins, minerals, phytonutrients, antioxidants, enzymes, glandular extracts, botanical substances, herbal therapies, homeopathic remedies, drugs that are available without a prescription, and durable and nondurable medical goods and devices. The bill provides that its expanded authority does not affect the ability of any other health care professional, including a licensed dietitian, to engage in any of the same activities.¹

To facilitate these activities by a chiropractor, the bill changes current law specifying that the practice of chiropractic does not permit a chiropractor to prescribe or administer drugs for treatment. The bill maintains the prohibition against a chiropractor *prescribing* a "drug," but states that a chiropractor is only prohibited from *administering* a

¹ R.C. 4734.15(A)(2).

"dangerous drug" rather than all drugs.² "Dangerous drug" generally means a prescription drug, while "drug" includes any article intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in humans or animals, as well as nonfood articles intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of humans or animals.³ Therefore, a chiropractor continues to be prohibited from *prescribing* drugs, but may *administer* the drugs specified by the bill.

Authorized titles

The bill no longer permits an individual holding a valid, current license to practice chiropractic to use the title "chiropractic," but instead permits such an individual to use the title "chiropractor." It maintains the following titles authorized by current law: "doctor," "doctor of chiropractic," and "chiropractic physician."⁴

HISTORY

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² R.C. 4734.15(A)(3).

³ R.C. 4729.01, not in the bill.

⁴ R.C. 4734.15(C).

