



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Final Analysis

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(As Passed by the General Assembly)

- Reps.** Schuring, Dever, Sprague, Schaffer, Hackett, Duffey, Perales, T. Johnson, Stinziano, DeVitis, Blessing, K. Smith, Antonio, Barnes, Brown, Amstutz, Anielski, Baker, Boccieri, Burkley, Craig, Dovilla, Fedor, Grossman, Hagan, Hambley, Hayes, Leland, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, M. O'Brien, Patterson, Rogers, Ruhl, Sheehy, Slaby, R. Smith, Strahorn, Sweeney, Thompson, Young
- Sens.** Uecker, Brown, Eklund, Faber, Hite, Hughes, Jordan, Oelslager, Sawyer, Schiavoni, Seitz, Tavares, Thomas, Yuko

Effective date: April 6, 2017

ACT 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.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Chiropractors' scope of practice

The act authorizes a chiropractor to administer, sell, distribute, recommend, or provide advice regarding certain products to restore or maintain the health of the chiropractor's patients, so long as the product is prepackaged for use by consumers and labeled in accordance with state and federal law. The products are vitamins, minerals, phytonutrients, antioxidants, enzymes, glandular extracts, botanical substances, herbal therapies, homeopathic remedies, drugs that are available without a prescription, and

* This version updates the effective date.

durable and nondurable medical goods and devices other than home medical equipment.¹

The act prohibits a chiropractor from delegating this expanded authority to an individual who is not licensed or otherwise specifically authorized by the Revised Code to engage in the activity. It specifies that the expanded authority does not affect the authority of any other health care professional, including a licensed dietitian, to engage in any of the same activities.²

Conforming changes

Prior to the act, a chiropractor was prohibited from administering any drug. The act modifies the prohibition to account for the authority it grants to chiropractors to administer specific types of drugs. In doing so, it specifies that any other drug, including a prescription drug, cannot be administered.³

Authorized titles

The act corrects a reference to one of the titles that may be used by a licensed chiropractor by replacing the term "chiropractic" with "chiropractor."⁴

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	06-24-15
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Reported, S. State & Local Gov't	12-06-16
Passed Senate (32-0)	12-07-16

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¹ R.C. 4734.15(A)(2)(a) and (b).

² R.C. 4734.15(A)(2)(c) and (d).

³ R.C. 4734.15(A)(3).

⁴ R.C. 4734.15(C). See Sub. H.B. 506 of the 123rd General Assembly.

