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SENATE BILL NO. 18

Introduced by: The Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the Board of
Chiropractic Examiners

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the chiropractic scope of practice.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. That § 36-5-1 be amended to read as follows:

4 36-5-1. Chiropractic is ~~hereby defined to be~~ the science of locating and removing the cause
5 of any abnormal transmission of nerve energy including diagnostic and ~~externally~~ applied
6 mechanical measures incident thereto. ~~Chiropractors shall not be entitled to~~ Integral to
7 chiropractic is the treating of specific joints and articulations of the body and adjacent tissues,
8 to influence joints or neurophysiological functions of the body, or both, including the use of
9 examination and treatment by manipulation. Manipulation is a procedure that is performed by
10 means of a therapeutic maneuver that applies controlled forces and movements to these specific
11 joints and articulations. Chiropractors administer manipulation and adjustment of a joint which
12 is defined as a passively applied movement of low amplitude and low or high-velocity thrust
13 which moves the joint into the paraphysiological range and by joint mobilization which is a
14 nonthrust, manual therapy which involves passive movement of a joint within its physiological
15 range of motion. No chiropractor may practice obstetrics or treat communicable diseases. The



1 requirements of this section do not apply to those licensed pursuant to chapter 36-4.