
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2272 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY BARRAR, MICCARELLI AND READSHAW, APRIL 18, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, APRIL 18, 2018

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 16, 1986 (P.L.1646, No.188),
2 entitled "An act providing for the licensing of chiropractors
3 and the regulation of the practice of chiropractic;
4 establishing the State Board of Chiropractic in the
5 Department of State and providing for its powers and duties;
6 providing for the supervision of colleges of chiropractic,
7 for the examination of applicants, for enforcement and for
8 disciplinary actions; providing penalties; and making
9 repeals," in preliminary provisions, further providing for
10 definitions; in licensure and regulation, further providing
11 for refusal, suspension or revocation of license; and, in
12 supportive personnel, further providing for supportive
13 personnel.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. Section 102 of the act of December 16, 1986
17 (P.L.1646, No.188), known as the Chiropractic Practice Act, is
18 amended by adding a definition to read:

19 Section 102. Definitions.

20 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
21 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
22 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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1 "Direct on-premises supervision." Oversight and personal
2 direction of, and responsibility for, the activities and duties
3 of the unlicensed supportive personnel by a licensed
4 chiropractor who is physically present in the facility and
5 immediately able to intervene personally when necessary. The
6 licensed chiropractor does not need to be present in the room
7 when the delegated activity or duty is performed.

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9 Section 2. Section 506(a) of the act is amended by adding
10 paragraphs to read:

11 Section 506. Refusal, suspension or revocation of license.

12 (a) Reasons enumerated.--The board may refuse to issue a
13 license or may suspend or revoke a license for any of the
14 following reasons:

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16 (20) Delegating an activity or duty to unlicensed
17 supportive personnel who is not qualified by documented
18 training, education or experience to perform the activity or
19 duty.

20 (21) Failing to exercise direct on-premises supervision
21 of unlicensed supportive personnel to whom the chiropractor
22 has delegated an activity or duty under section 601.

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24 Section 3. Section 601 of the act is amended to read:

25 Section 601. Supportive personnel.

26 (a) General rule.--Nothing in this act shall prohibit a
27 licensed chiropractor from utilizing the assistance of
28 unlicensed supportive personnel performing under the direct on-
29 premises supervision of a licensed chiropractor, provided that a
30 chiropractor may not delegate any activity or duty to such

1 unlicensed individuals which requires formal education or
2 training in the practice of chiropractic or the knowledge and
3 skill of a licensed chiropractor.

4 (b) Delegation.--A licensed chiropractor may not delegate to
5 unlicensed supportive personnel an activity or duty unless the
6 chiropractor is assured through personal observation and
7 documented training that the unlicensed supportive personnel is
8 competent and qualified to perform the delegated activity or
9 duty.

10 (c) Adjunctive procedures.--A licensed chiropractor who is
11 certified to use adjunctive procedures may delegate to
12 unlicensed supportive personnel the performance of adjunctive
13 procedures, including therapeutic exercises, provided the
14 performance:

15 (1) is under the direct on-premises supervision of the
16 chiropractor; and

17 (2) is pursuant to an order from the chiropractor. The
18 order for therapeutic exercises shall be in writing and shall
19 define the exercises and activities and how they are to be
20 performed.

21 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.