

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Representative Gilbert**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 18-46-102 TO INCLUDE THE
9 PRACTICE OF CHIROPRACTIC IN THE DEFINITION OF
10 'PRACTITIONER' UNDER THE MEDICAL, NURSING, AND HOSPITAL
11 LIEN ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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15 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 18-46-102 is hereby amended to read as
16 follows:

17 "18-46-102. Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context
18 otherwise requires:

19 (1) 'Person' means a natural person, a partnership, an association, and
20 a corporation;

21 (2) 'Practitioner' means a person licensed to treat human ailments
22 under the provisions of 17-93-202 et seq. and includes the practice of
23 dentistry as defined in 17-82-102 and a person licensed to practice
24 chiropractic under the provisions of 17-81-101 et seq.;

25 (3) 'Patient' means a person injured through the fault or neglect of
26 another person, for the relief or cure of whose injury a practitioner, nurse,
27 or hospital renders service;

28 (4) 'Tortfeasor' means a person through whose fault or neglect a person
29 is injured;

30 (5) 'Insurer' means a person that by a contract of insurance has
31 undertaken to indemnify a patient against loss through injury resulting from
32 accident or accidental means;

33 (6) 'Hospital' means a person that maintains an establishment in which
34 sick and injured persons are given medical and surgical care; (7)

35 'Claims' means the claim of a patient:

1 (A) For damages from a tortfeasor; or

2 (B) For benefits from an insurer;

3 (8) 'Injury' means impairment of bodily, nervous, or mental integrity
4 or health;

5 (9) 'Service' means personal service, food, lodging, ambulance service,
6 medical supplies and appliances, and whatever else is reasonably necessary for
7 the care, treatment, and maintenance of a patient."
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9 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
10 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
11 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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13 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
14 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
15 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
16 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
17 act are declared to be severable.
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19 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
20 hereby repealed.
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