Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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3	3 Regular Session, 2007	SENATE BILL 145	
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5	5 By: Senator Womack		
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled		
9	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF		
10	CHIROPRACTIC; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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13	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE S	COPE OF PRACTICE	
14	OF CHIROPRACTIC.		
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17		THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:	
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21	17-81-102. Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:		
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23 24	(1) "Analysis" includes physical examination, the use of X-ray		
25	and other analytical instruments, and procedures generally used in the practice of chiropractic;		
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28	,	t science and art which utilizes the	
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30	between the nervous system and the spinal column, including its immediate		
31	articulations, and the role of its relationship in the restoration and		
32	maintenance of health;		
33	33 (4) "Chiropractic aide" mear	, and the second	
34	·	chiropractic team who may assist a chiropractic physician in the performance	
35	of those procedures and techniques consti	of those procedures and techniques constituting the practice of chiropractic	
36	as defined in this chapter with the exception of spinal manipulation and		

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1 adjustment, provided that such assistance shall be performed under the direct 2 supervision of a licensed chiropractic physician; (5) "Physician" means a person authorized or licensed to 3 4 practice medicine pursuant to under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, §§ 17-95-201 - 17-95-207, 17-95-301 - 17-95-305, and 17-95-401 - 17-95-411, a 5 6 person authorized or licensed to practice chiropractic pursuant to the 7 provisions of under this chapter, and a person authorized to practice 8 osteopathy pursuant to under § 17-91-101 et seq.; 9 (6)(A)(i) "Practice of chiropractic" means the engagement in the 10 diagnosis and analysis of any interference with normal nerve transmission and 11 expression, focusing on the relationship between structure, primarily the 12 spine, and function, as coordinated by the nervous system, and how that relationship affects the preservation and restoration of health, and 13 including the procedure preparatory to and complementary to the correction 14 15 thereof by an adjustment or manipulation of the articulations of the 16 vertebral column, its immediate articulations, including spinal adjustments, 17 spinal manipulations, and spinal mobilizations, such as any type of pressure, force, thrust, or passive movement, singular or plural, applied to the spinal 18 19 vertebrae or their adjacent articulations by hand or mechanical device or by 20 other incidental adjustments, for the restoration and maintenance of health. 21 (ii) The practice of chiropractic includes therapy, 22 the normal regimen, and rehabilitation of the patient for the purpose of 23 removing any injury, deformity, or abnormality of human beings without the 24 use of drugs or surgery. 25 (B)(i) The practice of chiropractic, as authorized under 26 the provisions of this chapter, shall not include the performance of the 27 duties of a midwife or obstetrician, therapy by the use of ionizing 28 radiation, incisive surgery, prescribing for or administering to any person any drug to be taken internally, or puncturing the skin for the purpose of 29 30 introducing any substance into the body. 31 (ii) Nothing herein in this section shall prevent 32 puncturing the skin for routine blood analysis, including red blood count, 33 white blood count, differential and serology, in the practice of chiropractic for diagnostic purposes; and. 34 35 (C) The practice of chiropractic includes the practice of

acupuncture as defined in § 17-102-311; and

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1	(7)(A) "Spinal manipulation adjustment " and "adjustment	
2	manipulation" mean the skillful or dexterous treatment whereby a corrective	
3	force or passive movement of the joint is made to realign vertebrae or	
4	articulations to their normal juxtaposition.	
5	(B)(i) No person may perform a spinal manipulation or	
6	spinal adjustment without first having legal authority to differentially	
7	diagnose, and having received a degree of Doctor of Chiropractic from a	
8	Council on Chiropractic Education-accredited college or university at which	
9	spinal manipulation or spinal adjustment is a primary method of treatment.	
10	(ii) "Spinal manipulation" and "spinal adjustment"	
11	are terms that identify a method of skillful and beneficial treatment in	
12	which a person uses direct thrust or other methods to move a joint of the	
13	patient's spine beyond its normal range of motion, but without exceeding the	
14	limits of anatomical integrity.	
15	(C) Nothing in this subdivision (7) applies to the scope	
16	of practice of:	
17	(i) A person licensed to practice medicine under the	
18	Arkansas Medical Practices Act, §§ 17-95-201 - 17-95-207, 17-95-301 - 17-95-	
19	305, and 17-95-401 - 17-95-411; or	
20	(ii) A person authorized to practice osteopathy	
21	under § 17-91-101 et seq.	
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23	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-81-303, concerning unlawful practice of	
24	chiropractic, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:	
25	(e) A violation of § 17-81-102(7) is an unlawful practice of	
26	chiropractic and is grounds for the offending health care provider's	
27	licensing board to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew the health care	
28	provider's license or for other disciplinary action allowed by law.	
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