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Short Title: Regulate Spinal Manipulation.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS PERFORMING SPINAL
3 MANIPULATION TO ATTAIN MINIMUM HOURS OF CLASSROOM
4 INSTRUCTION AND SUPERVISED CLINICAL TRAINING.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
7 Article to read:

8 **"ARTICLE 8A.**
9 **"SPINAL MANIPULATION.**

10 **"§ 90-157.10. Definitions.**

11 The following definitions apply in this Article:

12 (1) Health care provider. – Any person holding a license issued under this
13 Chapter, except a physician licensed under Article 1 of Chapter 90 of
14 the General Statutes, a doctor of osteopathy licensed under Article 7 of
15 Chapter 90 of the General Statutes, or a physical therapist licensed
16 under Article 18B of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.

17 (2) Spinal manipulation or spinal adjustment. – A method of skillful
18 treatment whereby a health care provider uses directed, brief, and

1 sudden impulsion or leverage to move a joint of the patient's spine
2 beyond its normal passive range of motion but without exceeding the
3 limits of anatomical integrity. The term does not include the
4 orthopaedic reduction of fractures and dislocations or joint mobilization
5 in which no sudden impulsion or leverage is used and the patient's joint
6 is not moved beyond its normal passive range of motion.

7 **"§ 90-157.11. Instruction and training required to perform spinal manipulation.**

8 No health care provider shall perform a spinal manipulation or adjustment or permit,
9 direct, or authorize any person under the provider's direct supervision to perform a spinal
10 manipulation or adjustment unless he or she has received a minimum of 500 hours of
11 classroom instruction in spinal manipulation or spinal adjustment and a minimum of 700
12 hours of supervised clinical training in spinal manipulation or adjustment from an
13 accredited university, medical school, or chiropractic college.

14 **"§ 90-157.12. Sanctions.**

15 Violation of G.S. 90-157.11 shall be grounds for the offending health care provider's
16 licensing board to suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the health care provider's license
17 or to take any other disciplinary action authorized by law."

18 Section 2. This act shall become effective January 1, 2000.