

**DRAFTER'S NOTE**  
**FROM THE**  
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

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Please note the following about this draft:

1. The definition of “practice of animal chiropractic” is based on the Oklahoma bill.
2. I did not include an exemption for veterinarians. Therefore, a veterinarian can't practice animal chiropractic unless he or she is licensed and certified by the examining board. Is that okay?
3. I included a delayed effective date to give people notice and opportunity to comply with the draft. Also, the examining board needs time to promulgate the rules that are required. Is the length of the delay (about 9 months) okay?
4. Do you want to include a deadline for submission of the proposed rules that are required under the draft?
5. The Oklahoma bill requires making a list of certified animal chiropractors available to the public. Current law already has such a requirement, so it isn't necessary to include one in the draft. See s. 440.035 (4), stats.
6. One issue that must be resolved before the draft can be finalized is where to draw the line between practicing animal chiropractic and practicing veterinary medicine. As drafted, the meaning of “practice of animal chiropractic” does not include practicing veterinary medicine, which is defined under s. 453.02 (6), stats., as “examin[ing] into the fact or cause of animal health, disease or physical condition, or ... treat[ing], operat[ing], prescrib[ing] or advis[ing] for the same, or ... undertak[ing], offer[ing], advertis[ing], announc[ing], or hold[ing] out in any manner to do any of said acts, for compensation, direct or indirect, or in the expectation thereof.” That definition is so broad that I think it includes practicing animal chiropractic. Therefore, as drafted, the definition of “practice of animal chiropractic” is illogical and must be revised. However, I need more information about your intent before I can revise the definition. Please contact me about this issue.
7. On a point related to item 6., above, the definition of “practice of animal chiropractic” includes the term, “vertebral subluxation complex.” I could not find this term in a medical dictionary, and I don't know what it means. Is it commonly understood in the field of chiropractic?
8. The \$53 renewal fee is the standard renewal fee for all new credentials created this session.

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