AN ACT relating to: modifying various administrative rules promulgated by the Chiropractic Examining Board.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill makes a number of changes to the administrative rules promulgated by the Chiropractic Examining Board, including the following:

1. Authorizes a chiropractor to delegate certain services that are preparatory or complementary to chiropractic adjustments to various health care professionals holding a license, registration, certification, or permit in this state without the need for the chiropractor to 1) maintain records showing the health care professional has satisfied certain educational and training requirements; 2) exercise direct supervision over the health care professional; and 3) retain ultimate responsibility for the manner and quality of the services. Currently, the board's rules authorize such a delegation only to another licensed chiropractor.

2. Provides that a chiropractic student need not be in his or her last academic quarter, semester, or trimester in order to qualify for a preceptorship, provided the student is eligible for graduation.

3. Specifies that a licensed chiropractor is not prohibited from using cold laser therapy and that a licensed chiropractor may practice acupuncture at the same location as the chiropractor practices chiropractic if the chiropractor is also a certified acupuncturist.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:
SECTION 1. Chir 2.01 (2) of the administrative code is repealed.

SECTION 2. Chir 3.02 (1) (intro.) of the administrative code is amended to read:

Chir 3.02 (1) REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL. (intro.) To renew and obtain a new license a licensee shall, by December 31 of the even-numbered year following initial licensure and every 2 years thereafter, file with the department:

SECTION 3. Chir 4.05 (1) (b) 3. of the administrative code is renumbered Chir 4.05 (1) (b) 3. (intro.) and amended to read:

Chir 4.05 (1) (b) 3. (intro.) Acupuncture by needle insertion or invasive laser application. This subdivision shall not be construed to prohibit any of the following:

SECTION 4. Chir 4.05 (1) (b) 3. a. of the administrative code is created to read:

Chir 4.05 (1) (b) 3. a. The use of cold laser therapy by a licensed chiropractor.

SECTION 5. Chir 4.05 (1) (b) 3. b. of the administrative code is created to read:

Chir 4.05 (1) (b) 3. b. The practice of acupuncture by a licensed chiropractor who is also an acupuncturist certified under ch. 451, Stats., at the same location where he or she practices chiropractic.

SECTION 6. Chir 4.05 (2m) of the administrative code is created to read:

Chir 4.05 (2m) The board may consider the opinion of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners with respect to the techniques, ancillary procedures, and instruments that are safe and effective for the practice of chiropractic for purposes of sub. (2).

SECTION 7. Chir 9.01 (1) of the administrative code is amended to read:

Chir 9.01 (1) “Chiropractic student” means a student of an approved college of chiropractic in his or her last academic quarter, semester, or trimester of study, who is eligible for graduation from the college of chiropractic but for completion of a preceptorship period.
SECTION 8. Chir 10.01 (1f) of the administrative code is created to read:

Chir 10.01 (1f) “Licensed health care professional” means an individual who is licensed, registered, certified, or permitted by any of the following:

(a) Board of nursing under ch. 441.
(b) Chiropractic examining board under ch. 446.
(c) Dentistry examining board under ch. 447.
(d) Medical examining board under subch. II of ch. 448.
(e) Physical therapy examining board under subch. III of ch. 448.
(f) Podiatry affiliated credentialing board under subch. IV of ch. 448.
(g) Dietitians affiliated credentialing board under subch. V of ch. 448.
(h) Athletic trainers affiliated credentialing board under subch. VI of ch. 448.
(i) Occupational therapists affiliated credentialing board under subch. VII of ch. 448.
(j) Optometry examining board under ch. 449.
(k) Pharmacy examining board under ch. 450.
(L) Department of safety and professional services under ch. 451.
(m) Psychology examining board under ch. 455.
(n) Marriage and family therapy, professional counseling, and social work examining board under ch. 457.
(o) Hearing and speech examining board under subch. II of ch. 459.
(p) Massage therapy and bodywork therapy affiliated credentialing board under ch. 460.

SECTION 9. Chir 10.01 (3) of the administrative code is amended to read:
Chir 10.01 (3) “Unlicensed person” means a person who does not possess a valid license to practice chiropractic in this state pursuant to ch. 446, Stats. is not a licensed health care professional.