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In Senate, February 1, 1983

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9 the Committee on Business Legislation, and ordered printed pursuant to Joint  
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JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Pray of Penobscot.

Cosponsors: Senator Charette of Androscoggin, Representative Gwadosky  
of Fairfield and Representative Higgins of Scarborough.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT to Clarify the Definition of  
18 Chiropractic.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 32 MRSA §451 is repealed and the following  
23 enacted in its place:

24 §451. Definitions

25 1. Chiropractic. "Chiropractic" means the art and  
26 science of identification and correction of  
27 subluxation and the accompanying physiological or  
28 mechanical abnormalities. The term subluxation, as  
29 utilized within the chiropractic health care system,  
30 means a structural or functional impairment of an  
31 intact articular unit. Chiropractic recognizes the  
32 inherent recuperative capability of the human body as  
33 it relates to the spinal column, musculo-skeletal and  
34 nervous system.

1 2. Chiropractic doctors. "Chiropractic doctors"  
2 are primary health care providers functioning within  
3 their scope of practice as provided by this chapter.

4 3. Chiropractic methodologies. "Chiropractic  
5 methodologies" utilized for the identification or  
6 correction of subluxation and the accompanying  
7 physiological or mechanical abnormalities include  
8 diagnostic, therapeutic or manipulative techniques  
9 utilized within the chiropractic profession, exclud-  
10 ing prescriptive medication or surgery.

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 The purpose of this bill is to redefine chiro-  
13 practic in a manner that reflects the present state  
14 of the art of the profession.

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