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House of Representatives, January 13, 2023

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Practicing Chiropractic Without a License

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LIBBY of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, MORRIS of Turner, WHITE of
Waterville, ZAGER of Portland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §454**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. H, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **§454. Practicing without license; fraudulent licenses**

5 An individual who practices or attempts to practice or use the science or system of
6 chiropractic in treating diseases of the human body; an individual who buys, sells or
7 fraudulently obtains a diploma, license or record to practice chiropractic, or who aids or
8 abets in that selling or fraudulent obtaining; an individual who practices chiropractic, under
9 cover of a diploma, license or record to practice chiropractic, illegally obtained, or signed
10 or issued unlawfully or under fraudulent representations; or an individual who, after
11 conviction of felony, practices chiropractic, or who uses any of the forms of letters,
12 "Chiropractic," "Chiropractor," "Chiropractic Physician," "Chiropractic Practitioner,"
13 "Doctor of Chiropractic," "D.C." or any other titles or letters, either alone or with qualifying
14 words or phrases, under circumstances that induce the belief that the individual who uses
15 those terms is engaged in the practice of chiropractic, without having complied with this
16 chapter, is subject to the provisions of Title 10, section 8003-C. This section may not be
17 construed to prohibit a lawfully qualified chiropractor in any other state meeting with a
18 licensed chiropractic practitioner in this State for consultation.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill amends the laws governing practicing chiropractic without a license to include
21 a prohibition on an individual using the title "chiropractic physician" without having
22 complied with the provisions of law relating to the licensing of the practice of chiropractic.