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.

Presented by Representative LIBBY of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, MORRIS of Turner, WHITE of Waterville, ZAGER of Portland.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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

§454. Practicing without license; fraudulent licenses

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

SUMMARY

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