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Overview

This bill modifies definitions in the chiropractic practice act. It clarifies that chiropractic is not the practice of physical therapy. It repeals definitions contained in Minnesota Rules because new definitions are included in this bill.

Section

- **Definitions.** Amends § 148.01, subd. 1. Redefines the term "chiropractic," and adds definitions for "chiropractic services," "abnormal articulation," "diagnosis," "diagnostic services," "therapeutic services," and "acupuncture."
- **Exclusions.** Amends § 148.01, subd. 2. Adds that the practice of chiropractic is not the practice of physical therapy.
- **Practice of chiropractic.** Amends § 148.01, by adding subd. 4. Authorizes an individual who is licensed to practice chiropractic to provide services and render opinions pertaining to those services to determine a course of action that is in the best interests of the patient,
- **Generally.** Amends § 148.105, subd. 1. Makes a technical change to reflect that the commissioner of health regulates professionals who are licensed or registered.
- **Repealer.** Repeals § 148.01, subd. 3. (Inclusions. This is a list of the practices and procedures used in chiropractic.)

Repeals Minnesota Rules, parts 2500.0100, subps. 3 (definition of "acupuncture"), 4b (definition of "diagnosis"), and 9b (definition of "practice of chiropractic") and 2500.4000 (rehabilitation treatment).

