AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN CHIROPRACTIC PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 90-142.1 reads as rewritten:
"§ 90-142.1. Supervised training programs authorized.
(a) As used in this section, "preceptorship program" means a clinical program of an approved chiropractic college in which a student of chiropractic, under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, observes the licensed chiropractor and may perform the duties of a certified chiropractic clinical assistant services as specified in G.S. 90-143.4. defined in G.S. 90-143(a) and subject to G.S. 90-151. For the purposes of this section, "direct supervision" means that the supervising licensed chiropractor must be within the immediate patient treatment area and available to the student at all times.
(b) Each student enrolled in a chiropractic college that meets the accreditation requirements of G.S. 90-143 may participate in a preceptorship program."

SECTION 2. G.S. 90-147 reads as rewritten:
"§ 90-147. Practice without license a misdemeanor; injunctions.
Any person practicing chiropractic in this State without possessing a license as provided in this Article shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor, except that students of chiropractic participating in a preceptorship program may perform chiropractic services without a license under direct supervision as set forth in G.S. 90-142.1.
The North Carolina State Board of Chiropractic Examiners may appear in its own name in the superior court in an action for injunctive relief to prevent violation of this section, and the superior court shall have the power to grant such injunction regardless of whether criminal prosecution has been or may be instituted. An action under this section shall be commenced in the superior court district in which the respondent resides or has his principal place of business or in which the alleged violation occurred."

SECTION 3. The North Carolina State Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall adopt temporary rules to implement the provisions of this act.
SECTION 4. This act becomes effective October 1, 2023.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 29th day of June, 2023.

s/ Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved 12:57 p.m. this 7th day of July, 2023