

State of Arkansas

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HOUSE BILL 1092

By: Representatives Gilbert, King and Townsend AS ENGROSSED 2/12/87

"AN ACT TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON OTHER THAN A PHYSICIAN LICENSED UNDER THE ARKANSAS CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICES ACT, ACT 706 OF 1971 AS AMENDED OR THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL PRACTICES ACT, ACT 198 OF 1957 AS AMENDED, TO PERFORM SPINAL ADJUSTMENTS, SPINAL MANIPULATIONS OR SPINAL MOBILIZATIONS; TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. It is unlawful for any person other than a physician licensed to practice chiropractic under the provisions of the Arkansas Chiropractic Practices Act, Act 706 of 1971 as amended, or a physician licensed to practice medicine under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, Act 198 of 1957 as amended, to perform spinal mobilizations or to perform spinal adjustments or spinal manipulations as those terms are defined in Subsection (e) of Section 3 of Act 706 of 1971, as amended. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit or restrict the authority of a licensed physical therapist to practice physical therapy as defined in Section 1 of Act 141 of 1959 as amended.

SECTION 2. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$250.00 nor more than \$500.00, and each such violation shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that it is essential to the health and safety of the residents of this State that legislation be enacted to restrict the authority to perform

spinal adjustments, spinal manipulations and spinal mobilizations; that this Act is designed to permit only qualified persons to perform such procedures and should be given effect immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

/s/ ED GILBERT, ET AL

