

1 SB459  
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3 By Senator Whatley  
4 RFD: Health  
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a licensed chiropractor may not refer a patient to a physical therapist.

This bill would authorize a licensed chiropractor to refer a patient to a physical therapist.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Section 34-24-122, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the rights and duties of chiropractors; to authorize a licensed chiropractor to refer patients to licensed physical therapists for treatment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 34-24-122, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§34-24-122.

"(a) Chiropractors who have complied with the provisions of this article shall have the right to treat

1 patients according to specific chiropractic methods and shall  
2 observe state, county, and municipal public health  
3 regulations, reporting to the proper health officers the same  
4 as other practitioners. Chiropractors shall not prescribe or  
5 administer medicine to patients, perform surgery, nor practice  
6 obstetrics or osteopathy.

7 (b) A chiropractor licensed under this chapter may  
8 refer patients to licensed physical therapists for treatment  
9 notwithstanding the provisions of Section 34-24-191."

10 Section 2. All laws or parts of laws which conflict  
11 with this act are repealed.

12 Section 3. This act shall become effective  
13 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
14 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.