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8 RECOGNIZING CHIROPRACTIC CARE AS AN EFFECTIVE METHOD
9 FOR TREATMENT OF NECK AND BACK PAIN.

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11 WHEREAS, nearly 50% of patients in the United States
12 who suffer from persistent back pain seek chiropractic care;
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14 WHEREAS, a preponderance of peer-reviewed scientific
15 literature suggests that chiropractic care, including spinal
16 manipulation and mobilization, is at least as effective as a
17 treatment for patients with back and neck pain as other widely
18 used methods; and

19 WHEREAS, a 2009 expert study from Harvard University
20 and Mercer Health and Benefits reports that spine-related
21 problems, including back and neck pain, which are extremely
22 common conditions and consume large amounts of medical and
23 health care resources in the United States, account for an
24 estimated \$85 billion in annual spending; and

25 WHEREAS, the 2009 study further finds that
26 chiropractic care is very effective for treating lower back
27 and neck pain; according to the study, when considering the

1 relative effectiveness of treatment in conjunction with the
2 actual cost of treatment, chiropractic care provides excellent
3 value, when compared to medical physician care; and

4 WHEREAS, the 2009 study projects that insurance
5 coverage for chiropractic care for lower back and neck pain,
6 excluding conditions involving fracture or malignancy, is
7 likely to improve the cost-effectiveness of care in the United
8 States and the improvement is likely to occur within a very
9 short timeframe; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize
12 chiropractic care as a viable and cost-effective method for
13 the treatment of back and neck pain.