A bill for an act

relating to agriculture; establishing requirements for practicing animal chiropractic care; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 148.01, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 148.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 148.01, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of sections 148.01 to 148.10~~,~~:

(1) "chiropractic" is defined as the science of adjusting any abnormal articulations of the human body, especially those of the spinal column, for the purpose of giving freedom of action to impinged nerves that may cause pain or deranged function; and

(2) "animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment" means treatment that includes, but is not limited to, identifying and resolving vertebral subluxation complexes, spinal manipulation, and manipulation of the extremity articulations of nonhuman vertebrates. "Animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment" does not include:

(i) performing surgery;

(ii) dispensing or administering of medications; or

(iii) performing traditional veterinary care and diagnosis.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 148.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1a. **Animal chiropractic practice.** A licensed chiropractor may engage in the practice of animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment if registered to do so by the board.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 148.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1c. **Scope of practice; animal chiropractic.** Criteria for registration to engage in the practice of animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment must be set by the board, and must include, but are not limited to: active chiropractic license; education and training in the field of animal chiropractic from an American Veterinary Chiropractic Association, International Veterinary Chiropractic Association, or higher institution-approved course consisting of no less than 210 hours, meeting continuing education requirements; and other conditions and rules set by the board.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 148.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1d. **Titles.** Notwithstanding the limitations established in section 156.12, subdivision 4, a doctor of chiropractic properly registered to provide chiropractic care to animals in accordance with this chapter and rules of the board, may use the title "animal chiropractor."

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 148.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1e. **Provisional interim statute.** Upon approval by the board, a licensed chiropractor who has already taken and passed the education and training requirement set forth in section 148.01, subdivision 1c, may engage in the practice of animal chiropractic during the time that the rules are being promulgated by the board. Enforcement actions may not be taken against persons who have completed the approved program of study by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association or the International Veterinary Chiropractic Association until the rules have been adopted by the board.

Sec. 6. **[148.032] EDUCATIONAL CRITERIA FOR LICENSURE IN ANIMAL CHIROPRACTIC DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT; RECORDS; TREATMENT NOTES.**

(a) The following educational criteria must be applied to any licensed chiropractor who requests registration in animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment. The criteria must include education and training in the following subjects:

(1) anatomy;

(2) anatomy laboratory;

(3) biomechanics and gait;

(4) chiropractic educational basics;

(5) animal chiropractic diversified adjusting technique, including:

(i) lecture cervical;

(ii) thoracic;

(iii) lumbosacral;

(iv) pelvic; and

(v) extremity;

(6) animal chiropractic diversified adjusting technique, including:

(i) laboratory cervical;

(ii) thoracic;

(iii) lumbosacral;

(iv) pelvic; and

(v) extremity;

(7) case management and case studies;

(8) chiropractic philosophy;

(9) ethics and legalities;

(10) neurology, neuroanatomy, and neurological conditions;

(11) pathology;

(12) radiology;

(13) research in current chiropractic and veterinary topics;

(14) rehabilitation, current topics, evaluation, and assessment;

(15) normal foot anatomy and normal foot care;

(16) saddle fit and evaluation, lecture and laboratory;

(17) veterinary educational basics;

(18) vertebral subluxation complex; and

(19) zoonotic diseases.

(b) A licensed chiropractor requesting registration in animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment must have completed and passed a course of study from an American Veterinary Chiropractic Association, International Veterinary Chiropractic Association, or higher institution-approved program, consisting of no less than 210 hours of education and training as set forth in paragraph (a).

(c) A licensed chiropractor engaged in the practice of animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment must maintain complete and accurate records and patient files in the chiropractor's office for at least three years.

(d) A licensed chiropractor engaged in the practice of animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment must make treatment notes and records available to the patient's owner

upon request and must communicate their findings and treatment plan with the referring veterinarian, or the animal's veterinarian if the animal has not been referred by a veterinarian.

Sec. 7. **[148.033] ANIMAL CHIROPRACTIC CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS.**

Any chiropractor engaged in the practice of animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment applying for renewal of a registration related to animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment must have completed a minimum of six hours annually of continuing education in animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment, in addition to the required 20 hours annually of continuing education in human chiropractic under this chapter. The continuing education course attended for purposes of complying with this section must be approved by the board prior to attendance by the chiropractor.