

**ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB710**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday January 21, 2010  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Dierks  
**One Liner:** Prohibit performance of chiropractic adjustments as prescribed

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	5	Senators Gay, Gloor, Pankonin, Stuthman, Wallman
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	2	Senators Campbell, Howard

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**Proponents:**

Senator Dierks  
Steve Grasz  
Louis Andersen  
Dr. Jeremiah Retwisch  
Dr. Douglas Vander Broek  
Dr. Daryl Wills

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Chiropractic Physician Association  
Nebraska Chiropractic Association  
Nebraska Chiropractic Physician Association  
Self, Holmes Lake Chiropractic  
Self, Wills Chiropractic Clinic

**Opponents:**

James Cavanaugh  
Kirk Peck  
Natalie Harms  
Gilbert Willett  
Heather Jenny  
Joel Makovicka  
A. Joe Threlkeld

**Representing:**

Creighton University  
Nebraska Physical Therapy Association  
Self  
University of Nebraska  
Methodist Health System  
Makovicka Physical Therapy  
Self

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 710 expands, under 38-805, definitions of chiropractic adjustment, joint manipulation, normal physiological range of motion, and joint cavitation. Chiropractic adjustment of a joint by an individual is prohibited unless authorized as specified by the bill.

The bill defines chiropractic adjustment as joint manipulations including any grade V mobilization or any form of mobilization or manual therapy involving a high velocity thrust which carries a joint beyond the normal physiological range of motion and is accompanied by joint cavitation.

Normal physiological range of motion defines the degree of joint motion or movement within the active or passive range of motion excluding motion that requires a high velocity thrust or is accompanied by joint cavitation.

Joint cavitation is movement beyond the normal physiological range of motion, whether audible or inaudible.

The bill prohibits chiropractic adjustment to a joint of a patient "unless such person is authorized and has the discretion under his or her scope of practice to make a medical diagnosis of such patient, including the use of diagnostics x-rays,

physical and clinical examinations and routine procedures, including urinalysis."

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Tim Gay, Chairperson