By Senator Brandes

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (9) of section 460.403, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

460.403 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:
(9)(c)1. Chiropractic physicians may adjust, manipulate, or treat the human body by manual, mechanical, electrical, or natural methods; by the use of physical means or physiotherapy, including light, heat, water, or exercise; by the use of acupuncture; or by the administration of foods, food concentrates, food extracts, and items for which a prescription is not required and may apply first aid and hygiene, but chiropractic physicians are expressly prohibited from
prescribing or administering to any person any legend drug except as authorized under subparagraphs 2. and 3. subparagraph 2., from performing any surgery except as stated herein, or from practicing obstetrics.

2. Notwithstanding the prohibition against prescribing and administering legend drugs under subparagraph 1. or s. 499.83(2)(c), pursuant to board rule chiropractic physicians may order, store, and administer, for emergency purposes only at the chiropractic physician’s office or place of business, prescription medical oxygen and may also order, store, and administer the following topical anesthetics in aerosol form:
   a. Any solution consisting of 25 percent ethylchloride and 75 percent dichlorodifluoromethane.
   b. Any solution consisting of 15 percent dichlorodifluoromethane and 85 percent trichloromonofluoromethane.

3. Notwithstanding the prohibition against prescribing and administering legend drugs under subparagraph 1., chiropractic physicians who have completed a minimum 36-hour training course may order, store, possess, prescribe, and administer articles of natural origin, including vitamins, minerals, amino acids, fatty acids, hyaluronic acid, enzymes, saline, anti-oxidants, dextrose, glandulars, cellular components, extracts, water, botanicals, phytonutrients, and homeopathics, and may administer medical oxygen. Pharmacists licensed under chapter 465 may fill the orders of chiropractic physicians authorized to prescribe and administer articles of natural origin necessary for the practice of chiropractic medicine.
However, this paragraph does not authorize a chiropractic physician to prescribe medical oxygen as defined in chapter 499.

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 460.408, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

460.408 Continuing chiropractic education.—

(1) The board shall require licensees to periodically demonstrate their professional competence as a condition of renewal of a license by completing up to 40 contact classroom hours of continuing education.

(a) Continuing education courses sponsored by chiropractic colleges whose graduates are eligible for examination under any provision of this chapter may be approved upon review by the board if all other requirements of board rules setting forth criteria for course approval are met.

(b) The board shall approve those courses that build upon the basic courses required for the practice of chiropractic medicine, and the board may also approve courses in adjunctive modalities. Courses that consist of instruction in the use, application, prescription, recommendation, or administration of a specific company’s brand of products or services are not eligible for approval.

(c) For purposes of this subsection, the term “contact classroom” means a presentation in which the persons presenting and the persons attending the course are present on site. Up to 10 general credit continuing education hours may be completed online in place of contact classroom hours, as determined by board rule. Online continuing education courses must be competency-based and must incorporate the Shareable Content Object Reference Model standards for web-based e-learning or
more stringent standards, as determined by the board.

Section 3. Section 460.4166, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.