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## **OSCA Pushes for Animal Chiropractic Fixes and More in HB 151 Changes**

(Columbus, OH) The Ohio State Chiropractic Association learned last week that a previously unenforced law by the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board (OVMLB) would impact all DCs that perform animal chiropractic. This law requires a veterinarian to directly supervise a chiropractor when treating an animal - meaning the veterinarian must be in the immediate area and within audible range, visual range, or both.

While this law is not new, the OVMLB has recently communicated that referral to law enforcement for violating the law will be made. Any DC in violation could be subject to a criminal misdemeanor. The OSCA understands that this has a direct impact on many DCs practicing on animals across the state.

The OSCA is looking to fix this overlooked issue through a substitute House Bill 151. The new version of this bill would permit the chiropractic evaluation and treatment of vertebral and/or extremity joint dysfunction of an animal with a current certification by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association or International Veterinary Chiropractic Association. This new law would apply to both chiropractors and veterinarians. Any chiropractor that does not hold a current AVCA or IVCA certification is required to work under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

Substitute House Bill 151 will also include additional changes to existing parts of the proposed bill. First, all language with regard to continuing education will be stripped. Second, the OSCA will no longer nominate people to the Governor for appointment to the Chiropractic Loan Repayment Advisory Committee. Finally, the penalty for failure to complete the loan repayment program has been lowered from 3 times the amount awarded to 1.5 times the amount awarded.

The OSCA is hoping that these changes are accepted once the sub-bill is voted on in the House Health Committee next week. Members will be notified of any additional changes or updates to the bill at that time.

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