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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
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Beth Kidd, Executive Director
Board of Chiropractic Examiners
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July 24, 2018

Dear Executive Director Kidd:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding proposed action by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The Board evidence sufficient to reasonably believe that M.A. practiced chiropractic on humans and animals at the Pinto World Championships in Tulsa in June 2018. M.A. is not a resident of Oklahoma, is not licensed by the Board, and did not seek travel-to-treat registration for the event. The Board proposes to send M.A. a Notice of Possible Violation for unlicensed practice of chiropractic.

Under the Oklahoma Chiropractic Act, the Board has authority to “regulate the practice of chiropractic in this state[.]” 59 O.S.2011, § 161.11(C)(4). A person may not practice or attempt to practice chiropractic in this state unless they first obtain a license from the Board. *Id.* § 161.14(A). An “out-of-state licensed chiropractic physician[] may travel into Oklahoma to treat patients for special events including, but not limited to, sporting events,” but they must first “properly register[] with the Board.” *Id.* § 161.6(B)(18). Moreover, a chiropractic physician who wishes to practice animal chiropractic in this State must meet certification standards set by the Board or act on direct referral from a licensed veterinarian. *Id.* § 161.2(B). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to ensure that only properly licensed and registered individuals perform chiropractic in the State.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Board of Chiropractic Examiners has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State of Oklahoma’s policy to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

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